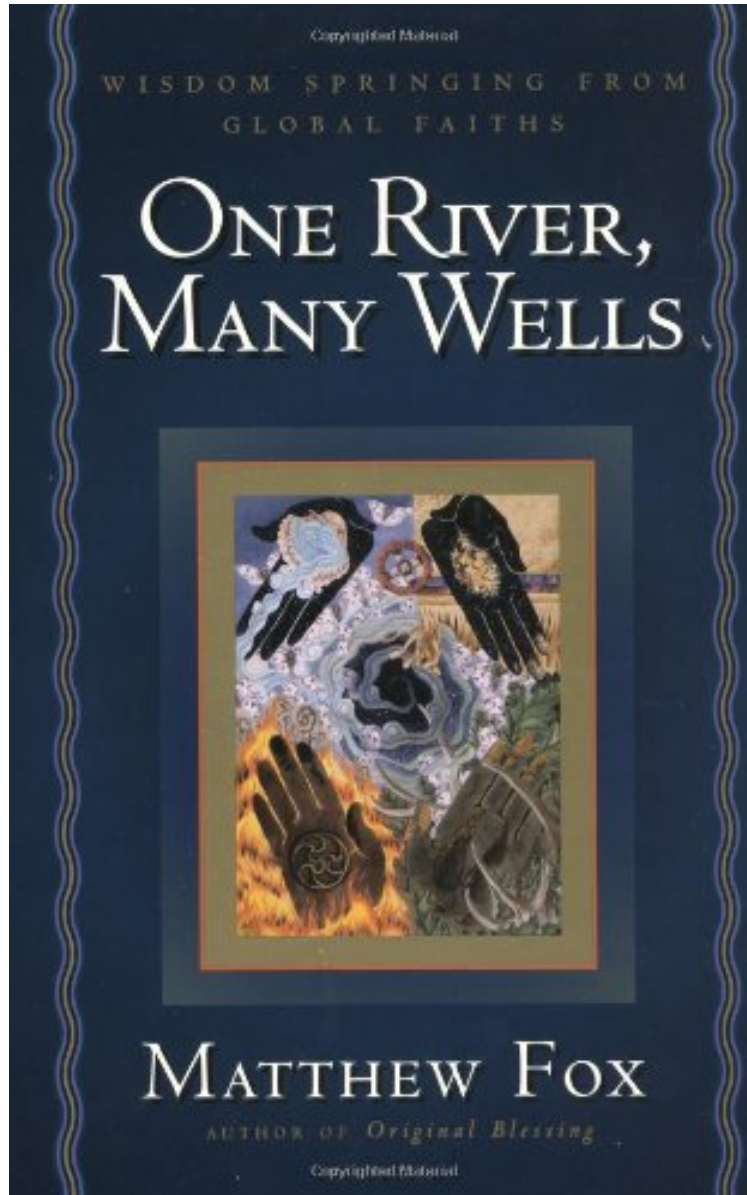


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fox. I loved the first book of his that i read more than a year ago. His writing style is clear and reader friendly. This One River Many Wells is one of the best if not the best book on comparative religion and global ethics. A must read for any lover of god and ethical skeptics.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Deep Well of Beauty, Gift, and GraceBy ChannahsorahOne River, Many Wells. First of all, it is a truly inspired and wonderful title, and the title represents the content well. The book beautifully shares how the Infinite Lord God Almighty is not limited by any "box" someone (or some groups) might attempt to enclose Almighty Divine God, The Holy Spirit in. Diving into its contents some persons who may have sort of boxed-in their own mind, heart, spirit, and soul might be inspired to open their hearts and allow the full infinite Grace of God flow in and THROUGH them. This of course would in turn fill them and free them to be fully used-of-God in loving service of who-ever they may come across in life. Clearly this is a beautiful and divine "putting of pen to paper" for us Interfaith Ministers and Chaplains. However, even those who may be dogmatic in thought and nature, judgmental/critical, and/or may take their own respective faith's Teachings and Scripture as black-and-white in-a-square-box literal, can have their eyes and hearts begin to open and layers of crusty-scales begin to fall. Sincerely searching the heart, surrendering in loving-service and prayer, in silent contemplation, and perhaps reflecting with open-hearted trusted fellow-beings, one may begin to see and understand that the basis, the central core, of All Faiths is Pure Selfless Love, Agape' Love, Unconditional Love... selfless Loving Service shall then unfold quite organically and naturally in the heart, mind, soul, intentions, thoughts, words, deeds, and actions of such-a-one. I heartily recommend it to one and all.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Purchased for a Sacred Text study classBy Marcia D ReardonThis book has been an eyeopener for me. As a person living within a interfaith community I felt very open minded and somewhat educated about the different religions overall. I have been surprised at learning so many different and important ideas and view points concerning our major religions and the important individuals connected to them. Feel like a lot of my questions have been answered in a world view way.

