

TMM2257 Christianity and Inter Faith Engagement

Friday 24th June – Sunday 26th June, 2016

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AIMS

- To give students a critical overview of Christian approaches to religious plurality in theology, biblical interpretation and spiritual practice.
- To enable students to have significant experiences of other faith traditions and to explore the impact of inter faith engagement upon their own Christian self-understandings.
- To enable students to explore critically the theology, spirituality and practice of Christian inter faith practitioners from historical and contemporary contexts.

CONTENT

- Christian theology, the Bible and religious pluralism.
- Christian spirituality in encounter with other faith traditions.
- Opportunities to engage in guided reading of the sacred texts of at least one faith tradition.
- Exploration of the theology, spirituality and practice of significant Christian inter faith practitioners from historical, contemporary, local, national and/or international contexts

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this module students will be able to

Subject Knowledge [SSK 3]

- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of Christian theological, ecclesiological and spiritual approaches to religious plurality and inter faith engagement and the questions to which they give rise.

Subject Skills [SSS 3]

- Analyse and evaluate the possibilities for spiritual enrichment through engagement with different faith traditions and communicate this effectively.
- Reflect critically on their own practice of Christian discipleship, ministry and mission in the light of their encounter with, and learning about, another faith tradition.

Key Skills [KS 1, 2, 3]

- Identify, gather, analyse and evaluate textual source materials for a range of purposes, and communicate their findings with clarity and fairness.
- Undertake a critical analysis of information and arguments, communicating these effectively, showing critical awareness of their own beliefs, commitments and prejudices.

- Take responsibility for a task that involves independent inquiry; the management of time, resources and use of IT; meeting deadlines, evaluating the task and learning from it.

Timetable

Friday 24th June

8am Breakfast

8.45 Morning Prayer (Student led)

9.15 **Introduction to the Module** – The methodology, the visits, entering the experience and form of assessment

10.15 Break

10.45 **'Faith, Hope and Love' – Exploring Christian theology of religions & theologies of dialogue**

A session exploring the Christian theology of religions, this will be an opportunity for us all to explore more deeply 'what is my theology in relation to other faiths?'

12.45 Break

1pm Lunch

2.00pm-4pm **Visits to Faith Communities** places of Worship organised by the Faith Encounter Programme <http://www.faithencounter.org.uk/> (see separate document)

6pm Dinner

7pm – 8.30 **Dialogue vs. Witness? Exploring Missiology in a Multi Faith World**

Are dialogue and witness diametrically opposed? How might engaging with our multi faith context help us embrace more fully our own diversity as a tradition and learn from each other's strengths to enable dialogue and witness in our multi faith context

Saturday 25th June

8am Breakfast

8.45 Morning Prayer (Student led)

9.15 **Exploring Scripture in a Religiously Plural World**
The Bible and Religious Pluralism

How does bringing to our reading of the Bible a consciousness of our multi faith context open up fresh perspectives and challenge us to rethink interpretations of the past and

how do we engage with others reading and interpreting what we perceive as 'our' scriptures?

10.40 Coffee

11.00 Exploring Scripture in a Religiously plural World – Reading others 'sacred texts'

1pm Lunch

2.00pm-4pm **Visits to Faith Communities** places of Worship organised by the Faith Encounter Programme <http://www.faithencounter.org.uk/> (see separate document)

6pm Dinner

7pm – 8.30pm **Structured Group Reflection on visits**

Sunday 26th June

8am Breakfast

8.45 Morning Prayer (student led)

9.15 Christian Spirituality in a Multi Faith World – Inter Faith Engagement as a 'Means of Grace'

10.40 Coffee

11.00 An Invitation from a Mosque – A Case Study in Inter Faith Engagement

1pm Lunch

2.00pm -3.00pm Service of Holy Communion

3.15 pm Feedback and closing session

4pm Close

Guidance for student-led worship (*From Mark Earey*)

Worship should consist of a short, simple service (in the morning without a sermon). We suggest that you might base it on *The Methodist Worship Book* (use Prayer in the Morning, pp. 5ff). You can use an alternative simple service if you wish.

Aim for a service of no longer than 20 minutes. This is an opportunity to hone your skills at worship leading, for a service which you haven't had to plan from scratch (though, of

course, you may choose hymns or songs). If you need to have preaching experience for your portfolio please ensure this is at Evening Prayer.

General Information

The emergency telephone number will be as for residential weekends – 07747 496093

Assignments

Assignment deadline: **18th July 2016**

Component 1 Written Assignment – Drawing upon the arguments of at least two theologians outline your own preference for a theology of religions drawing upon either the typology and/or other models critical of it. (2000 words) (70%)

Assessment Guidance for Component 1

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/common.awards/AssessmentGuidelines-EssaysandOtherWrittenAssignments.pdf>

Component 2 Reflective Journal – Reflect using the Gifts, Challenges and Questions and Inter, Intra, Inner methodology on the experience of the course drawing upon classroom engagement, visits, engagement with other scriptures and wider reading. Date individual entries and annotations, but ensure that there is an overall coherence. (1000 words) (30%)

Assessment criteria for reflective journal

Description and analysis:

- Is the description clear with appropriate detail?
- Is there an analysis of the subject matter (experience or learning) that shows your ability to think critically and to ask good questions?

Reflection, reflexivity and integration:

- Is there good and relevant engagement with biblical and theological sources?
- Does your journal give evidence that your learning has affected your own inner world?
- Have you integrated different areas of learning effectively and appropriately?

Presentation

- Is the journal well organised, showing the chronology of your reflections persuasively.

Assessment guidance for Component 2:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/common.awards/AssessmentGuidelines-ReflectiveLearningJournals.pdf>

Assessment criteria for Level 5:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/common.awards/AssessmentCriteriaLevel5.pdf>

CORE TEXTS

The following two books operate as core texts for the course.

Alan Race & Paul M Hedges (Eds) *Christian Approaches to Other Faiths* (SCM 2008)

Alan Race & Paul M Hedges (Eds) *Christian Approaches to Other Faith – A Reader* (SCM 2009)

A third book is also significant for the course

Catherine Cornille *The Im-Possibility of Interreligious Dialogue* (Crossroad 2008)

A wider reading list is available at the end of this handbook. However, the books on preparatory reading below and core texts above and the preparatory preparation for each session on Moodle should provide you with significant resources for completing the course successfully.

PREPARATORY READING

Read one of:

Ray Gaston, *A Heart Broken Open Radical Faith in an Age of Fear* (Wild Goose Publications 2009)

Klaus Klostermaier, *Hindu and Christian in Vrindaban* (SCM 2009 reissue)

Elizabeth J Harris *Buddhism for a Violent World* (SCM 2012)

And one of

Richard Sudworth, *Distinctly Welcoming – Christian Presence in a Multi-faith Society* (Scripture Union 2007)

Andrew Wingate *Celebrating Difference, Staying Faithful: How to Live in a Multi-faith World* (DLT 2005)

Structured Scriptural Reading

You might like to engage with the scripture of another tradition during the course and in the period after leading up to writing the assessment. The following are some guidelines for this reading, if you so wished to include this as part of your exploration. The aim is to assist you in being able to engage constructively with the texts of other traditions.

The following are the recommended texts to choose from:

For engaging with Jewish interpretation of the Tanakh see resources on

<http://lightoftorah.net/> and use a Jewish translation and ordering of the bible such as the Jewish Publication Society's *The Jewish Bible* or *The Jewish Study Bible* or engaging with the weekly commentaries on the Parashah (Torah portion) from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks at **<http://www.rabbisacks.org/>**

For engaging with the Qur'an use one of the following:

Michael Sells, *Approaching the Qur'an - The Early Revelations* (White Cloud Press 1999)
Camille Adams Helminski, *Light of Dawn: Daily Readings from The Holy Qur'an* (Shambhala 2001)

For engaging with Sikh Scripture use one of the following:

Christopher Shackle, Arvind-pal Singh Mandair, *Teachings of the Sikh Gurus: selections from the Sikh scriptures* (Routledge 2005)
Nicky Guninder Kaur, *The Name of My Beloved* (Harper Collins 1996)
Selections from the Sikh Scriptures The Guru Granth Sahib

An accessible Buddhist text would be:

Dhammapada (British Buddhist Society) but also consider adopting Buddhist meditation practice for the length of the course. A basic introduction such as Thich Nhat Hanh's *The Miracle of Mindfulness* (Rider 2008) would be a good place to start.

And from the Hindu tradition the suggestion is

Geoffrey Parrinder *The Bhagavad Gita: A Verse Translation* (One World 2013)

GENERAL READING LIST

(This is not an exhaustive reading list you are encouraged to browse our growing library collection on the subjects covered in this module.)

