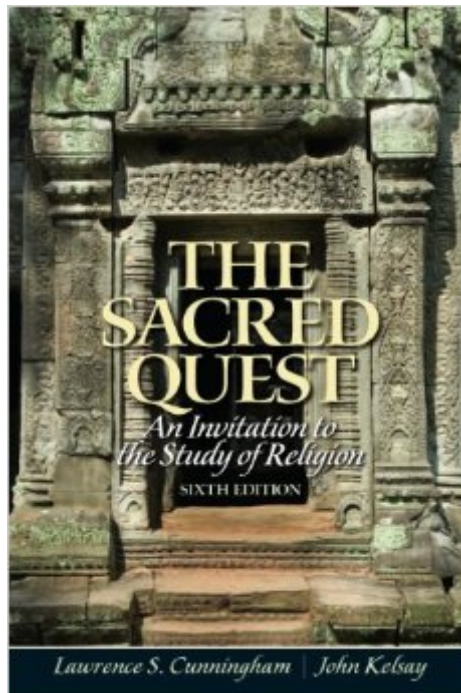


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- Recognize main ideas that characterize all religious thought and practice
- Identify theoretical issues surrounding the study of religion
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The Sacred Quest is a great read for people interested in learning about the study of religion, as it explores the meaning of the "sacred" through different mediums, including the nature and definitions of the words "sacred" and "religion," the appearance and language of the sacred in our daily lives. The authors also explore the many different types of sacred communities and rituals, which gives the reader a "crash course" into many different world religions and cultures. Another interesting aspect which the author delves into are the questions of evil and morality, although I found these two sections to be a little confusing and awkward to understand. Overall, the author does a great job of explaining the terms and ideas presented, and I would recommend this book for anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating subject!

Here goes that old, old college student again. 80 years old and a sophomore, and, yeah, bragging about it a bit. This semester I decided on a unit about Religion. Unlike a sectarian school syllabus such as might be found at Notre Dame, BYU, or SMU, this course, offered in a state school is non-sectarian. I am a devout member of a Christian faith, but I have always had an intense interest in the faiths found in all the variety all over the world. This book is one of the assigned texts, and, rather than describing what Mormons or Muslims or Buddhists "do", it digs much deeper, starting with a chapter on the task of defining "sacred". Eye opening, eminently readable, and engaging.

Try to find it from a local library first, if at all possible. I needed it for class and none of the public libraries around my location had even heard of the author, it was a pretty expensive purchase for only using it for two weeks of class.

I am having a hard time making myself read. I am only on page 23. I have read chapter 2 twice today and can't remember one paragraph as even slightly familiar from reading it not even 12 hours ago. The authors write in such a way that they are constantly describing what "this chapter is about," "this book is about," instead of just getting to the point. It is hard to keep in my brain.

This was a college text needed for class. It is what it is - a college text book. It is easy to read and understand and that is a plus.

I had to read this for my Religion 2000 class. This book is well written and easy to read. I like the small size with lots of information inside. Not a heavy book. But it is a good read.

book came in on time and was in great condition. would highly recommend renting instead of buying as you cut the cost in half and this book isn't very long

Even if I did not need this book for class, it is still an ok read. It is a quick guide referencing multiple religion, but focus on the sacred.

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