Maverick theologian Matthew Fox brings readers into the common heart of the world's great religions, illuminating a "deep ecumenism" for seekers everywhere. We get to the core of religion by going to the heart experience, Matthew Fox says, not by dwelling on doctrines that so easily divide even within religious traditions. In One River, Many Wells, Fox exhorts readers to embrace the common faith of deep ecumenism. Fox masterfully distills the common principles of the world's religions, and shows exactly how the different fingers of world faiths connect to a single hand. Drawing on seminal quotes, lessons, and ideas from the great faiths, he demonstrates how each expresses a common goal and approach to life, and concludes the book with "18 New Myths and Visions" that will inspire readers to embrace deep ecumenism. One River, Many Wells is an indispensable resource, envisioning a new and exciting way of faith that erases the lines of false distinction between religions and calls upon each of us to worship from our common heart.

.com Who but Matthew Fox--former Dominican priest, author of countless influential books such as Original Blessing and The Reinvention of Work, silenced by the Vatican for his controversial statements about creation spirituality, and now an Episcopal priest--would combine rave dances with a religious mass? And who else would now attempt such a distillation of the world's religions as this book brings us? Combining writings from a multitude of spiritual traditions, Fox here puts into practice the idea of deep ecumenism that he has been exploring in a series of books going back to The Coming of the Cosmic Christ in 1989. To accomplish this task, Fox focuses on four categories of spiritual inquiry that he sees running like a river through all spiritual traditions: how we relate to creation, to divinity, to ourselves (this includes topics such as meditation, art, ritual, sexuality), and, finally, how we relate to the future, a section that explores issues of service and compassion, justice and spiritual warriorhood. He then concludes with "18 New Myths and Visions" that summarize his central message. Simplicity and clarity are the goals of this book. To achieve this Fox weaves his own brief commentary through a series of quotations drawn from a myriad of traditions. While it may be faulted by some for this method of making easy connections between traditions, the book serves its purpose as a kind of primer for deep ecumenism. It will be especially useful for those new to such ideas, and to those who might otherwise never meet Hildegard of Bingen and Julian of Norwich, Hafiz, and the Sufi Ibn Arabi--not to mention Thomas Aquinas, physicist Werner Heisenberg, and geologist Thomas Berry--all sharing each other's company. -- Doug ThorpeFrom Publishers WeeklyFox, who broke from his Roman Catholic roots with his earlier books The Coming of the Cosmic Christ and Creation Spirituality, presents quotations from various faith traditions to introduce what he believes are the universals of every faith. The title comes from Fox's metaphor that every religious tradition is a different well that descends to a single subterranean river of spirituality. This is scarcely an original idea, but Fox has been one of its greatest popularizers, in the company of such illuminati as John Dominic Crossan and the scholars of the Jesus Seminar. Using the approach he has named "Deep Ecumenism," Fox writes about four universal areas of spirituality (relating to creation, relating to the divine, relating to ourselves and relating to the future), integrating quotations from the sacred writings and stories of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, folk religions and other traditions. Many of the selected quotations are set off by special margins, while others occur in boldface type in Fox's own

running text. Concluding with "Eighteen Myths for Remythologizing our Species" Arranging from the unsurprising insight that all traditions can learn from each other to the intriguing idea that sexuality is sacred A Fox continues to be an articulate presenter of the trends that he helped put in motion. If his ideas no longer seem innovative, that only credit his success as an apostle of self-made spirituality. (Oct.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Fox is at it again. The celebrated teacher, thinker, writer, spiritual guru, and Episcopal priest is well known for his outspokenness when it comes to a need for ecumenism and learning from other traditions. In his latest work, Fox explores the realm of world religion, or a system for drawing truths from the common principles of all the religions of the world. He focuses on the commonalities of all religions, instead of the doctrinal differences. Religion should foster love and understanding, Fox says, not wars and mistrust. The idea of a world religion is nothing new--scholars of religion have been promoting the idea since the 1970s. However, Fox promotes the idea by simply providing quotations, with a small introduction to each section, from various works of religion, scientists, moral thinkers, and philosophers from around the world. He separates the writings into four sections, containing such topics as creation, divinity, our inner selves, and the future, with a final section of "New Myths and Visions." Nothing astounding here, but followers and adherents of Fox will be pleased by his new look at world religions. Michael Spinella Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved