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This volume completes the immensely learned three-volume *A History of Religious Ideas*. Eliade examines the movement of Jewish thought out of ancient Eurasia, the Christian transformation of the Mediterranean area and Europe, and the rise and diffusion of Islam from approximately the sixth through the seventeenth centuries. Eliade's vast knowledge of past and present scholarship provides a synthesis that is unparalleled. In addition to reviewing recent interpretations of the individual traditions, he explores the interactions of the three religions and shows their continuing mutual influence to be subtle but unmistakable.

As in his previous work, Eliade pays particular attention to heresies, folk beliefs, and cults of secret wisdom, such as alchemy and sorcery, and continues the discussion, begun in earlier volumes, of pre-Christian shamanistic practices in northern Europe and the syncretistic tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. These subcultures, he maintains, are as important as the better-known orthodoxies to a full understanding of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

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Krocht Ehlundovi? says

This master piece was an amazing experience which brought me through millenniums of human imaginations and ideals. I instantly knew that I am going to read these books again in few years, to remind me who we are and who we have been.

The last book was about modern religions (up to the reformation era, 17th century), it describes different Catholic "sects", ways of thinking (understanding) as well as Muslim various aspects, oriental religious concepts and others (it is not my intention to name them; but one was very interesting: religious concept of old Provence culture - god and love towards women). I have been enlightened by how religious frameworks were able to assimilate older and different "schools and symbols", how thinkers and theologians were adjusting religious issues to their time and cultures.

I highly recommend these books to everybody who want to understand our world and people. It should be taught at schools, then we might be more tolerant and empathetic.

C??lin Alexandru says

Omul nereligios constituie un accident in ordinea spiritului,caci,inca de la nivelurile cele mai arhaice ale culturii,a trai ca fiinta umana este in sine un act religios.

Daca a fi sau a deveni om este,asa cum spune Eliade,a fi "religios",inseamna ca areligiozitatea reprezinta o instrainare de esenta proprie.

Jan van Leent says

The third volume of "A History of Religious Idea – From Muhammed to the Age of Reforms" by Mircea Eliade covers the vast religious area between:

- Religions of Ancient Eurasia including shamanism, paganism, and the "Celestial God"
- Christian Churches in the eighth and ninth century
- Muhammed and the unfolding of Islam
- Western Catholicism from Charlemagne to the start of the Reformation
- Judaism in the Middle Ages
- Zwingli, Calvin and the Catholic Reformation
- Tibetan Religions

Similar to the first two volumes, this vast area of religious ideas is described in a considerable depth in this third volume, although experts will certainly notice significant major omissions at once; e.g. the Reformation in Holland is not covered.

Although I have the impression that Mircea Eliade could not finish this third volume: highly recommended!

G B says

Too bad it's unfinished.

Safae says

<https://m7raby.wordpress.com/2018/11/...>

Toon Pepermans says

(read: chapters 32-39)

Myriam Zoglami says

excellent !

Ron Krumpos says

"A History of Religious Ideas 3" is one of the books in the secondary bibliography of my free ebook on comparative mysticism. "The greatest achievement in life" at suprarational.org/gail2012.pdf has been reviewed on Goodreads.
