An Introduction to the Psychology of Religion - Robert H. Thouless 1971
The third edition of this successful book, which applies the science of psychology to problems of religion, Dr. Thouless explores such questions as: why do people believe? Why are their beliefs often held with irrational strength? How are changes in belief systems related to mental health? What are reasonable attitudes towards alternative belief systems? This edition includes samples of the experimental and statistical studies of religious problems, including the author's own study of the strength of religious belief. This edition also addresses problems of Christian religious systems, with special consideration given to the problems of mutual toleration. Finally Dr. Thouless considers whether it is reasonable for modern man to adhere to any religious belief system. This is an excellent textbook for students of the social sciences, particularly psychology and theology, and will also interest the general reader who has an intellectual curiosity about religion.

The Position of Magic in Selected Medieval Spanish Texts - Francis Tobienne 2009-05-27 It is difficult to assess an explanation of a belief, or a belief system in words, Tobienne begins, and harder still to assign signification to such inexplicable convictions. This book addresses the often blurred line between magic, religion, and society.

Culture Wars - Roger Chapman 2010 A collection of letters from a cross-section of Japanese citizens to a leading Japanese newspaper, relating their experiences and thoughts of the Pacific War.

Human Development: A Life-Span View - Robert V. Kail 2015-01-01 Balanced coverage of the entire life span is just one thing that distinguishes HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: A LIFE-Span VIEW, Seventh Edition. With its comprehensive, succinct, and applied coverage, the text has proven its ability to capture students' interest while introducing them to the issues, forces, and outcomes that make us who we are. Robert V. Kail's expertise in childhood and adolescence, combined with John C. Cavanaugh's extensive research in gerontology, result in a book with a rich description of all life-span stages and important topics. A modified chronological approach traces development in sequential order from conception through late life, while also dedicating several chapters to key topical issues. This organization also allows the book to be relatively briefer than other texts, a benefit given the enormous amount of information covered in the course. The authors provide theoretical and empirical foundations that enable students to become educated, critical interpreters of developmental information. A blend of basic and applied research, as well as coverage of controversial topics and emergent trends, demonstrates connections between the laboratory and life. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

State Neutrality - Kerry O'Halloran 2021-01-21 O'Halloran provides a comparative evaluation of contemporary law as it relates to religion in six developed nations.

Follies of Power - David P. Calleo 2009-04-20 The book discusses the dangers of the "unipolar view" of world politics, one in which the United States is overwhelmingly predominant and should act accordingly. The book notes the damage caused by this view in action - as in the Middle East and Europe. It assesses the real strengths and weaknesses of American power - "soft," military, economic, and moral. It contrasts the federal systems of "Old America" and "New Europe" as models for governing today's increasingly plural system. It notes how friendly balancing from Europe is critical for maintaining America's own constitutional equilibrium.

Governance Reform Under Real-World Conditions - Sina Odugbemi 2008-06-13 Although necessary and often first rate, technocratic solutions alone have been ineffective in delivering real change or lasting results in governance reforms. This is primarily because reform programs are delivered in controlled environments, but under complex, diverse, sociopolitical and economic conditions. Real-world conditions. In political societies, ownership of reform programs by the entire country cannot be assumed, public opinion will not necessarily be benign, and coalitions of support may be scarce or nonexistent, even when intended reforms really will benefit those who need them most. While the development community has the technical tools to address governance challenges, experience shows that technical solutions are often insufficient. Difficulties arise when attempts are made to apply what are often excellent technical solutions. Human beings—either acting alone or in groups small and large—are not as amenable as are pure numbers, and they cannot be ignored. In the real world, reforms will not succeed, and they will certainly not be sustained, without the correct alignment of citizens, stakeholders, and voice. Governance Reform under Real-World Conditions: Citizens, Stakeholders, and Voice is a contribution to efforts to improve governance systems around the world, particularly in developing countries. The contributors, who are academics and development practitioners, provide a range of theoretical frameworks and innovative approaches and techniques for dealing with the most important non-technical or adaptive challenges that impede the success and sustainability of reform efforts. The editors and contributors hope that this book will be a useful guide for practitioners, think tanks, civil society organizations, and development agencies working to improve the ways in which governance reforms are implemented around the world.

