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Book Reviews



McCutcheon, R. T. (2018). *“Religion” in theory and practice: Demystifying the field for burgeoning academics*. Bristol, CT: Equinox Publishing, Ltd. 245 pp. \$32.95. ISBN 9781781796832

Russell T. McCutcheon, research professor of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama provides a phenomenal scholarly work intended for students studying religion in higher education. McCutcheon delivers an excellent resource for academic institutions, advising departments, religion departments. This work supplies as a helpful resource in advising students who are religion majors and students applying for graduate programs in religion. McCutcheon includes a section responding to essays. Author gives a theory to understand a present issue in academics regarding students studying career as a religion major and religion scholar.

McCutcheon contributes an introductory scholarly work where professors could benefit to use as a textbook in a Religion major course at an undergraduate or graduate level. McCutcheon challenges a reader as this work provides discussion of his theory. The response chapters could be used as practice in the classroom. Advising departments could benefit using it as a reference book when conducting advising sessions. This book could be a beneficial reference tool when evaluating curriculum in academic institutions.

This book is clear and thorough. The book includes contents, introduction, preamble, index. A formal conclusion is absent in this book. A conclusion would have been a benefit to a reader to have a summary of theory and responses. McCutcheon supplies Notes and References at end of each chapter excluding response chapters. In the response chapters, there is only Notes. The response chapters are written by scholars that are early in their career responding to Russell McCutcheon’s writings. There are twenty-one responses in this book.

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