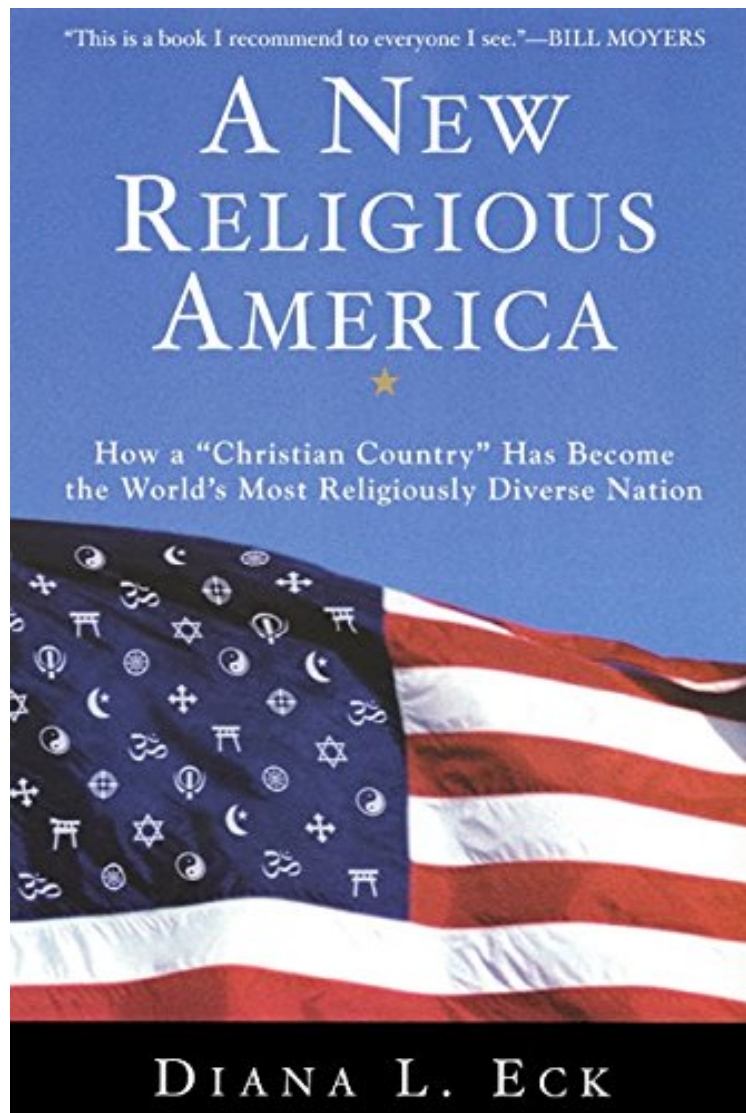


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Why Understanding America's Religious Landscape Is the Most Important Challenge Facing Us TodayThe 1990s saw the U.S. Navy commission its first Muslim chaplain and open its first mosque. There are presently more than three hundred temples in Los Angeles, home to the greatest variety of Buddhists in the world. There are more American Muslims than there are American Episcopalians, Jews, or Presbyterians.

From Publishers WeeklyEck, professor of comparative religion at Harvard University, delivers a stunning tour de force that may forever change the way Americans claim to be "one nation, under God." Drawing on her work with the Pluralism Project, an ongoing study of religious diversity in the United States, Eck focuses here on the explosion of Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist communities in America, particularly since 1965. How has the growth of these religions changed the American landscape? And just as important, how are the religions themselves changing because of America? Eck's travels take her (and us) to major cities, but also to places such as Greenville, S.C.; Portland, Maine; and Toledo, Ohio. Eck is a highly skilled ethnographer who delicately balances the challenge of interpreting events while also participating in them. The success of this portrait lies in the details: in the Nikes and Reeboks that adorn the shoe racks in Sikh gurdwaras, Islamic mosques and Hindu temples; in the Muslim Girl Scout who promises to "serve Allah and my country"; in the consecration rituals at a Massachusetts Hindu temple, where the waters of India's sacred Ganges River are mixed with the Mississippi and poured freely over the building. Eck does far more than simply document the presence of religious diversity in America; she places it in historical context and illustrates the ongoing challenges it presents by describing legal battles and pivotal court cases. The last chapters address the rise of religiously motivated hate crimes and, conversely, the innovative ways some communities have welcomed religious pluralism. This is not just a book; it is a celebration. Agent, Jill Kneerim at Palmer Dodge. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalAmerica has always been a fundamentally Christian or "Judeo-Christian" country with a few atheists and agnostics included. We're a secular, pluralist polity within that framework or so the received opinion goes. But in this wide-ranging book, Eck (religious studies, Harvard) shows us that this received opinion is erroneous. The framework is now, and in fact has always been, much broader. Eck discusses the history in America of three religious traditions with large numbers of adherents: Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Islam, she shows, arrived with African slaves. Buddhism and Hinduism came early as well, with the first Asian immigrants to the West Coast. These faiths are growing rapidly because of recent changes in our immigration laws and political turmoil in much of Asia, and thus our sense of religious pluralism needs to broaden. Well written and thorough, this volume will appeal especially to scholars, but casual readers will find much to enlighten them. Warmly recommended for both academic and public libraries. James F. DeRoche, Alexandria, VA Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistThis excellent overview of America's exploding religious diversity doubles as an impassioned call to action. In a sweeping introduction, Eck shows that since the changes in immigration laws in the 1960s, the nation's religious constituency has been altered forever. There are now as many Muslims living in the U.S. as there are Jews or Episcopalians. From Toledo, Ohio, to Eck's hometown, Cambridge, Massachusetts, the religious landscape has changed but so subtly that it has largely gone unnoticed. Soon, Eck argues, we will have to face up to the radical changes wrought by this newly grown religious diversity. After chapters focused on U.S. Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims, Eck opens a larger discussion of the meaning of religious diversity and freedom in America. She starts with the motto on U.S. currency, e pluribus unum, and examines, in her final chapter, the models Americans can use to still become one from many. Immensely readable, this call to functional plurality is an important book in the field of contemporary American religion. John GreenCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved