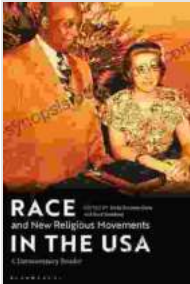


Race and New Religious Movements in the USA: Uncovering Hidden Histories and Contemporary Dynamics



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The United States is a nation renowned for its religious diversity, with a rich tapestry of faith traditions woven into its social fabric. Amidst this vibrant religious landscape, new religious movements (NRMs) have emerged as dynamic and influential forces, shaping the spiritual lives of countless Americans. Race, an enduring and complex social construct, has played a pivotal role in the development and evolution of these movements, giving rise to unique experiences and challenges.

This comprehensive book delves into the intricate relationship between race and NRMs in the USA, exploring their historical roots, contemporary manifestations, and profound implications for society. Through meticulous research and insightful analysis, it uncovers hidden histories and sheds

light on the multifaceted ways in which race shapes the beliefs, practices, and social impact of new religious communities.

Chapter 1: The Historical Roots of Race and NRMs

This chapter traces the origins of race and NRMs in the United States, examining how the concept of race has been constructed and deployed throughout history. It explores the ways in which racial ideologies have influenced the emergence and development of new religious movements, shaping their doctrines, rituals, and organizational structures.

Chapter 2: African American Religious Traditions and NRMs

The African American religious experience has been deeply intertwined with the struggle for racial justice and equality. This chapter examines the unique role of NRMs in the African American community, exploring their origins in the antebellum South, their contributions to the Civil Rights Movement, and their continued significance in contemporary society.

Chapter 3: Latino Religious Traditions and NRMs

Latino NRMs have played a vital role in shaping the religious landscape of the United States. This chapter investigates the diverse expressions of Latino spirituality within new religious movements, exploring their connections to indigenous traditions, Catholic influences, and the challenges of immigration and assimilation.

Chapter 4: Asian American Religious Traditions and NRMs

Asian American NRMs reflect the rich cultural and religious diversity of the Asian American population. This chapter examines the ways in which Buddhist, Hindu, and other Asian traditions have been adapted and transformed within new religious movements in the USA, highlighting their contributions to interfaith dialogue and cultural exchange.

Chapter 5: Contemporary Dynamics and Challenges

The relationship between race and NRMs continues to evolve in the 21st century. This chapter explores contemporary trends and challenges, including the rise of multiracial and interfaith NRMs, the impact of technology and social media on religious communities, and the ongoing struggle for racial justice and equality within the NRM landscape.

This book concludes by synthesizing the findings and insights from the previous chapters, offering a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted relationship between race and NRMs in the USA. It highlights the enduring power of spirituality to transcend racial boundaries, while also acknowledging the challenges and tensions that persist in the pursuit of religious pluralism and social justice.

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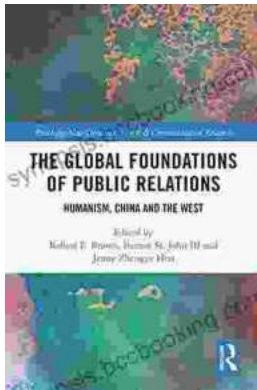
This book is an essential resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in the intersection of race, religion, and social change in the United States. Its thought-provoking insights and groundbreaking research will inspire further dialogue and contribute to a deeper understanding of the complex and dynamic religious landscape of our nation.



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