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**FACES OF COMPASSION**

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**CLASSIC BODHISATTVA ARCHETYPES AND THEIR MODERN  
EXPRESSION — AN INTRODUCTION TO MAHAYANA BUDDHISM**

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**Simon and Schuster** *Faces of Compassion* introduces us to enlightened beings, the bodhisattvas of Buddhist lore. They're not otherworldly gods with superhuman qualities but shining examples of our own highest potential. Archetypes of wisdom and compassion, the bodhisattvas of Buddhism are powerful and compelling images of awakening. Scholar and Zen teacher Taigen Dan Leighton engagingly explores the imagery and lore of the seven most important of these archetypal figures, bringing them alive as psychological and spiritual wellsprings. Emphasizing the universality of spiritual ideas, Leighton finds aspects of bodhisattvas expressed in a variety of familiar modern personages - from Muhammad Ali to Mahatma Gandhi, from Bob Dylan to Henry Thoreau, and from Gertrude Stein to Mother Teresa. This edition contains a revised and expanded introduction that frames the book as a exciting and broad-scoped view of Mahayana Buddhism. It's updated throughout to make it of more use to scholars and a perfect companion to survey courses of world religions or a 200-level course on Buddhism.

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## MAHAYANA BUDDHISM

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### THE DOCTRINAL FOUNDATIONS

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**Routledge** *Originating in India, Mahayana Buddhism spread across Asia, becoming the prevalent form of Buddhism in Tibet and East Asia. Over the last twenty-five years Western interest in Mahayana has increased considerably, reflected both in the quantity of scholarly material produced and in the attraction of Westerners towards Tibetan Buddhism and Zen. Paul Williams' Mahayana Buddhism is widely regarded as the standard introduction to the field, used internationally for teaching and research and has been translated into several European and Asian languages. This new edition has been fully revised throughout in the light of the wealth of new studies and focuses on the religion's diversity and richness. It includes much more material on China and Japan, with appropriate reference to Nepal, and for students who wish to carry their study further there is a much-expanded bibliography and extensive footnotes and cross-referencing. Everyone studying this important tradition will find Williams' book the ideal companion to their studies.*

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### A COMPANION TO COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY

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**BRILL** *This Companion to Comparative Theology offers a survey of historical developments, contemporary approaches and future directions in a field of theology that has experienced rapid growth and expansion in the past decades.*

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### PRESENTING JAPANESE BUDDHISM TO THE WEST

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### ORIENTALISM, OCCIDENTALISM, AND THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

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**Univ of North Carolina Press** *Japanese Buddhism was introduced to the West during the World's Parliament of Religions, in the 1893 Columbian Exposition. In describing and analysing this event, this text challenges the view of Orientalism as a one-way process by which Asian cultures are understood through Western ideas.*

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## THE THREE JEWELS

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO MODERN BUDDHISM

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## BUDDHISM

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## A MODERN PERSPECTIVE

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Penn State Press

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## THE CONTINUITY OF MADHYAMAKA AND YOGĀCĀRA IN INDIAN MAHĀYĀNA BUDDHISM

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**BRILL** *In the past European scholars have tended to treat both Madhyamaka and Yogācāra as separate and fundamentally opposed trends in Mahāyāna Buddhist thought. Drawing heavily on early textual evidence this work questions the validity of such a "Mahāyāna schools" hypothesis. By down-playing the late commentarial traditions, the author attempts a general reappraisal of the epistemological and ontological writings of Nagarjuna, Asanga and Vasubandhu. He concludes that the overlap in all areas of doctrine is significant, but particularly with respect to the teachings on the levels of truth, the enlightened and unenlightened states, the status of language and the nature of reality. It is hoped that such investigations may provide the basis for a new theory on the proliferation of Indian Mahāyāna Buddhism as an organic process of assimilation to new audiences, and specific contemporary problems, rather than in the more schismatic manner favoured by past researchers.*

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## RICHARD WAGNER AND BUDDHISM

