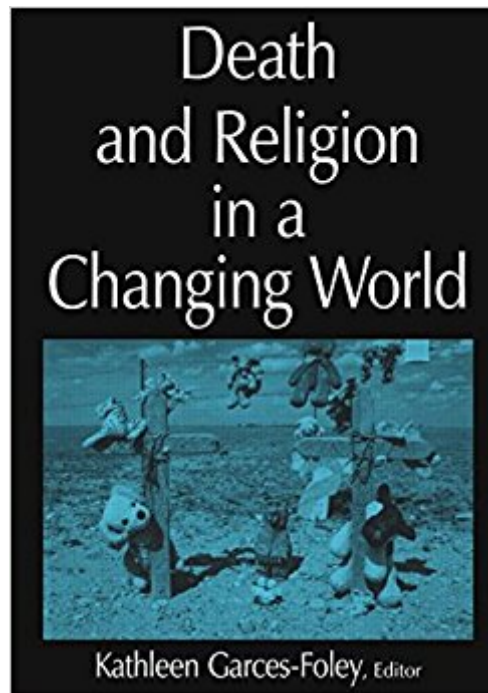




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This is an excellent, comprehensive study of the ways world religions view death and have created funeral practices that reflect their beliefs. Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, as well as Protestantism and Catholicism, are covered, followed by an intriguing section on contemporary, non-sectarian rites and practices. The fourteen essays are extensively documented, making this a highly valuable reference book for researchers, as well as textbook for religious studies, ethnic studies and sociology courses.

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