Faith Schools, Tolerance and Diversity - Helen Everett 2018-03-28 This book examines the effects of faith schools on social cohesion and inter-ethnic relations. Faith schools constitute approximately one third of all state-maintained schools and two fifths of the independent schools in England. Nevertheless, they have historically been, and remain, controversial. In the current social climate, questions have been raised about the ability of faith schools to promote Community Cohesion and, included within that, their ability to promote tolerance. This book explores one aspect of the debate by examining the effect that faith schools have on their students' attitudes of tolerance. As well as asking what differences exist between students in faith and non-faith schools, it also looks at which aspects of the schools might be affecting the students and their attitudes towards different minorities. The book is a must-read for students and researchers in the fields of education and religious studies, as well as anyone with an interest in the place of faith schools in a modern multicultural society.

Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty, Form 08.018 Sovereignty Education and Defense Ministry (SEDM) 2020-02-06 This document rebuts common government, legal profession, and liberal media false propaganda intended to discredit sovereignty advocates.

Grace Is A Pre-existing Condition - David Finnegan-Hosey 2020-02-17 Crucial conversations about mental health and mental healthcare, from a faith perspective. Emerging from David Finnegan-Hosey's personal experience of living with a diagnosis deemed a "preexisting condition" by insurance companies, Grace Is A Pre-existing Condition explores the theological and spiritual dimensions of our public discourse around mental healthcare and mental illness and finds there the transformative reality of grace. The author's insights will be of benefit to anyone concerned about creating a more just healthcare system, but particularly those who struggle with- and care for those who struggle with mental health. Though focusing on mental health, including preexisting conditions and medical debt, his observations are equally applicable to people dealing with a variety of...
physical and chronic illnesses. While intentionally approaching the subject through the lens of Christian theology, this book is a contribution to a broader conversation about the role of the church in the healthcare system which will likely be in the spotlight in future political debates. Combining the accessibility of personal narrative with issues receiving attention on the national scale, Grace Is A Pre-existing Condition can begin vital and creative dialogues at a crucial time for the church and the country.

Human Rights in the Extractive Industries-Isabel Feichtner 2019-06-13 This book addresses key challenges and conflicts arising in extractive industries (mining, oil drilling) concerning the human rights of workers, their families, local communities and other stakeholders. Further, it analyses various instruments that have sought to mitigate human rights violations by defining transparency-related obligations and participation rights. These include the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), disclosure requirements, and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

The book critically assesses these instruments, demonstrating that, in some cases, they produce unwanted effects. Furthermore, it highlights the importance of resistance to extractive industry projects as a response to human rights violations, and discusses how transparency, participation and resistance are interconnected.

African Research & Documentation- 2009

Modern Public Information Technology Systems: Issues and Challenges-Garson, G. David 2007-03-31 Examines the most important dimensions of managing IT in the public sector and explores the impact of IT on governmental accountability and distribution of power, the implications of privatization as an IT business model, and the global governance of IT.

Harnessing Renewable Energy in Electric Power Systems-Boaz Maelwe 2010-09-23 Reflects on its reliance on fossil fuels, the electric power industry produces the majority of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. The need for a revolution in the industry becomes further apparent given that 'decarbonization' means an increasing electrification of other sectors of the economy in particular, through a switch from gasoline to electric vehicles. Of the options for producing electric power without significant greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy is most attractive to policymakers, as it promises increased national self-reliance on energy supplies and the creation of new industries and jobs, without the safety and political concerns of nuclear power or the unproven technology of carbon capture and storage. Drawing on both economic theory and the experiences of the United States and EU member states, Harnessing Renewable Energy addresses the key questions surrounding renewable energy policies. How appropriate is the focus on renewable power as a primary tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions? If renewable energy is given specific support, what form should that support take? What are the implications for power markets if renewable generation is widely adopted? Thorough and well-evidenced, this book will be of interest to a broad range of policymakers, the electric power industry, and economists who study energy and environmental issues.