General Introductions

Huston Smith the *World's Religions - Our Great Wisdom Traditions* Revised edition (Harper 1999)

W Owen Cole, *Six World Faiths* (Continuum New Edition 2004)

Paul F Knitter *Introducing Theologies of Religions* (Orbis 2004)

Veli-Matti Karkkainen *An Introduction to the Theology of Religions – Biblical, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* (IVP 2003)

David R Brockman & Ruben L F Habito (Eds) *The Gospel among Religions – Christian Ministry, Theology & Spirituality in a Multifaith World* (Orbis 2010)

Alan Race and Paul M Hedges (Eds), *Christian Approaches to Other Faiths* (SCM 2008)

Gavin D'Costa, Paul Knitter & Dan Strange, *Only One Way? Three Christian Responses to the Uniqueness of Christ in a Religiously Pluralist World* (SCM 2011)

Christian Theology in Dialogue

Paul F Knitter *Introducing Theologies of Religions* (Orbis 2004)

Veli-Matti Karkkainen *An Introduction to the Theology of Religions – Biblical, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* (IVP 2003)

Alan Race and Paul M Hedges (Eds), *Christian Approaches to Other Faiths* (SCM 2008)

Paul Hedges, *Controversies in Interreligious Dialogue and the Theology of Religions* (SCM 2010)

Gavin D'Costa, *Christianity and World Religions – Disputed Questions in the Theology of Religions* (Wiley-Blackwell 2009)

Francis X Clooney, *Comparative Theology – Deep Learning Across Religious Borders* (Wiley-Blackwell 2010)

Amos Young, *Beyond the Impasse, Toward a Pneumatological Theology of Religions* (Paternoster 2003)

Harold Netland and Gerald McDermott, *A Trinitarian Theology of Religions – An Evangelical Proposal* (OUP 2014)

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, *Trinity and Religious Pluralism: the doctrine of the Trinity in Christian Theology of Religions* (Ashgate 2004)

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, *Monopoly on Salvation? A Feminist Approach to Religious Pluralism* (Continuum 2005)

Michael Barnes, *Theology and the Dialogue of Religions* (CUP 2002)

Michael Barnes, *Interreligious Learning: Dialogue, Spirituality and the Christian Imagination* (CUP 2011)

Catherine Cornille, *The Im-possibility of Interreligious Dialogue* (Herder & Herder 2008)

Jacques Dupuis, *Christianity and the Religions – From Confrontation to Dialogue* (Orbis 2002)

Jenny Daggars, *Postcolonial Theology of Religions: Particularity and Pluralism in World Christianity* (Routledge 2013)

Gerald McDermott, *Can Evangelicals learn from World Religions* (IVP 2005)

Christian Spirituality in Dialogue

Catherine Cornille, *The Im-possibility of Interreligious Dialogue* (Herder & Herder 2008)

Catherine Cornille and Christopher Conway (eds) *Interreligious Hermeneutics* (Cascade 2010)

Catherine Cornille (Ed) *Criteria of Discernment in Interreligious Dialogue* (Cascade 2009)

Linda Hogan et al (Eds) *From World Mission to Inter-Religious Witness* Concilium 2011/1 (SCM 2011)

Perry Schmidt – Leukel, *Transformation by Integration – How Inter-faith Encounter Changes Christianity* (SCM 2009)

John B Cobb and Ward M McAfee (eds) *The Dialogue Comes of Age – Christian Encounters with Other Faith Traditions* (Fortress 2010)

Raimon Panikkar *The Intra-Religious Dialogue* (Revised Edition Paulist Press 1999)

David H Jensen *In the Company of Others – A Dialogical Christology* (Pilgrim Press 2001)

Duncan S Ferguson, *Exploring the Spirituality of the World Religions – The Quest for Personal, Spiritual and Social Transformation* (Continuum 2010)

Jacob Nauser & Bruce Chilton (Eds) *The Golden Rule – The Ethics of Reciprocity in World Religions* (Continuum 2008)

Wayne Teasdale, *Bede Griffiths – An Introduction to his Interspiritual Thought* (SLP 2003)

Wayne Teasdale, *The Mystic Heart – Discovering a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions* (New World 1999)

Wayne Teasdale, *A Monk in the World-Cultivating a Spiritual Life* (NWL 2003)