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**UniversityMedia** *It is little known that Richard Wagner was among the very first Westerners to appreciate Buddhism and that he was the first major European artist to be inspired by this religion. In 1856, in the prime of his creativity, the 33-year-old artist read his first book about Buddhism. Madly in love with Mathilde Wesendonck, a beautiful but happily married woman, he conceived two deeply connected opera projects: *Tristan und Isolde* which he went on to compose and stage, and *Die Sieger* (The Victors), an opera scenario based on an Indian Buddha legend translated from Sanskrit. These two projects mirrored Wagner's burning desire for the consummation of his love and the necessity of renunciation. This Buddhist opera project occupied Wagner's mind for decades until his death in 1883. Indeed, the composer's last words were about the Buddha figure of his scenario and his relationship with women. Urs App, the author of *The Birth of Orientalism* (University of Pennsylvania Press) and the world's foremost authority on the early Western reception of Buddhism, tells the story of Richard Wagner's creative encounter with Buddhism and explains the composer's last words.*

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## DIFFERENTIATING THE PEARL FROM THE FISH-EYE: OUYANG JINGWU

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## AND THE REVIVAL OF SCHOLASTIC BUDDHISM

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**BRILL** *In Differentiating the Pearl from the Fish-Eye, Eyal Aviv offers an account of Ouyang Jingwu, a revolutionary Buddhist thinker and educator. The book surveys the life and career of Ouyang and his influence on modern Chinese intellectual history.*

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## THE NEW HEART OF WISDOM

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## PROFOUND TEACHINGS FROM BUDDHA'S HEART

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**Tharpa Publications** *This special presentation of Buddha's teachings by the author of Modern Buddhism, offers truly liberating insights and advice for the contemporary reader. It reveals the profound meaning of the very heart of Buddha's teachings - the Perfection of Wisdom Sutras. The author shows how all our problems and suffering come from our ignorance of the ultimate nature of things, and how we can abandon this ignorance and come to enjoy pure, lasting happiness by developing a special wisdom associated with compassion for all living beings. 'Many people are very intelligent in accomplishing worldly attainments. This intelligence is not wisdom because worldly attainments such as a high position, reputation, wealth and success in business are deceptive. If we die tomorrow, they will disappear tomorrow, and nothing will be left for our future. Wisdom, however, will never deceive us. It is our inner Spiritual Guide, who leads us to the correct path. It is the divine eye through which we can see what we should know, what we should abandon, what we should practise and what we should attain.' -Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche*

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## TOWARD A MODERN CHINESE BUDDHISM

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## TAIXU'S REFORMS

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**University of Hawaii Press** *The Venerable Master Taixu (1890-1947) is the most important and controversial Chinese Buddhist reformer of the 20th century. This work focuses on his teachings and provides an interpretation of Taixu's aims and the diverse controversies that surrounded him.*

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## ENCOUNTERING BUDDHISM

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## WESTERN PSYCHOLOGY AND BUDDHIST TEACHINGS

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**State University of New York Press** *Practicing psychologists explore the mutual impact of Buddhist teachings and psychology in their lives and practice.*

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## DAO COMPANION TO CHINESE BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

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**Springer** *Too often Buddhism has been subjected to the Procrustean box of western thought, whereby it is stretched to fit fixed categories or had essential aspects lopped off to accommodate vastly different cultural norms and aims. After several generations of scholarly discussion in English-speaking communities, it is time to move to the next hermeneutical stage. Buddhist philosophy must be liberated from the confines of a quasi-religious stereotype and judged on its own merits. Hence this work will approach Chinese Buddhism as a philosophical tradition in its own right, not*

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as an historical after-thought nor as an occasion for comparative discussions that assume the west alone sets the standards for or is the origin of philosophy and its methodologies. Viewed within their own context, Chinese Buddhist philosophers have much to contribute to a wide range of philosophical concerns, including metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion, even though Western divisions of philosophy may not exhaust the rich contents of Chinese Buddhist philosophy. .