The United Nations Special Procedures System-Aoilfie Nolan 2017-01-12 The United Nations Special Procedures system is a key element of the evolving international framework for human rights protection and promotion. However, despite the system's expansion, the range of roles and functions performed by mandate holders, and the mounting evidence of its strengths and limitations, there has been very little academic interrogation or analysis of Special Procedures. This lacuna is ever-more problematic given the growing profile and effectiveness of the Special Procedures' work, as well as the increasing attention and challenges that they face, both externally from States and internally from within the UN system. Given the current 'state of play' of Special Procedures, it is essential that scholarly attention be focussed upon the system. How does it contribute to international human rights protection? How, when and why does it fail to do so? What steps can and should be taken to address shortcomings both within the system and in terms of the legal and political context within which it operates? Featuring expert contributions from key players within, and expert commentators on, the Special Procedures system, this volume addresses these questions in an in-depth and rigorous scholarly manner.

 Battling Resistance to Antibiotics and Pesticides-Ramanan Laxminarayan 2010-09-30 The increasing resistance of bacteria to antibiotics, and pests to pesticides, threatens to undo some of the most remarkable advances made in public health and agriculture during the past century. Though the potential consequences of increased antibiotic and pesticide resistance are far reaching, regulatory efforts to address the problem are at a very early stage. Battling Resistance to Antibiotics and Pesticides moves such discussions forward by presenting cutting edge research and the first comprehensive application of economic tools to analyze how antibiotics and pesticides should be used to maximize their value to society. Laxminarayan and his contributors explore lessons from past experiences with resistance, especially in agriculture. They consider what incentives would be ideal for the individuals who prescribe or apply antibiotics and pesticides, and what would be ideal for the firms engaged in developing and producing these products. The chapters in this groundbreaking book reflect the fact that efforts to combat resistance will require contributions from a broad range of scholars and professionals, representing a broad range of expertise. The book shows that, for all these participants, an understanding of economic issues is an essential complement to knowledge of medical or biological factors. The book provides economists with an overview of relevant scientific issues, as well as a variety of analytical approaches to studying the economics of resistance. It offers policymakers detailed analyses of the multiple dimensions of resistance and discusses the future strategies to combat and manage resistance. For professionals in medicine, public health, and agriculture, the book translates the economic approaches into usable guidance for daily practice and decisionmaking.

Faith and Freedom-Sven R. Larson 2019-07-29 As America approaches her 250th birthday, she is also approaching a fork in the road. The choice before us is moral and boils down to two terms: liberty or social justice? We cannot have both. This book, written by a Swedish immigrant, lays out the moral case for returning America to the Christian, libertarian values that the Founding Fathers wrote into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These values guarantee liberty and allows, but not by liberty, but by the endless pursuit of social justice. As this book explains, there is a path back to freedom, one illuminated by faith, paved with practical, sensible policy reforms and traveled by people ready to exercise responsible citizenship.

God and the Human Environment-Osukwo Jude Thaddeus Ikenna, PhD 2015-07-02 God and the Human Environment: Catholic Principles of Environmental Stewardship as a Template for Action in Nigeria brings into conversation the Church’s theological reflection on the mandate to care for God’s creation and the circumstances of the environment in Nigeria. In vivid terms and with systematic thinking, Fr. Jude Osukwo, a theologian who specializes in Environmental Studies and Pastoral Catechism, explores the biblical, theological, magisterial, and doctrinal bases that underlie a faithful response to contemporary environmental challenges. After setting the stage with a summation of the issues and a survey of significant ecclesiastical statements on the topic of the environment, God and the Human Environment addresses Catholic theological principles of stewardship, Christian responsibility, and the ethics of development. Then the discussion turns to the environment of Nigeria, assessing its current state and reviewing the causes and consequences of environmental challenges before proposing pastoral responses for the Church. Finally, some chapters address likely developments in Nigeria and the Church. An extensive bibliography and several appendices provide additional support.

God and the Human Environment is a rigorously researched and passionately presented exploration of the issues growing out of the environmental circumstances Nigerians currently face. Whether you live in Nigeria or count yourself as a member of the Catholic Church and live somewhere else, God and the Human Environment explores a topic that promises to make a difference in your life and to protect the part of the environment that God has created for you to tend.