Beverly J Lanzetta, *The Other Side of Nothingness – Toward a Theology of Radical Openness* (SUNY 2001)

Beverly J Lanzetta, *Emerging Heart – Global Spirituality and the Sacred* (Fortress 2007)

Mirabai Starr, *God of Love – A Guide to the Heart of Judaism, Christianity & Islam* (Monkfish 2012)

Frithjof Schuon *The Transcendent Unity of Religions* (Quest 1993)

Scripture in Dialogue

Ida Glaser, *The Bible and Other Faiths – What Does the Lord Require of Us* (IVP 2005)

Kenneth Cracknell, *In Good and Generous Faith – Christian Responses to Religious Pluralism* (Epworth 2005)

Clark H Pinnock, *A Wideness in God's Mercy – The Finality of Jesus Christ in a World of Religions* (Zondervan 1992)

Wilfred Cantwell Smith, *What is Scripture?: A Comparative Approach* (SCM 1993)

Jonathan Magonet, *A Rabbi Reads the Bible* (SCM 2004)

Amy Jill Levine, *The Misunderstood Jew – The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* (Harper 2007)

Pamela Eisenbaum, *Paul Was Not a Christian: The Original Message of a Misunderstood Apostle* (Harper 2009)

David F Ford & C C Pecknold (Eds), *The Promise of Scriptural Reasoning* (Blackwell 2006)

Michael Lodahl, *Claiming Abraham- Reading the Bible and the Qur'an Side by Side* (Brazos 2010)

John Kaltner, *Ishmael Instructs Issac – An Introduction to the Qur'an for Bible Readers* (Liturgical Press 1999)

John Kaltner, *Inquiring of Joseph – Getting to Know a Biblical Character through the Qur'an* (Liturgical Press 2003)

Muslim-Christian Research Group, *The Challenge of the Scriptures – The Bible and The Qur'an* (Orbis 1989)

Harold Coward, *Experiencing Scripture in World Religions* (Orbis 2000)

Harold Coward, *Scripture in the World Religions: a short introduction* (One World 2000)

John Parry, *Sikhs and Christians Study Scripture Together – Some Reflections* in Price, Sepulveda and Smith: Mission Matters, (Peter Lang Verlag, 1997)

John Parry, *The Word of God is not Bound* (Centre for Contemporary Christianity 2009)

Judaism

Scripture Reading

Tanakh: The Jewish Bible (Jewish Publication Society 1991)

The Jewish Study Bible (OUP 2004)

Abraham Heschel, *Heavenly Torah : As Refracted Through The Generations* (Continuum 2007)

Barry Holtz, *Back to the Sources – Reading the Classic Jewish Texts*, (Simon & Schuster 1986)

Introductions to Judaism

Steven Leonard Jacobs *The Jewish Experience – An Introduction to Jewish History and Jewish Life* (Fortress 2010)

Nicholas de Lange & Miri Freud – Kandel *Modern Judaism* (OUP 2005)

Alan Goshen – Gottstein and Eugene Korn (Eds) *Jewish Theology and World Religions* (Littman 2012)

Steven T. Katz, Shlomo Biderman and Gershon Greenberg (eds) *Wrestling with God: Jewish theological responses during and after the Holocaust* (OUP 2007)

Eugene Korn *The Jewish Connection to Israel, the Promised Land – A Brief Introduction for Christians* (Jewish Lights 2008)

Christian – Jewish Relations & Dialogue

James Carroll, *Constantine's Sword – The Church and the Jews* (First Mariner 2002)

Michael S. Kogan, *Opening the Covenant: A Jewish Theology of Christianity*. (OUP 2007)

Marilyn J Salmon *Preaching Without Contempt – Overcoming Unintended Anti-Judaism* (Fortress 2006)

Edward Kessler *An Introduction to Jewish-Christian Relations* (CUP 2010)

Mary C Boys *Has God Only One Blessing? Judaism as a Source of Christian Self-Understanding* (Paulist 2000)

Mary C Boys (Ed) *Seeing Judaism Anew – Christianity's Sacred Obligation* (Rowman & Littlefield 2005)

Darrell Jodock (Ed) *Covenantal Conversations – Christians in Dialogue with Jews & Judaism* (Fortress 2008)

National Jewish Scholars Project, DABRU EMET - A Jewish Statement on Christians and Christianity 2000 <http://www.jcrelations.net/en/?item=1014>

