

## LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION

LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW LIVING RELIGIONS NOW IN ITS 9TH EDITION REMAINS A CORNERSTONE TEXT FOR UNDERSTANDING THE DIVERSE TAPESTRY OF FAITH TRADITIONS WORLDWIDE THIS COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE OFFERS A NUANCED EXPLORATION OF VARIOUS RELIGIONS DELVING INTO THEIR HISTORY BELIEFS PRACTICES AND CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE THE BOOK STRIVES TO PRESENT A BALANCED AND RESPECTFUL PERSPECTIVE ACKNOWLEDGING THE RICHNESS AND COMPLEXITY OF EACH TRADITION A JOURNEY THROUGH DIVERSE FAITHS THIS EDITION LIKELY EXPANDS UPON PREVIOUS ITERATIONS INCORPORATING UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP AND CONTEMPORARY INSIGHTS INTO THE EVOLUTION OF RELIGIONS IT LIKELY ADDRESSES RECENT GLOBAL EVENTS AND SOCIETAL SHIFTS THAT HAVE IMPACTED RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPES OFFERING A MORE CURRENT AND RELEVANT UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK PROBABLY OUTLINES CORE CONCEPTS AND BELIEFS WITHIN EACH TRADITION IN CLEAR ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLEXITIES AND NUANCES WITHIN EACH RELIGION KEY THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES HISTORICAL CONTEXT THE TEXT LIKELY CONTEXTUALIZES EACH RELIGION WITHIN ITS HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MILIEU TRACING ITS DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION FROM ITS ORIGINS THIS APPROACH HELPS READERS UNDERSTAND THE HISTORICAL FORCES THAT SHAPED THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF EACH TRADITION PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS LIVING RELIGIONS LIKELY DELVES INTO THE FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHICAL IDEAS THAT UNDERPIN EACH RELIGION THIS EXPLORATION MIGHT INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF COSMOLOGY ETHICS THE NATURE OF REALITY AND THE HUMAN CONDITION RITUAL AND PRACTICE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF RITUALS CEREMONIES AND PRACTICES ARE CRUCIAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES EXPECTED ARE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF PRAYER WORSHIP PILGRIMAGE AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PRACTICES SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IMPACT THE BOOK WILL LIKELY HIGHLIGHT HOW EACH RELIGION HAS SHAPED AND BEEN SHAPED BY SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STRUCTURES THIS INCLUDES ANALYZING THE ROLES OF RELIGION IN POLITICS ECONOMICS AND DAILY LIFE IT WOULD LIKELY CONSIDER BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE SOCIETAL IMPACTS CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION WILL LIKELY EXAMINE THE CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF EACH RELIGION THIS INVOLVES 2 EXPLORING HOW VARIOUS TRADITIONS ARE NAVIGATING MODERN CHALLENGES AND SOCIETAL SHIFTS SPECIFIC RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS ADDRESSED THE TEXT WILL LIKELY COVER A BROAD SPECTRUM OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS PROVIDING A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE LIKELY INCLUDED ARE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS JUDAISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM THESE TRADITIONS WILL RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION DUE TO THEIR GLOBAL REACH AND HISTORICAL IMPACT CHAPTERS WILL LIKELY ANALYZE THE CORE TENETS SACRED TEXTS AND PRACTICES OF EACH FAITH EASTERN RELIGIONS HINDUISM BUDDHISM JAINISM SIKHISM INSIGHTS INTO THE DIVERSE PHILOSOPHIES AND PRACTICES OF THESE TRADITIONS WILL LIKELY BE EXPLORED EMPHASIZING THEIR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES ON THE NATURE OF REALITY AND THE PATH TO LIBERATION INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS THE RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITIES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY IS CRUCIAL THIS ASPECT OF THE 9TH EDITION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE STRENGTHENED BY UPDATED MATERIAL AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIVERSE NATURE OF INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE LIVING RELIGIONS OFTEN ENCOURAGES CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE EXPLORING SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES THE BOOK LIKELY PRESENTS COMPARATIVE ANALYSES HIGHLIGHTING BOTH THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES ACROSS DIVERSE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS THIS SECTION WILL EMPHASIZE COMMON THREADS AND UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS ADDRESSING MISCONCEPTIONS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND COMBAT PREJUDICE THE BOOK WILL LIKELY ADDRESS COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS SURROUNDING DIFFERENT FAITHS KEY TAKEAWAYS

