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Gems and Jewels : The Religions of Pakistan / Dr. Amineh Ahmed Hoti
Dr. Amineh Ahmed Hoti, Lahore, Pakistan 2021

416p.
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9789697120390
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2660 gm.

"Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan" Dr Amineh Hoti opens the door to take the reader on a voyage of discovery of the untold story of Pakistan; the story of a relatively young nation whose rich plural heritage has endowed it with multiple expressions of faith and custom, woven into a gloriously colourful tapestry whose detail meshes to form a whole. "Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan" by Dr Amineh A. Hoti This book is a glorious read; accessible, enjoyable, a radiating resonance of vivid human images, of voices, faces, and places, and a celebration of the richness of diversity that connects us with the beauty of human character at its best.

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Zangh Zhung Nyengyud Ngondro : The Preliminary Practices to Dzogchen
According to the Oral Transmission of Zhangzhung as Taught by Ponlob Tsangpa
Tenzin Rinpoche / Ponlob Tsangpa Tenzin Rinpoche (Ed) Gideon Makin
(Translator) Dr. Sangmo Yangri

Vajra Books, Kathmandu, Nepal 2021
196p.
9789937624091
\$ 35.00 / null
230 gm.

In this book Ponlob Rinpoche charts the course of the nine practices known in the Tibetan Bon and Buddhist traditions as Ngondro. Because Ngondro teachings hardly assume any prior knowledge, they are suitable for introducing Buddhist practices in general, as well as some key concepts of the underlying world view. For instance, before a meditation session a practitioner performs the three Ngondro practices known as Guru-Yoga, Refuge, and Bodhichitta. In this book one finds an orderly and detailed explanation of what these practices mean, as well as practical instruction on how to perform them.

Ngondro (literally: "that which goes before") is, firstly, a preliminary. The role of the nine practices is to purify the mind in preparation for higher practices - in this case Dzogchen - like cleaning a cup before pouring fresh milk into it.

Second, Ngondro is also the foundation for more advanced practices. Skipping it is like trying to jump to the top of a building instead of using the stairs. Unless one takes the stairs of Ngondro one by one, one's Dzogchen practice will not become stable and beneficial.

Third, even a practitioner who has come to Dzogchen after climbing the stairs of Ngondro still needs it as a support. One's Dzogchen practice may fail to progress and become stagnated; practicing Ngondro is the remedy to this. As Rinpoche puts it, thinking to oneself "I have been practicing Dzogchen for a long time. I hold a high view. I've done Ngondro practice already" is misguided. Both Ngondro and Dzogchen are indispensable, like the two wings of a bird.

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Healing All Afflictions : Girimananda Sutta (A.N. 10.60) : Rediscovered for Practice in Times of Need – Based on Elucidation by Maha Pragnaya Meevanapalanae Siri Dhammalankara Ariyanvahanse / Dr. Gamini Randeni
Dr. Gamini Randeni, Parama Nibbana Dhammayathanaya, Katuwakele, Ambepussa, Sri Lanka 2021

248p.;
9786249691117
\$ 30.00 / null
410 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780501>

Aspects of Meditative Praxis in Sarvastivada / KL Dhammajoti
The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2021

x, 278p.
9789881682048
\$ 60.00 / null
500 gm.

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Illuminating the Dharma : Buddhist Studies in Honour of Venerable Professor KL Dhammajoti / (Ed) Toshiichi Endo
Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2021

xxvi, 498p.
Includes Bibliography
9789881684370
\$ 120.00 / HB
1208 gm.

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Investigating Principles : International Aspects of Buddhist Culture : Essays in Honour of Professor Charles Willemsen / (Eds) Lalji 'Shravak' and Supriya Rai
The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2019

xxvi, 438p.
Includes Bibliography
9789881682031
\$ 70.00 / HB
966 gm.

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Christians and Nation-Building in a Pluralistic Society (Based on Webinars Co-Sponsored by the Catholic Research Centre Graduates Christian Fellowship Kairos Dialogue Network) / Hwa Yung & Helen Ting (Ed)
SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2021

xx, 148p.
9789672464303
\$ 15.00 / null
268 gm.

Christians are called to live as the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). How does this translate into practical daily living and working for the welfare of our nation and fellow citizens? The essays in this book discuss what living as "salt" and "light" means and how Malaysian Christians can contribute to nation-building in a multiethnic and multireligious society. The subjects addressed include biblical, Catholic and Protestant teachings on our socio-political responsibility, issues like building a compassionate society, corruption, religious liberty and political engagement, as well as distinctive Sabah and Sarawak concerns. This book challenges Christians to take seriously the teachings of the Bible and our faith, and to work with all of integrity and goodwill to build our nation firmly on the foundations of compassion, equality and justice. Effective nation-building requires participation by all.

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La Force de Perseverer, Tome 1 : 5 Piliers Pour Rebondir Avec Dieu / Lionel Belo
Ecki Publications, Kinshasa, Congo 2020

148p.

9781659932232

\$ 40.00 / null

196 gm.

Ce livre est un quipement qui vous aidera poursuivre avec un empressement constant vos buts et ce m me dans les moments les plus difficiles de votre vie. La vie est comme une course individuelle qui ne couronne que les plus pers v rants. D'o l'importance d' tre suffisamment outill pour aller jusqu'au bout, achever la course et remporter la coupe qui nous est r serv e par le Seigneur. D couvrez donc par ces crits un condens de le ons apprises manant de l'exp rience d'une vie, mais aussi une portion de connaissance r v l e pour des esprits avertis, en qu te d'accomplir la volont de Dieu.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=779843>

From Pulpit to the Heart : Sermons, Teachings and Reflections / Dr. George E. Wanjau (Ed) Joyce Wambui Njuguna

Arba Publications Ltd., Nairobi, Kenya 2021

xxx, 482p.

9789914990584

\$ 90.00 / HB

1050 gm.

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A Commentary on the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church :
Christians for National Liberation on its 50th Founding Anniversary, February 17,
2022 /

International Network for Philippine Studies (INPS), Philippines 2021

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Initiation a La Liturgie / Pasteur Francois Mabounda

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Le Secret de Jesus : "Vous Connaitrez la Verite et la Verite Vous Affranchira" (Jn 8 : 32) / Andre Mouhani

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Editions LMI, Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo 2020

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Includes Bibliographical references

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Comprendre les Réalités du Combat Spirituel, Tome 1 / Dr Paul Gustave Leckaka-Peya

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Les Editions Renaissance Africaine, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo 2019

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142 gm.

L'heure est grave, l'urgence est pressante. La communauté chrétienne universelle a aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, besoin de la prière. Cette prière se veut être affublée des grâces débordantes à effets tangibles. Hélas, peine est de constater que bon nombre de personnes invoquent Dieu, peu d'entre eux trouvent grâce. La balance entre exaucés et non-exaucés ne s'équilibre toujours pas. Il est indubitable que Dieu n'est pas injuste, l'auteur de ce livre tente d'éradiquer confusion et incertitude autour de la question : Dieu exauce-t-il tout le monde ? Auscultant les Saintes Ecritures, il rappelle les jalons d'une prière pleine de grâces. Il présente premièrement le but essentiel de la création de l'homme : "Homme, sujet de prière et d'adoration". Puis il explique avec beaucoup d'humilité, comment prier afin de trouver grâce auprès de l'Eternel. Ainsi, encourage-t-il énergiquement tout homme à prier, peu importe les résultats.
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Le Culte / Apotre Freddy Baudelaire Loumouamou
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Reveil et des Nouveaux Mouvements Religieux (Sectes)!!! / Alain Simplicie
Moungueugui

Editions Prestige Pro, Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo 2016

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Sur Le Chemin de la Destinee : Guide Pour une Meilleure Destinee / Christian Ebonga Yenga
Les Editions Domi and Famille, Kinshasa, DR Congo 2021
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Mission in Malawi : Essays in Honour of Klaus Fiedler / Jonathan Nkhoma, Rhodian Munyenembe and Hany Longwe (Eds)
Mzuni Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2021
606p.;
Includes Index and Bibliography
9789996060847
\$ 50.00 / null
822 gm.

The first four essays in Mission in Malawi reassess the meaning, nature and place of mission in a postmodern world. Subsequent essays examine various issues that missionaries and the Church in Malawi have and continue to struggle with. These range from the problem of administering church discipline, the challenge of Bible translation, the question of how to deal with corruption in the corridors of power to the challenges of dealing with initiation rites, HIV/AIDS, patriarchy, gender inequality, the exercise of the Church's prophetic role, lack of contextualized theology, and the difficult task of creating an inclusive church and society. The last three essays are an attempt to describe a contextual theology appropriate for the African church, construct a theology for Malawi and project a future for mission in Malawi in the context of a changing world. These essays offer a rare window into the life and struggles of the Malawian Church even as it faces the postmodern future. The essays are not only informative but also challenging and thought-provoking. Scholars, students and other readers who share an interest in mission and the life of the Church in Malawi will find this collection of essays indispensable in the many years to come.

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Amazing Ayodhya : The Splendid Ancient City of Lord Rama / Neena Rai
Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021
xxvi, 288p.; ill.; 22cm.
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How big was the ancient city of Ayodhya?
Why is this city so significant for Hindus?
Who established the city and what did it look like?
What did Lord Rama and Devi Sita's palace look like?
What sort of animals were found in this ancient land?
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Atmasiddhi Shastra – Six Spiritual Truths of the Soul / Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji

Harper Collins Publishers, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 2021

xxvii, 518p.; 22cm.

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Humanity has accomplished incredible feats. We have reached for the stars, and achieved things our forefathers considered impossible. And yet, the same key questions that eluded them, have eluded us - Who am I? Where have I come from? What is my true purpose? Questions spark the beginning of an inner journey. Atmasiddhi Shastra is a 142-verse masterpiece, composed by 19th century self-realised saint Shrimad Rajchandraji in a single sitting of about 1.5 hours when he was only 28 years old. Quenching the genuine thirst of a seeker, Shrimadji shares six spiritual truths in this clearest, most cogent outline of the path. A brilliant clarification on diverse perspectives, it prompts you to realise who you are, and who you are not. World-renowned spiritual leader Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji reveals the hidden treasures embedded within every verse of Atmasiddhi Shastra. The book is a step-by-step guide to self-realisation written with great compassion and vision by an enlightened Master. An indisputable path to universal truths is presented through an open-hearted dialogue between an experienced Master and an earnest seeker.

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Philosophers of the Golden Age of Islam : The Flying Man / Akbar Ahmed

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Rabbi Dr G Mazabow, Johannesburg, South Africa 1999

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