Christian Scholars Group A SACRED OBLIGATION - Rethinking Christian Faith in Relation to Judaism and the Jewish People 2002
<http://www.jcrelations.net/en/?id=986>

International Council of Christians & Jews, *A Time for Recommitment Jewish Christian Dialogue 70 Years after War and Shoah*
http://www.iccj.org/redaktion/upload_pdf/201011271429260.BThesen_engl_kompl.pdf

See also Amy Jill Levine and Pamela Eisenbaum above in *Scripture in Dialogue*

Islam

Scripture Reading

Michael Sells, *Approaching the Qur'an - The Early Revelations* (White Cloud Press 1999)

Camille Adams Helminski, *Light of Dawn: Daily Readings from The Holy Qur'an* (Shambhala 2001)

The Qur'an translated by M. A. S. Abdel Haleem (OUP 2005)

Farid Esack, *The Qur'an – A User's Guide* (One World 2005)

Asma Barlas, *Believing Women in Islam – Unreading Patriarchal interpretations of the Qur'an* (University of Texas Press 2002)

Ashghar Ali Engineer, 'A Critical Look at Some Qur'anic Verses on War and Violence' in *Interreligious Insight Vol 6 No4 October 2008* p33- 41

Reza Shah-Kazemi, *The Other in The Light of the One – The Universality of the Qur'an and Interfaith Dialogue*, (Islamic Texts Society 2006)

Introductions to Islam

Ron Geaves, *Aspects of Islam* (DLT 2005)

Sophie- Gilliat-Ray, *Muslims in Britain – An Introduction* (CUP 2010)

Chris Hewer, *Understanding Islam – The First Ten Steps* (SCM 2006)

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *The Heart of Islam – Enduring Values for Humanity* (Harper 2004)

Ziauddin Sardar, *Desperately Seeking Paradise – Journeys of a Skeptical Muslim* (Granta 2005)

Akbar Ahmed, *Journey into Islam – The Crisis of Globalization* (Brookings 2007)

Carl W. Ernst, *Following Muhammad – Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World* (Chapel Hill 2003)

Christian-Muslim Relations and Dialogue

Ovey N Mohammed S.J. *Muslim-Christian Relations – Past, Present, Future* (Orbis 1999)

Bennett. Clinton *In Search of Muhammad*, (Continuum 1998)

Kenneth Cragg, *The Call of the Minaret* (One World 1985 revised Edition)

Kenneth Cragg, *Jesus and the Muslim: An Exploration* (Allen & Unwin 1985)

Kenneth Cragg, *Muhammad and the Christian : a Question of Response* (One World 1999 Revised Edition)

Ray Gaston, *A Heart Broken Open – Radical Faith in an Age of Fear* (Wild Goose Publications 2009)

Hugh Goddard, *Christians & Muslims – From Double Standards to mutual Understanding* (Curzon Press 1995)

Hugh Goddard, *A History of Christian-Muslim Relations* (New Amsterdam 2000)

Irfan A. Omar (ed) *A Muslim View of Christianity – Essays on Dialogue by Mahmoud Ayoub* (Orbis 2007)

Christian Troll, *Dialogue and Difference : Clarity in Christian-Muslim Relations* (Orbis 2009)

Anthony O'Mahoney and Emma Loosely, *Christian Responses to Islam: Muslim-Christian Relations in the Modern World* (Manchester University Press 2008)

Miroslav Volf (Ed) *A Common Word: Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbour* (Eerdmans 2009)

Miroslav Volf, *Allah: A Christian Response* (Harper 2011)

A Common Word Between Us & You see <http://www.acommonword.com/>

See also various books on Bible and Qur'an in *Inter Faith Hermeneutics – Scripture in a World of Faiths* above.

Buddhism

Scripture Reading

Dhammapada (British Buddhist Society)

Introductions to Buddhism and Meditation

Walpola Rahula, *What the Buddha Taught* (One World 1997)

Nyanaponika Thera, *The Heart of Buddhist Meditation* (Red Wheel 1996)

Thich Nhat Hanh, *Old Path White Clouds* (Full Circle 2003)

Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Miracle of Mindfulness* (Rider 2008)

Christmas Humphreys, *Concentration and Meditation* (Watkins 1959)

Sayadaw U Pandita, *The State of Mind Called Beautiful* (Wisdom 2006)

Geshe Gedun Lodro, *Calm Abiding and Special Insight* (Snow Lion 1996)

Christian –Buddhist Dialogue

Rita M Gross, *Buddhists Talk About Jesus, Christians Talk about the Buddha*, (Continuum 2000)

Ruben L F Habito, *Healing Breath: Zen for Christians and Buddhists in a Wounded World* (Wisdom 2006)

Aloysius Pieres, *Love meets Wisdom: A Christian Experience of Buddhism* (Orbis 1988)

Janice Dean Willis, *Dreaming Me: Black, Baptist and Buddhist: One Woman's Spiritual Journey* (Wisdom 2008)

Perry Schmidt-Leukel (ed.), *Buddhism and Christianity in dialogue : the Gerald Weisfeld Lectures 2004* (SCM 2005)

Ross Thompson, *Buddhist Christianity: A Passionate Openness* (O Books 2010)

Keith E Yandell and Harold A Netland, *Spirituality without God? : Buddhist enlightenment and Christian salvation* (Paternoster 2009)

Paul F. Knitter, *Without Buddha I Could Not be a Christian* (One World 2009)

John and Linda Keenan, *I Am/ No Self – A Christian Commentary on the Heart Sutra* (Eerdmans 2011)

Leo Lefebure and Peter Feldmeier, *The Path of Wisdom – A Christian Commentary on the Dhammapada* (Eerdmans 2011)

Sikhism

Scripture Reading

Christopher Shackle, Arvind-pal Singh Mandair, *Teachings of the Sikh Gurus : selections from the Sikh scriptures* (Routledge 2005)

Nickky Guninder Kaur, *The Name of My Beloved* (Harper Collins 1996)
Selections from the Sikh Scriptures The Guru Granth Sahib

Introductions to Sikhism

Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh , *Sikhism – An Introduction* (I B Tauris 2011)

Jagbir Jhutti-Johal, *Sikhism Today* (Continuum 2011)

Joy Barrow, *Meeting Sikhs*, (Christians Aware 1998)

W Owen Cole *Teach Yourself Sikhism* (Hodder and Stoughton 2003)

Patwant Singh, *The Sikhs*, (John Murray 1999)

Anil Chandra Banerjee, *The Sikh Gurus and the Sikh Religion* (Munshiram Manoharial Publishers 1983)

W H McLeod *Sikhs and Sikhism* (OUP 1999)

Opinderjit Kaur Thakhar,. *Sikh Identity: An exploration of groups among Sikhs*. (Ashgate 2005)

Satwant Kaur Rait,. *Sikh Women in England: their religious and cultural beliefs and social practices*. (Trentham 2005)

Nikky Guninder Kaur Singh,. *The Feminine Principle in the Sikh Vision of the Transcendent*. Cambridge: (CUP 1993).

Sikhism and Christianity

W O Cole and P S Sambhi, *Sikhism and Christianity: A Comparative Study* (Macmillan 1993)

John Parry, *Sikhs and Christians Study Scripture Together – Some Reflections* in Price, Sepulveda and Smith: Mission Matters, (Peter Lang Verlag, 1997)

John Parry, *The Word of God is not Bound* (Centre for Contemporary Christianity 2009)

Hinduism

Scripture Reading

W J Johnson, *The Bhagavad Gita* (Oxford University Press 2008)

Geoffrey Parrinder *The Bhagavad Gita: A Verse Translation* (One World 2013)

Introductions to Hinduism

Klaus Klostermaier, *Hindu Writings: A Short Introduction to the Major Sources* (One World 2000)

Klaus Klostermaier, *Hinduism: A Short History* (One World 2000)

Deepak Sarma, *Hinduism: A Reader* (Blackwell 2008)

J E Llewellyn *Defining Hinduism: A Reader* (Equinox 2005)

Sharada Sugirtharajah, *Imagining Hinduism: A Postcolonial Perspective* (Routledge 2003)

Stephen P Huyler, *Meeting God: Elements of Hindu Devotion* (Yale 1999)

Christian – Hindu Dialogue

Kristen Johnson Lagen, *Baby Krishna, Infant Christ: A Comparative Theology of Salvation* (Orbis 2011)

Catherine Cornille, *Song Divine: Christian Commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita* (Pesters 2006)

Francis Clooney, *Hindu God, Christian God: How Reason Helps Break Down the Boundaries between Religions* (OUP 2001)

John J Thatamanil, *The Immanent Divine: God, Creation, and the Human Predicament* (Fortress 2006)