FROM THE BOOK UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY IS PARAMOUNT TO NAVIGATING GLOBAL RELATIONS STUDYING RELIGIONS HELPS US TO APPRECIATE HUMAN CREATIVITY IN SEEKING MEANING RELIGIONS OFFER FRAMEWORKS FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT AND SOCIAL COHESION A NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIONS FOSTERS TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FAQs 1 Q HOW DOES THE 9TH EDITION DIFFER FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS A THE 9TH EDITION LIKELY INCORPORATES RECENT SCHOLARSHIP ADDRESSES CONTEMPORARY EVENTS AND REFLECTS EVOLVING SOCIETAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGIOUS MATTERS 3 2 Q IS THE BOOK SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS A YES THE BOOK IS DESIGNED TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO READERS WITH VARYING LEVELS OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE WHILE DETAILED IT PROVIDES CLEAR EXPLANATIONS AND EXAMPLES TO ENHANCE COMPREHENSION 3 Q HOW DOES THE BOOK APPROACH CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF RELIGION A THE TEXT LIKELY ENCOURAGES A CRITICAL BUT RESPECTFUL APPROACH TO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS IT PROMOTES ANALYSIS WITHOUT JUDGMENT 4 Q DOES THE BOOK EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION ON RELIGION A LIKELY THE 9TH EDITION EXAMINES THE EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION DISCUSSING HOW THIS FACTOR INFLUENCES THE SPREAD ADAPTATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS 5 Q WHAT IS THE INTENDED AUDIENCE FOR THIS BOOK A THE INTENDED AUDIENCE IS LIKELY STUDENTS RESEARCHERS EDUCATORS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN GAINING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLDS DIVERSE RELIGIONS ITS DESIGNED TO FOSTER AWARENESS AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO GLOBAL FAITHS UNDERSTANDING THE INTRICATE TAPESTRY OF GLOBAL RELIGIONS IS CRUCIAL IN NAVIGATING OUR INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLORATION OF THE WORLDS MAJOR AND LESSERKNOWN FAITHS PROVIDING A NUANCED AND ENGAGING PERSPECTIVE ON THEIR BELIEFS PRACTICES AND HISTORICAL CONTEXTS THIS ARTICLE WILL DELVE INTO THE KEY ASPECTS OF THIS AUTHORITATIVE TEXT HIGHLIGHTING ITS VALUE FOR STUDENTS SCHOLARS AND ANYONE SEEKING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY A DEEP DIVE INTO RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION METICULOUSLY EXAMINES VARIOUS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS INCLUDING HINDUISM BUDDHISM JAINISM SIKHISM JUDAISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM AND INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITIES THE BOOK DOESNT SIMPLY PRESENT A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW IT DELVES INTO THE INTRICACIES OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES RITUALS AND BELIEFS EACH FAITHS EVOLUTION FROM ITS ORIGINS TO ITS MODERN EXPRESSIONS IS METICULOUSLY EXPLORED UNDERSTANDING RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES THE BOOK EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES IT FOSTERS CRITICAL 4 THINKING BY ENCOURAGING READERS TO EVALUATE DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL CONTEXTS THIS CRUCIAL COMPONENT ALLOWS READERS TO APPROACH RELIGIOUS STUDIES WITH SENSITIVITY AND RESPECT THE BOOK METICULOUSLY AVOIDS IMPOSING A SINGULAR WORLDVIEW WHILE PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND EMPATHY KEY BENEFITS OF STUDYING LIVING RELIGIONS WHILE NOT EXPLICITLY OUTLINED AS BENEFITS IN THE TEXT UNDERSTANDING THE INTRICACIES OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS FOSTERS VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS ENHANCED INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND SENSITIVITY A BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL EVOLUTION CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH EVALUATING DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS APPRECIATION FOR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND PHILOSOPHIES INCREASED AWARENESS OF ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN A GLOBALIZED SOCIETY EXPLORING RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND BELIEFS THE TEXT GOES BEYOND A SIMPLE RECITATION OF DOCTRINES DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF RITUALS CEREMONIES AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS HELP READERS CONNECT WITH THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES THIS INCLUDES A DISCUSSION OF SACRED TEXTS PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS AND THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS FOR EXAMPLE THE BOOK MIGHT EXPLORE THE ROLE OF YOGA AND MEDITATION IN HINDUISM OR THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PILGRIMAGE IN ISLAM CASE STUDY THE EVOLUTION OF CHRISTIANITY THE BOOK LIKELY EXAMINES THE EVOLUTION OF CHRISTIANITY FROM ITS JEWISH ROOTS TO ITS GLOBAL SPREAD EXPLORING HOW DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS HAVE EMERGED IT COULD ANALYZE HISTORICAL EVENTS AND FIGURES THAT SHAPED THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY AS WELL AS THE INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY ON ART ARCHITECTURE AND POLITICAL THOUGHT A COMPARATIVE

APPROACH AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION IS ITS COMPARATIVE APPROACH THE BOOK LIKELY DRAWS PARALLELS AND CONTRASTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT TRADITIONS ILLUMINATING BOTH SHARED ELEMENTS AND UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THIS ALLOWS READERS TO APPRECIATE THE RICH DIVERSITY OF HUMAN SPIRITUALITY WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING COMMON THREADS THAT UNITE US ANALYZING RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES THIS SECTION WOULD EXPLORE THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RELIGION IT WOULD DISCUSS IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS AND DEBATES THE BOOK WOULD LIKELY ADDRESS CONTEMPORARY 5 CHALLENGES LIKE RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON SOCIAL ISSUES LIKE GENDER EQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTALISM THIS PROVIDES A LENS THROUGH WHICH TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN TODAY'S WORLD CONCLUSION LIVING RELIGIONS 9TH EDITION IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY BY PRESENTING A NUANCED COMPARATIVE AND HISTORICALLY GROUNDED APPROACH THE BOOK EMPOWERS READERS TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF GLOBAL RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPES WITH RESPECT AND EMPATHY IT FOSTERS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROFOUND INFLUENCE RELIGION HAS EXERTED AND CONTINUES TO EXERT ON HUMAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

EXPERT FAQs

1 Q HOW DOES THIS BOOK ADDRESS DIVERSE RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES A THE BOOK EMPLOYS A CULTURALLY SENSITIVE APPROACH AVOIDING GENERALIZATIONS AND EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING EACH TRADITION FROM ITS OWN CONTEXT

2 Q IS THIS BOOK SUITABLE FOR INTRODUCTORY RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES A ABSOLUTELY THE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE AND CLEAR EXPLANATIONS MAKE IT AN EXCELLENT INTRODUCTORY TEXT

3 Q HOW DOES THE BOOK ADDRESS CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS CHALLENGES A THE TEXT LIKELY INCORPORATES DISCUSSIONS OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND THE ONGOING INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON SOCIAL ISSUES

4 Q WHAT MAKES THIS EDITION UNIQUE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS VERSIONS A THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE NINTH EDITION SPECIFIC UPDATES OR NEW FEATURES SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED

5 Q WHAT ARE THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF STUDYING LIVING RELIGIONS A BEYOND ACADEMIC UNDERSTANDING STUDYING LIVING RELIGIONS ENHANCES INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE CRITICAL THINKING AND EMPATHY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

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GRACED WITH RICH ILLUSTRATIONS AND WRITTEN BY A TEAM OF EMINENT SCHOLARS THIS BOOK PRESENTS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON FAITHS AROUND THE WORLD EACH CHAPTER IN THIS VOLUME EXAMINES ONE OF SEVEN MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS FROM JUDAISM TO CHRISTIANITY AND FROM ISLAM TO BUDDHISM

THIS ELEMENT PROVIDES AN INTRODUCTION TO A NUMBER OF LESS FREQUENTLY EXPLORED APPROACHES BASED UPON THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGIONS NEW RELIGIONS CONVEY ORIGIN MYTHS PRESENT THEIR PARTICULAR VIEWS OF HISTORY AND CRAFT ENDTIME SCENARIOS THEIR MEMBERS CARRY OUT A VAST AND DIVERSE ARRAY OF RITUAL ACTIVITIES THEY PRODUCE LARGE CORPUSES OF WRITTEN TEXTS AND DESIGNATE A SUBSET OF THESE AS A SACROSANCT CANON THEY FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON MATERIAL OBJECTS THAT CAN RANGE FROM SACRED BUILDINGS TO OBJECTS FROM THE NATURAL WORLD THAT ARE TREATED IN RITUALIZED FASHION THE REASON FOR THIS FUNDAMENTAL SIMILARITY BETWEEN OLDER AND NEWER RELIGIONS IS BRIEFLY EXPLORED IN TERMS OF THE COGNITIVE PROCESSES THAT UNDERLIE RELIGIOUS CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES A FINAL SECTION RETURNS TO THE ISSUE OF HOW SUCH SHARED PROCESSES TAKE SPECIFIC SHAPES IN THE CONTEXT OF MODERN WESTERN SOCIETIES

THE WORLD RELIGIONS PARADIGM HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CRITIQUE AND CONTROVERSY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES FOR MANY YEARS AFTER WORLD RELIGIONS PROVIDES A RATIONALE FOR OVERHAULING THE WORLD RELIGIONS CURRICULUM AS WELL AS A ROADMAP FOR DOING SO THE VOLUME OFFERS CONCISE AND PRACTICAL INTRODUCTIONS TO CUTTING EDGE RELIGIOUS STUDIES METHOD AND THEORY INTRODUCING A WIDE RANGE OF PEDAGOGICAL SITUATIONS AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF SCHOLARS ADDRESSES THE CHALLENGES PRESENTED IN THEIR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTIONAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXTS INSTRUCTORS DEVELOPING SYLLABI WILL FIND SUPPLEMENTARY READING LISTS AND SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO HELP GUIDE THEIR TEACHING STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS WILL FIND THE BOOK AN INVALUABLE ENTRY POINT INTO AN AREA OF ONGOING SCHOLARLY DEBATE

IN THIS NEW BOOK AUTHOR RUSSELL MCCUTCHEON OFFERS A POWERFUL CRITIQUE OF TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION FOCUSING ON MULTIPLE INTERRELATED TARGETS MOST PROMINENT AMONG THESE ARE THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS AS A DISCIPLINE MIRCEA ELIADE ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE MODERN DISCIPLINE RECENT SCHOLARSHIP ON ELIADE S LIFE AND POLITICS CONTEMPORARY TEXTBOOKS ON WORLD RELIGIONS AND THE OFT REPEATED BROMIDE THAT RELIGION IS A SUI GENERIS PHENOMENON MCCUTCHEON

SKILLFULLY ANALYZES THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS FOR AND SERVICE OF THE SUI GENERIS ARGUMENT DEMONSTRATING THAT IT HAS BEEN USED TO CONSTITUTE THE FIELD'S OBJECT OF STUDY IN A FORM THAT IS AHISTORIC APOLITICAL FETISHIZED AND SACROSANCT AS SUCH HE CHARGES IT HAS HELPED TO CREATE DEPARTMENTS JOBS AND PUBLICATION OUTLETS FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMFORTABLE WITH SUCH A SUSPECT CONSTRUCTION WHILE ESTABLISHING A DISCIPLINARY ETHOS OF ASTOUNDING THEORETICAL NAIVETE AND A BODY OF SCHOLARSHIP TO MATCH SURVEYING THE TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR INTRODUCTORY COURSES IN COMPARATIVE RELIGION THE AUTHOR FINDS THAT THEY UNIFORMLY ADOPT THE SUI GENERIS LINE AND ALL THAT COMES WITH IT AS A RESULT HE ARGUES THEY ARE NOT JUST UNCRITICAL WHICH HELPS KEEP THEM POPULAR AMONG THE AUDIENCES FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED BUT BADLY DISSERVE BUT ACTIVELY INHIBIT THE EMERGENCE OF CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES AND CAPACITIES AND ON THE GEO POLITICAL SCALE HE CONTENDS THE STUDY OF RELIGION AS AN AHISTORICAL CATEGORY PARTICIPATES IN A LARGER SYSTEM OF POLITICAL DOMINATION AND ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL IMPERIALISM

SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AS ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES THE CONCEPT OF MAGIC HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN DEFINING RELIGION AND IN MEDIATING THE RELATION OF RELIGION TO SCIENCE ACROSS THESE DISCIPLINES MAGIC HAS REGULARLY BEEN CONFIGURED AS A DEFINITELY NON MODERN PHENOMENON JUXTAPOSED TO DISTINCTLY MODERN MODELS OF RELIGION AND SCIENCE YET THIS NOTION OF MAGIC HAS REMAINED STUBBORNLY AMORPHOUS IN MAKING MAGIC RANDALL STYERS SEEKS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY VITALITY OF SCHOLARLY DISCOURSE PURPORTING TO DEFINE AND EXPLAIN MAGIC DESPITE ITS FAILURE TO DO JUST THAT HE ARGUES THAT THIS PERSISTENCE CAN BEST BE EXPLAINED IN LIGHT OF THE WESTERN DRIVE TO ESTABLISH AND SECURE DISTINCTIVE NORMS FOR MODERN IDENTITY NORMS BASED ON NARROW FORMS OF INSTRUMENTAL RATIONALITY INDUSTRIOUS LABOR RIGIDLY DEFINED SEXUAL ROLES AND THE CONTAINMENT OF WAYWARD FORMS OF DESIRE MAGIC HAS SERVED TO DESIGNATE A FORM OF ALTERITY OR DEVIANCE AGAINST WHICH DOMINANT WESTERN NOTIONS OF APPROPRIATE RELIGIOUS PIETY LEGITIMATE SCIENTIFIC RATIONALITY AND ORDERLY SOCIAL RELATIONS ARE BROUGHT INTO RELIEF SCHOLARS HAVE FOUND MAGIC AN INVALUABLE TOOL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFINE THE APPROPRIATE BOUNDARIES OF RELIGION AND SCIENCE ON A BROADER LEVEL SAYS STYERS MAGICAL THINKING HAS SERVED AS AN IMPORTANT FOIL FOR MODERNITY ITSELF DEBATES OVER THE NATURE OF MAGIC HAVE OFFERED A PARTICULARLY RICH SITE AT WHICH SCHOLARS HAVE WORKED TO DEFINE AND TO CONTEST THE NATURE OF MODERNITY AND NORMS FOR LIFE IN THE MODERN WORLD

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