Capacity Withdrawals in the Electricity Wholesale Market-Panagiotis Tsangaris 2017-08-30 This book examines the issue of capacity withdrawals in the electricity wholesale market. Electricity generators can exercise market power in the wholesale market either by withdrawing generation capacity, or by pricing above competitive levels in order to achieve a higher market price and, thereby, increase revenues. After a comprehensive explanation of capacity withdrawal practices and the issues that arise when proceeding under competition law, the book analyses whether an increased state of transparency, as provided for in the REMIT and Regulation 543/2013, could facilitate the efficient functioning of electricity wholesale markets and the investigation of capacity withdrawal practices. It also examines the effect of the prohibition of market manipulation as prescribed for in competition law.
Cosmos and Revelation—Peter R. Stork 2021-09-30 Science and technology have profoundly altered the cosmic and societal perceptions of the world. Regrettably, the Christian imagination has not kept pace. Most believers still adhere to pre-scientific views. Cosmos and Revelation urges the Christian community to reimagine God’s created universe based on the equipage of science. For if God has indeed brought forth an intelligible world for us to explore through scientific research, those who profess this faith ought to, as a minimum, allow scientific findings to expand their theological horizon. Drawing on his scientific qualification and academic background in theology, Peter R. Stork opens several windows on God’s creative lab. From galactic star nurseries to the wonderland of living cells. After rereading Genesis 1 and 2, the author interfaces examples and reflections to present a coherent yet provocative sketch of the new landscape that spreads out before us, leaving it to his readers to intuit for themselves the immensities Christians are challenged to embrace in the age of science.

Health Systems Policy, Finance, and Organization—Guy Carrin 2010-05-22 This volume is unique in its systematic approach to these three pillars of health systems analysis will give readers of various backgrounds authoritative material about subjects adjacent to their own specialities. Assembling such comparative materials is usually an onerous task because so many programs possess their own vocabularies, goals, and methods. This book will provide common grounds for people as diverse as economists and finance, allied health, business and management, and the social sciences, including psychology. Given readers of various backgrounds authoritative material about subjects adjacent to their own specialities. Provides commonly ground for people as diverse as economics and finance, allied health, business and management, and the social sciences, including psychology

A Postmodern Revelation—Jacques M. Chevalier 1997 In this new interpretation of the Book of Revelation, Jacques M. Chevalier examines the relationship between astromythology and Western interpretation. While scholars have noted the influence of ancient astromythology in Revelation before, Chevalier shows how John’s heavenly imagery is the key to a polemical dialogue between modes of storytelling in Western history: astrology and eschatology, and naturalism and logo centrism. The book also explains how the “genetical” concerns of modern academia about the origins of natural and cultural history have supplanted the future-oriented visions of sidereal divination and Christian prophecy. The first three chapters and epilogue situate Chevalier’s biblical analysis in the context of broader interpretations of astrology and the apocalypse developed by Jung, D.H. Lawrence, L.T.-Strauss, Derrida, Foucault, Cassirer; Adorno, Frye, Barthes, and Morin. They also provide the reader with a solid background in the history of astrological belief systems and exegetical readings of Revelation extending from antiquity to the late twentieth century. The remaining chapters are devoted to two questions. First, how does the imagery in Revelation relate to expressions of astromythology? Second, how do twelfth-century readings of Revelation reflect a ‘genetical’ perspective on notions of signs, textuality, and destiny? A Postmodern Revelation is itself an ‘apocalypse,’ a revelation to scholars interested in sign theory, eschatology, and the history of astrology. The book does far more than interpret the specific biblical text of John’s Revelation: it plays with polemics and parallels in the history of Western thought, tracing the history of signs and their meaning from antiquity to a postmodern era that heralds the end of all myths of the End.

ICT-Based Assessment, Methods, and Programs in Tertiary Education—Meri Yilan, Serpal 2020-04-17 The use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education has revolutionized learning. Shifting beyond traditional modes of education, the integration of ICTs has become an advantage for students at tertiary education when used for the right purpose to enhance learning. The use of technology brings forth a flexible and accessible mode of education and bridges the gap of learning across borders. This enables students at tertiary level to have access to other universities and academic resource materials globally, thereby expanding their knowledge. Thus, it is crucial to consider the development of technology in education as part of a comprehensive pedagogical framework and take into account new developments in ICTs. ICT-Based Assessment, Methods, and Programs in Tertiary Education is an essential research publication that provides relevant theoretical frameworks and recent empirical research findings on integrating ICTs in tertiary education to enhance learning and allow students to take more control of their learning. Highlighting topics such as assessment, language learning, and e-learning, this book is ideal for teachers, professionals, academicians, researchers, administrators, curriculum designers, instructional designers, and students.

