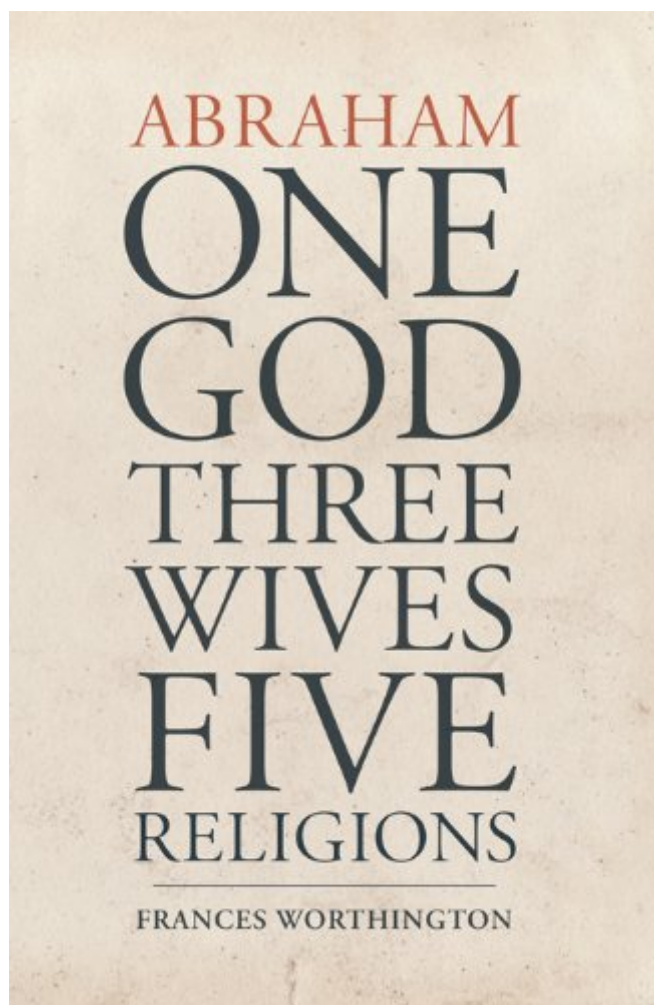


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Abraham: One God, Three Wives, Five Religions



Synopsis

In *Abraham: One God, Three Wives, Five Religions*, author Frances Worthington explores the three wives/concubines (Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah) of Abraham, and traces their lineage to five different religions—Christianity, Judaism, Islam, the Babi Faith, and the Bahai Faith. Examining the scripture and traditions of these five “Abrahamic” faiths, this complex story also draws heavily from a rich variety of historical sources that provide a fascinating backdrop. The narrative follows the life of Abraham from his birth, through his marriages and the birth of his children, and his repeated exiles. It also provides great insight into the lives of the founders of the five Abrahamic Faiths—Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, the Báb, and Baha’u’llah—and illustrates how their lives mirror that of Abraham. The final chapters consider genetics and the spread of common DNA through diverse populations worldwide and the spiritual ancestry uniting us all. The combination of Worthington’s exhaustive research and masterful narrative make this a fascinating and compelling read.

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Customer Reviews

I have been taking a course on the Old Testament and the title of this book intrigued me. I am more than halfway through and find it hard to put the book down. Fascinating...truly fascinating!!! Love the fact the author balances her observations with quotes from other religions holy text. I find myself underlining and starring pages I want to refer to again. This will be a treasured book in my personal library and one I will want to share with others. This has certainly given me a broader understanding and connected me with these five religions as never before! Abraham: One God, Three Wives, Five Religions

This book includes much more detail about Abraham's life than reading the Bible alone does. It's an awesome review of how Abraham changed the face of religion of his time, and began the descendents of five major world religions through his three wives: Judaism, Christianity, the Muslim Faith, the Babi Faith, and the Baha'i Faith. It includes detailed and complicated geneology proving concepts the author believes about the origins of these five world religions. There is also some mention of how Abraham was related to other prophets. And the author doesn't forget geneological details for all of us--Abraham's descendents.

Abraham, One God, Three Wives, Five Religions is the finest piece of integrative scholarship I have had the pleasure of reading. It draws on disparate sources ranging from scriptures and traditions of several religions to the findings of modern genetic science. The book truly illustrates the harmony of religion and science. Schliemann, over a hundred years ago, began to show skeptical scholars the value of information contained in mythology. And Frances Worthington continues and expands that methodology. I have read a lot of comparative religion, and Worthington drew several conclusions which surprised me -- usually with corroborative indicators from two or three widely disparate fields of endeavor. With all this, she has written a quite readable book, making it clear when she is speculating and when she has clearer corroboration for her conclusions. The book also illustrates just how resistant humanity is to new ideas. She showed how Moses, Christ, and Muhammad all had to reteach the ideas of monotheism. As I was reading of this, I recalled hearing people speak today of things such as their God and my God and false gods, and it occurred to me that humanity STILL has not learned the simple lesson: ONE god means there is ONE. Period.

This is a book that will set you on one of the most fascinating journeys that any soul can experience. I think it is a truly reverent retelling of an ancient story that we all think we know! When man stops killing in the name of God and Country, we will be worthy of the two letters that precede HU-MAN.

The call to grow up, put your toys away and start building a peaceful world society that values the moral and spiritual elements of civilized peoples been made.. "Society" starts and is sustained by a simple truth that has been upheld by all the spiritual teachers from historical times. The Golden Rule: " Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" Abraham gets us there with all three wives and five contending religions. If You enjoy being poked, this story is pure spiritual and mental stimuli. Religion is not what people think it is. It is a Vehicle. If you know how to drive it, it can take you to nice places. Think of it this way; people use to ride donkeys, now the donkeys are riding the people! Say what? Those who drink the wine of superstition and drive the vehicle of religion will wreck it.

I gave this book five stars because it helped me 1) make sense of the history of the Middle East origin faiths and how they are all spiritually related, 2) that their teachings, when looked at in historical order, make even more sense for today, 3) the author does a great job of providing a web of background for each faith to support the careful facts she has presented about each, 4) she does all of this with occasional humorous yet enlightening metaphors to help explain important points, and 5) she helped open my mind about the impact of faith spiritually and even genetically!

If you are seeking clarification regarding how world religions arose and relate to one another, this is what you should read. If you are seeking a solution to the seemingly endless conflict between adherents of world religions, the answer is in this book. Looking for the solution to the stress and challenges of modern life? This is your book and the sooner you read it, the quicker the Creator's infallible Plan for all of humanity, each and everyone of us, will be made absolutely clear .

This is a VERY interesting book. It's well researched and contains information enlarging the understanding of members of all the major faiths born in the Middle East. It serves not only to help explain much about the births of these religions, but draws a picture of the progressive revelation of religious knowledge through 1000s of years up to the present. I would recommend it to anyone who bears even the slightest interest in the subject. There are, however, moments when it requires a studious concentration, hence the 4 stars.

This was an extremely interesting book! I've referred it to several of my friends. Many people had not realized that Abraham had a child with his last wife, Khatura -- I had to check my Bible and there she was! Very illuminating. I strongly recommend it.

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