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## **TOWARD A CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING OF PURE LAND BUDDHISM**

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### **CREATING A SHIN BUDDHIST THEOLOGY IN A RELIGIOUSLY PLURAL WORLD**

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**SUNY Press** *Explores the potential significance of Japanese Pure Land Buddhist Thought in the contemporary world, and provides a new model of interreligious dialogue as Buddhist thinkers engage with Christian theologians concerned with the present-day significance of their own tradition.*

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### **INTRODUCTION TO THE MIDDLE WAY**

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*Introduction To The Middle Way Presents An Adventure Into The Heart Of Buddhist Wisdom Through The Madhyamika, Or `Middle Way , Teachings, Which Are Designed To Take The Ordinary Intellect To The Limit Of Its Powers And Then To Show That There Is More. This Book Includes A Verse Translation Of The Madhyamakavatara By The Renowned Seventh-Century Indian Master Chandrakirti, An Extremely Influential Text Of Mahayana Buddhism, Followed By An Exhaustive Logical Explanation Of Its Meaning By The Modern Tibetan Master Jamgon Mipham, Composed Approximately Twelve Centuries Later. Chandrakirti`S Work Is An Introduction Ot Eh Madhyamika Teachings Of Nagarjuna, Which Are Themselves A Systematization Of The Prajnaparamita, Or Perfection Of Wisdom Literature, The Sutras On The Crucial But Elusive Concept Of Emptiness. Chandrakirti`S Work Has Been Accepted Throughout Tibetan Buddhism As The Highest Expression Of The Buddhist View On The Sutra Level. With Jamgon Mipham`S Commentary, It Is A Definitive Presentation Of The Wisdom Of Emptiness, A Central Theme Of The Buddhist Teachings. This Book Will Be A Core Study Text For Both Academic And Religious Students Of Mahayana And Vajrayana Buddhism.*

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### **SKILFUL MEANS**

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#### **A CONCEPT IN MAHAYANA BUDDHISM**

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**Routledge** *'Skilful Means' is the key principle of Mahayana, one of the great Buddhist traditions. First described in the Lotus Sutra, it originates in myths of the Buddha's compassionate plans for raising life from the ceaseless round of birth and death. His strategies or interventions are 'skilful means' - morally wholesome tricks devised for the purpose of enabling nirvana or enlightenment. Michael Pye's clear and engaging introductory guide investigates the meaning and context of skilful*

means in Mayahana Buddhist teachings, whilst tracing its early origins in ancient Japanese and Theravada thought. First published in 1978, and still the best explanation of the concept, it illuminates a core working philosophy essential for any complete understanding of Buddhism.

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE MIDDLE WAY

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### CHANDRAKIRTI'S MADHYAMAKAVATARA WITH COMMENTARY BY JI MIPHAM

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**Shambhala Publications** *Introduction to the Middle Way* presents an adventure into the heart of Buddhist wisdom through the Madhyamika, or "middle way," teachings, which are designed to take the ordinary intellect to the limit of its powers and then show that there is more. This book includes a verse translation of the Madhyamakavatara by the renowned seventh-century Indian master Chandrakirti, an extremely influential text of Mahayana Buddhism, followed by an exhaustive logical explanation of its meaning by the modern Tibetan master Jamgön Mipham, composed approximately twelve centuries later. Chandrakirti's work is an introduction to the Madhyamika teachings of Nagarjuna, which are themselves a systematization of the Prajnaparamita, or "Perfection of Wisdom" literature, the sutras on the crucial but elusive concept of emptiness. Chandrakirti's work has been accepted throughout Tibetan Buddhism as the highest expression of the Buddhist view on the sutra level. With Jamgön Mipham's commentary, it is a definitive presentation of the wisdom of emptiness, a central theme of Buddhist teachings. This book is a core study text for both academic students and practitioners of Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism.

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## BUDDHISM

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## BUDDHIST THOUGHT

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### A COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO THE INDIAN TRADITION

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**Routledge** *Buddhist Thought* guides the reader towards a richer understanding of the central concepts of classical Indian Buddhist thought, from the time of Buddha, to the latest scholarly perspectives and controversies. Abstract and complex ideas are made understandable by the authors' lucid style. Of particular interest is the up-to-date survey of Buddhist Tantra in India, a branch of Buddhism where strictly controlled sexual activity can play a part in the religious path. Williams' discussion of this controversial practice as well as of many other subjects makes *Buddhist Thought* crucial reading for all interested in Buddhism.

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## ZEN BUDDHISM: INDIA AND CHINA

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**World Wisdom, Inc** *Unparalleled in scope and detail, this classic history of Zen covers all important ideas and developments in the tradition from its beginnings in India through the Sung period in China.*

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## TREATISE ON AWAKENING MAH=AY=ANA FAITH

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**Oxford Chinese Thought** *Dasheng qixin lun, or Treatise on Awakening Mah=ay=ana Faith*, has been one of the most important texts of East Asian Buddhism since it first appeared in sixth-century China. It outlines the initial steps a Mah=ay=ana Buddhist needs to take to reach enlightenment, beginning with the conviction that the Mah=ay=ana path is correct and worth pursuing. The Treatise addresses many of the doctrines central to various Buddhist teachings in China between the fifth and seventh centuries, attempting to reconcile seemingly contradictory ideas in Buddhist texts introduced from India. It provided a model for later schools to harmonize teachings and sustain the idea that, despite different approaches, there was only one doctrine, or Dharma. It profoundly shaped the doctrines and practices of the major schools of Chinese Buddhism: Chan, Tiantai, Huayan, and to a lesser extent Pure Land. It quickly became a shared resource for East Asian philosophers and students of Buddhist thought. Drawing on the historical and intellectual contexts of Treatise's composition and paying sustained attention to its interpretation in early commentaries, this new annotated translation of the classic, makes its ideas available to English readers like never before. The introduction orients readers to the main topics taken up in the Treatise and gives a comprehensive historical and intellectual grounding to the text. This volume marks a major advance in studies of the Treatise, bringing to light new interpretations and themes of the text.

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## JOYFUL PATH OF GOOD FORTUNE

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### THE PATH TO THE SUPREME HAPPINESS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

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**Tharpa Publications** A clear and comprehensive explanation of the entire path to enlightenment. We all have the potential for self-transformation, and a limitless capacity for the growth of good qualities, but to fulfil this potential we need to know what to do along every stage of our spiritual journey. With this book, Geshe Kelsang offers us step-by-step guidance on the meditation practices that will lead us to lasting inner peace and happiness. With extraordinary clarity, he presents all Buddha's teachings in the order in which they are to be practised, enriching his explanation with stories and illuminating analogies. This is a perfect guidebook to the Buddhist path.

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## NIETZSCHE AND ZEN

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### SELF OVERCOMING WITHOUT A SELF

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**Lexington Books** *In Nietzsche and Zen: Self-Overcoming Without a Self*, André van der Braak engages Nietzsche in a dialogue with four representatives of the Buddhist Zen tradition: Nagarjuna (c. 150-250), Linji (d. 860), Dogen (1200-1253), and Nishitani (1900-1990). In doing so, he reveals Nietzsche's thought as a philosophy of continuous self-overcoming, in which even the notion of "self" has been overcome. Van der Braak begins by analyzing Nietzsche's relationship to Buddhism and status as a transcultural thinker, recalling research on Nietzsche and Zen to date and

setting out the basic argument of the study. He continues by examining the practices of self-overcoming in Nietzsche and Zen, comparing Nietzsche's radical skepticism with that of Nagarjuna and comparing Nietzsche's approach to truth to Linji's. Nietzsche's methods of self-overcoming are compared to Dogen's zazen, or sitting meditation practice, and Dogen's notion of forgetting the self. These comparisons and others build van der Braak's case for a criticism of Nietzsche informed by the ideas of Zen Buddhism and a criticism of Zen Buddhism seen through the Western lens of Nietzsche - coalescing into one world philosophy. This treatment, focusing on one of the most fruitful areas of research within contemporary comparative and intercultural philosophy, will be useful to Nietzsche scholars, continental philosophers, and comparative philosophers.

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## **ESOTERIC BUDDHISM IN MEDIAEVAL MARITIME ASIA**

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### **NETWORKS OF MASTERS, TEXTS, ICONS**

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**ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute** *This volume advocates a trans-regional, and maritime-focused, approach to studying the genesis, development and circulation of Esoteric (or Tantric) Buddhism across Maritime Asia from the seventh to the thirteenth centuries ce. The book lays emphasis on the mobile networks of human agents ('Masters'), textual sources ('Texts') and images ('Icons') through which Esoteric Buddhist traditions spread. Capitalising on recent research and making use of both disciplinary and area-focused perspectives, this book highlights the role played by Esoteric Buddhist maritime networks in shaping intra-Asian connectivity. In doing so, it reveals the limits of a historiography that is premised on land-based transmission of Buddhism from a South Asian 'homeland', and advances an alternative historical narrative that overturns the popular perception regarding Southeast Asia as a 'periphery' that passively received overseas influences. Thus, a strong point is made for the appreciation of the region as both a crossroads and rightful terminus of Buddhist cults, and for the re-evaluation of the creative and transformative force of Southeast Asian agents in the transmission of Esoteric Buddhism across mediaeval Asia.*

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## **TIBETAN BUDDHIST ESSENTIALS: A STUDY GUIDE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

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### **VOLUME 1: INTRODUCTION, ORIGIN, AND ADAPTATION**

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**Tenzin Tharpa** *This text is best viewed in pdf format. Download this and other free original texts from my website: [TenazinTharpa.com](http://TenazinTharpa.com). Tibetan Buddhist Essentials is a complete guide to Tibetan Buddhism. A unique text series presenting an expansive modern view of Tibetan Buddhism for students of diverse backgrounds and sensibilities. It shares an authentic yet progressive presentation of Tibetan Buddhism in an easily accessible no-nonsense format.*

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## **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDETERMINACY**

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## PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIAN AND CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

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**Routledge** *While indeterminacy is a recurrent theme in philosophy, less progress has been made in clarifying its significance for various philosophical and interdisciplinary contexts. This collection brings together early-career and well-known philosophers—including Graham Priest, Trish Glazebrook, Steven Crowell, Robert Neville, Todd May, and William Desmond—to explore indeterminacy in greater detail. The volume is unique in that its essays demonstrate the positive significance of indeterminacy, insofar as indeterminacy opens up new fields of discourse and illuminates neglected aspects of various concepts and phenomena. The essays are organized thematically around indeterminacy's impact on various areas of philosophy, including post-Kantian idealism, phenomenology, ethics, hermeneutics, aesthetics, and East Asian philosophy. They also take an interdisciplinary approach by elaborating the conceptual connections between indeterminacy and literature, music, religion, and science.*

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## BUDDHISM IN DIALOGUE WITH CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES

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**Waxmann Verlag** *The growing pluralization of religion and culture in Europe means that we encounter an increasing number of Buddhist immigrants as well as 'Western' converts. Against this background, in June 2018, the Academy of World Religions and the Numata Center for Buddhist Studies at the University of Hamburg (Germany), invited scholars of Theravāda, East Asian and Tibetan Buddhism. The questions discussed referred to: - Does Buddhism matter today? What can it contribute? - Must Buddhism adapt to the modern world? How can Buddhism adapt to a non-Asia context? - When Buddhism travels, what must be preserved if Buddhism is to remain Buddhism? The contributions in this volume show not only that Buddhism matters in the West but that it already has its strong impact on our societies. Therefore, universities in Europe should include Buddhist theories and techniques in their curricula.*

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## NEW MAHĀYĀNA

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## BUDDHISM FOR A POST-MODERN WORLD

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**Jain Publishing Company** *In 1959 Newsweek reported that a young Zen monk and scholar threatened to shake Japanese Buddhism by publishing the "secret answers" to the koan. Though he never took that step, Akizuki Ryomin did make good on his promise to devote himself to "breaking the formalism that constricts Zen and exposing the fake masters." Here, he brings his ideas on reform together into a proclamation of a "New Mahayana."*

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## INTRODUCING MAHĀYĀNA BUDDHISM

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*Contributed articles.*

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## BUDDHISM

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## AN INTRODUCTION

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*"Buddhism is often characterised as one of the most complex and enigmatic of all the world's religions. Although the Buddha himself was not a philosopher in the sense that that term is often understood, a Buddhist philosophy nevertheless emerged from the Buddha's teachings that was astonishingly rich, profound and elusive. Buddhism, which for over two millennia has been an integral part of South and East Asian society and civilisation, is now increasingly popular in the West, where its teachings about liberation of the self from the cycle of existence have proved attractive to people from a wide variety of backgrounds. In this new and comprehensive textbook, Alexander Wynne shows that the story of Buddhism as a global system of belief begins with the life of the Buddha in northern India in the fifth century bce. He discusses the many new advances that have been made in recent years with regard to Buddhist origins, and traces the ways that formative Indian doctrines helped shape the features of later Asian Buddhism. Carefully outlining the major Buddhist traditions, Wynne examines in turn the major Mahayana traditions of China, including the Ch'an and Pure Land schools, as well as recent trends in Theravada Buddhism, especially in Sri Lanka and Thailand, and the Tantric Buddhism of Tibet. Finally, he turns to the role of Buddhism in the modern world, and explores how the western encounter with Buddhism has both affected and been affected by it, especially in the fields of cognitive science and modern psychology."--Bloomsbury Publishing.*

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## CRUCIFIED WISDOM

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### THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON CHRIST AND THE BODHISATTVA

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**Fordham Univ Press** *This work provides the first systematic discussion of the Bodhisattva path and its importance for constructive Christian theology. Crucified Wisdom examines specific Buddhist traditions, texts, and practices not as phenomena whose existence requires an apologetic justification but as wells of tested wisdom that invite theological insight. With the increasing participation of Christians in Buddhist practice, many are seeking a deeper understanding of the way the teachings of the two traditions might interface. Christ and the Bodhisattva are often compared superficially in Buddhist-Christian discussion. This text combines a rich exposition of the Bodhisattva path, using Śāntideva's classic work the *Bodhicaryāvatāra* and subsequent Tibetan commentators, with detailed reflection on its implications for Christian faith and practice. Author S. Mark Heim lays out root tensions constituted by basic Buddhist teachings on the one hand, and Christian teachings on the other, and the ways in which the Bodhisattva or Christ embody and resolve the resulting paradoxes in their respective traditions. An important contribution to the field of comparative theology in general and to the area of Buddhist-Christian studies in particular, Crucified Wisdom proposes that Christian theology can take direct instruction from Mahāyāna Buddhism in two respects: deepening its understanding of our creaturely nature through no-self insights, and revising its vision of divine immanence in dialogue with teachings of emptiness. Heim argues that Christians may affirm the importance of novelty in history, the*

enduring significance of human persons, and the Trinitarian reality of God, even as they learn to value less familiar, nondual dimensions of Christ's incarnation, human redemption, and the divine life. *Crucified Wisdom* focuses on questions of reconciliation and atonement in Christian theology and explores the varying interpretations of the crucifixion of Jesus in Buddhist-Christian discussion. The Bodhisattva path is central for major contemporary Buddhist voices such as the Dalai Lama and Thích Nhất Hạnh, who figure prominently as conversation partners in the text. This work will be of particular value for those interested in "dual belonging" in connection to these traditions.

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## CRITERIA OF DISCERNMENT IN INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** *CONTRIBUTORS:* Mustafa Abu-Sway, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University Reinhold Bernhardt, Basel Univeristy David Burrell, CSC, University of Notre Dame Catherine Cornille, Boston College Gavin D'Costa, University of Bristol David M. Elcott, New York University Joseph Lombard, Brandeis University Jonathan Magonet, Louis Baeck Institute, London John Makransky, Boston College Anantanand Rambachan, St. Olaf College Deepak Sarma, Case Western University Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University Mark Unno, University of Oregon

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## SELFLESS PERSONS

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## IMAGERY AND THOUGHT IN THERAVADA BUDDHISM

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**Cambridge University Press** *This book explains anatta through cultural, historical and Theravada Buddhist tradition and context.*

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## BUDDHISM GOES TO THE MOVIES

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## INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

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**Routledge** *Buddhism Goes to the Movies: Introduction to Buddhist Thought and Practice* explains the basics of Buddhist philosophy and practice through a number of dramatic films from around the world. This book introduces readers in a dynamic way to the major traditions of Buddhism: the Theravāda, and various interrelated Mahāyāna divisions including Zen, Pure Land and Tantric Buddhism. Students can use Ronald Green's book to gain insights into classic Buddhist themes, including Buddhist awakening, the importance of the theory of dependent origination, the notion of no-self, and Buddhist ideas about life, death and why we are here. Contemporary developments are also explored, including the Socially Engaged Buddhism demonstrated by such figures as the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, Aung San Suu Kyi, and other Buddhist activists. Finally, comparisons between filmic expressions of Buddhism and more traditional artistic expressions of Buddhism—such as mandala drawings—are also drawn. An important addition to any introduction to Buddhist philosophy and practice, *Buddhism Goes to the Movies* is an excellent way to bring Buddhist thought, history, and activity to the uninitiated and interested reader.

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## REBUILDING BUDDHISM

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### THE THERAVADA MOVEMENT IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY NEPAL

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**Harvard University Press** *Rebuilding Buddhism* describes in evocative detail the experiences and achievements of Nepalis who have adopted Theravada Buddhism. This form of Buddhism was introduced into Nepal from Burma and Sri Lanka in the 1930s, and its adherents have struggled for recognition and acceptance ever since. With its focus on the austere figure of the monk and the biography of the historical Buddha, and more recently with its emphasis on individualizing meditation and on gender equality, Theravada Buddhism contrasts sharply with the highly ritualized Tantric Buddhism traditionally practiced in the Kathmandu Valley. Based on extensive fieldwork, interviews, and historical reconstruction, the book provides a rich portrait of the different ways of being a Nepali Buddhist over the past seventy years. At the same time it explores the impact of the Theravada movement and what its gradual success has meant for Buddhism, for society, and for men and women in Nepal.

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## BUDDHISM

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### A CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATION

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**Taylor & Francis** Cover -- Half Title -- Title Page -- Copyright Page -- Table of Contents -- Acknowledgements -- Introduction -- 1 The problem of suffering -- 2 Karma and rebirth -- 3 Evil, freedom and other ethical issues -- 4 Concepts of Buddha -- 5 The varieties of emptiness -- 6 Language and reality -- 7 Religious diversity -- Conclusion -- Bibliography -- Index.

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE LOTUS SUTRA

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**Simon and Schuster** *The Lotus Sutra*--one of the most popular Buddhist classics--is here accessibly introduced by one of its most eminent scholars. "Soon after entering university in December of 1943, I was sent to the front as a student soldier. I wondered if I were allowed to bring but a single book on the trip, possibly to my death, which would I want to bring. It was the Lotus Sutra" -- from the author's Preface. Having developed a lifelong appreciation of the Lotus Sutra -- even carrying a dog-eared copy with him through service in World War II -- Yoshiro Tamura sought to author an introduction to this beloved work of Buddhist literature. Tamura wanted it to be different than other basic explorations of the text; his introduction would be plain-spoken, relevant and sensitive to modern concerns, and well-informed by contemporary scholarship. He succeeded marvelously with *Introduction to the Lotus Sutra*, which Gene Reeves -- Tamura's student and translator of the popular English edition of *The Lotus Sutra* -- translates and introduces in English for the first time here. Tackling issues of authenticity in the so-called "words of Buddha," the influence of culture and history on the development of the Lotus Sutra, and the sutra's role in Japanese life, *Introduction to the Lotus Sutra* grounds this ancient work of literature in the real, workaday world, revealing its continued appeal across the ages.

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## THE FOUNDATIONS OF BUDDHISM

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**Oxford University Press** *In this introduction to the foundations of Buddhism, Rupert Gethin concentrates on the ideas and practices which constitute the common heritage of the different traditions of Buddhism (Thervada, Tibetan and Eastern) which exist in the world today.*

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## MAPPING MODERN MAHAYANA

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## CHINESE BUDDHISM AND MIGRATION IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL MODERNITY

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**Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG** *This book presents a multi-sited ethnographic study of the global development of the Taiwanese Buddhist order Fo Guang Shan. It explores the order's modern Buddhist social engagements by examining three globally dispersed field sites: Los Angeles in the United States of America, Bronkhorstspruit in South Africa, and Yixing in the People's Republic of China. The data collected at these field sites is embedded within the context of broader theoretical discussions on Buddhism, modernity, globalization, and the nation-state. By examining how one particular modern Buddhist religiosity that developed in a specific place moves into a global context, the book provides a fresh view of what constitutes both modern and contemporary Buddhism while also exploring the social, cultural, and religious fabrics that underlie the spatial configurations of globalization.*