Enforcing Privacy—David Wright 2016-04-19 This book is about enforcing privacy and data protection. It demonstrates different approaches – regulatory, legal and technological – to enforcing privacy. If regulators do not enforce laws or regulations or codes or do not have the resources, political support or wherewithal to enforce them, they effectively eviscerate and make meaningless such laws or regulations or codes, no matter how laudable or well-intentioned. In some cases, however, the mere existence of such laws or regulations, combined with a credible threat to invoke them, is sufficient for regulatory purposes. But the threat has to be credible. As some of the authors in this book make clear – it is a theme that runs throughout this book – “carrots” and “soft law” need to be backed up by “sticks” and “hard law”. The authors of this book view privacy enforcement as an activity that goes beyond regulatory enforcement, however. In some sense, enforcing privacy is a task that befalls to all of us. Privacy advocates and members of the public can play an important role in combating the continuing intrusions upon privacy by governments, intelligence agencies and big companies. Contributors to this book - including regulators, privacy advocates, academics, SMEs, a Member of the European Parliament, lawyers and a technology researcher - share their views in the one and only book on Enforcing Privacy.

Faith-Based Education That Constructs—HeeKap Lee 2010-08-09 Constructivism is everywhere. It is a hot issue at this time in the field of philosophy, education, technology, and religion. However, can constructivism be an alternative approach in faith-based education? While some conclude that Jesus knew learning was an active knowledge-creating process, and that he always encouraged his disciples to think deeply and go beyond the surface level, others would find that constructivism undercuts faith-based education because of its claims to relativity. For example, constructivists claim that meaning is imposed on the world by us rather than existing in the world independently from us. Thus, they proclaim that truth is relative to particular times, places, and people. Christians hold that truth does exist absolutely. So how can there be a way forward for faith-based educators who see the good in the constructivist approach? In Faith-Based Education that Constructs readers will find a unique approach whereby constructivism may appropriately be applied to a faith-based education setting. Although disagreement can occur between constructivism and faith-based education, this book concludes that constructivist thought and Christian faith-based education are, in the end, congruent and harmonious in significant ways. Those faith-based educators who continue to hold cautionary views of radical constructivist assertions against absolute truths need not disregard all other aspects of constructivism.

The Future of Interreligious Dialogue—Cohen, Charles L. 2017-09-14

Living Faith—Jacques Ellul 1983

-Phil Simon 2008-11-17 What does a Fortune 500 company implementing a multimillion dollar “off the shelf” system have in common with a 150 person firm building its own system? In each case, the organization failed to activate and utilize its system as initially conceived by senior management. These two organizations are hardly alone. On the contrary, more than three in five new systems fail. Many miss their deadlines. Others exceed their initial budgets, often by ghastly amounts. Even systems activated on time often fail to produce their expected results and almost immediately experience major problems. While the statistics are grim, there is at least some good news: This doesn’t have to be the case. Organizations often lack the necessary framework to minimize the chance of system failure at three key points: before, during, and after system implementation. Why New Systems Fail provides such a framework with specific tools, tips, and questions from the perspective of a seasoned, independent consultant with more than a decade of related experience. The book examines in great detail the root causes of system failures. Case studies, examples, and lessons from actual system implementations are presented in an informative, straightforward, and very readable manner.
More than a theoretical or technical text, the book offers pragmatic advice for organizations both deploying new systems and maintaining existing ones.

