

WCF World Religions Readings

Alexander, ed.: Eerdmans' Handbook to the World's Religions
Evangelical Christian Approach

Partridge, ed.: Introduction to World Religions
Academic Study of Religion Approach

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Hultkrantz: Religion Before History:
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Brow: Origins of Religion, 30-34a.

McCutcheon: What is Religion?, 10-14. A definite departure from Brow. Follows the current approach in the Academic Study of Religion.

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Smith: Minoan-Mycenaean Civilizations, 74-75a

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Cowling: Judaism, a Historical Overview, 265-269.

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Loeliger: Melanesia, 113-114a

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