Supporting Tobacco Cessation-Ravara, Sofia Belo 2021-01-01 This Monograph provides a comprehensive overview of tobacco cessation, from health policy to patient care. Broad in scope, this state-of-the-art collection is broken down into four sections: the changing landscape of the tobacco epidemic and challenges to curb it; treatment of tobacco dependence (pharmacotherapy, behavioural support); improving the care of patients with particular conditions who smoke (asthma, COPD, TB, cardiovascular diseases, etc.); and prevention. It also deals with some of the more controversial topics such as e-cigarettes and web applications. Readers will gain an understanding of how to implement smoking cessation into their everyday practice, but will also expand their knowledge about the policy and systems changes needed for population-wide smoking cessation.

Contractual Renegotiations and International Investment Arbitration-Aikaterini Florou 2020-03-02 In Contractual Renegotiations and International Investment Arbitration, Aikaterini Florou explores the complex phenomenon of the renegotiation of investor-state contracts. The author reconsitucts the relationship between those contracts and the overarching investment treaties using an original interpretative methodology based on transaction cost economics and relational contract theory.

Patents on Life-Thomas C. Berg 2019-10-24 A unique collection of legal, religious, ethical, and political perspectives on debates surrounding biotechnology patents or ‘patents on life’.

Can the European Court of Human Rights Shape European Public Order?-Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou 2021-11-30 The first comprehensive analysis of the concept of European Public Order as deployed by the European Court of Human Rights.

Special Religious Education in Australia and its Value to Contemporary Society-Zehavit Gross 2021-02-22 This book explores the advantages of and challenges concerning Special Religious Education (SRE) in multicultural Australia and argues for the need for General Religious Education (GRE) as well. Through the lens of the most recent scholarship, and drawing on an in-depth qualitative study and specific case studies, the book examines the current debate on the role of religious education within government schools. It addresses key concepts of values education, spirituality, health and wellbeing, and cultural and religious identity. It analyses why it is important to retain SRE, together with GRE, as government policy. It explores highly relevant, controversial and contested issues regarding SRE, including the 30% of Australia’s population who declare themselves as having “no religion”, and brings fresh insights to the table. While secularization has increased in both the national and international spheres, there has also been an increase in fundamentalism within religious beliefs. Events such as the September 11 terror attacks and the more recent mass shootings by white supremacists and eco-fascists in Christchurch, New Zealand, and Pittsburgh and San Diego in the USA are reminders that religion is still a major actor in the twenty-first century. This poses new challenges for the relationship between church and state, and demonstrates the need to revisit the role of religious education within government schools. While the importance of GRE is generally acknowledged, SRE has increasingly come under attack by some researchers and teacher and parent bodies as being inappropriate and contradictory to the values of the postmodern world. On the other hand, the key stakeholders from all the faith traditions in Australia wish to retain the SRE classes in government schools. The book addresses this burning issue, and shows that it is relevant not only for Australia but also globally.

The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination-Patrick Thornberry 2016 This Oxford Commentary is the first comprehensive article-by-article analysis of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. It discusses the conceptual and instrumental framework of the Convention and the CERD Committee, and addresses some of the critical challenges confronting the Convention.

Mark Tobey, Art and Belief-Mark Tobey 1984

Assistive Technologies and Environmental Interventions in Healthcare-Lynn Gitlow 2019-10-07 Providing a holistic and client-centered approach, Assistive Technologies and Environmental Interventions in Healthcare explores the individual’s needs within the environment, examines the relationship between disability and a variety of traditional and cutting-edge technologies, and presents a humanistic discussion of Technology-Environment Intervention (TEI). Written by a multidisciplinary team of authors, this text introduces readers to a variety of conceptual practice models and the clinical reasoning perspectives. It also provides insight into how designers go about solving human-tech problems, discusses best practices for both face-to-face and virtual teams, and looks at the psychological, sociocultural, and cognitive factors behind the development and provision of assistive technologies. Examines a wide range of technologies and environmental interventions Demonstrates how a better understanding of the complexity of human interaction with both the physical and social environment can lead to better use of technology Explores the future of technology and research in TEI Complete with a range of learning features such as keywords, case studies and review questions, this book is ideal for undergraduate and graduate students in occupational therapy and other related health professions, as well as those undertaking certification and board examinations.

Global Perspectives on Catholic Religious Education in Schools-Michael T. Buchanan 2015-10-05 This book covers theoretical aspects of Catholic Religious Education in schools and examines them from multiple theoretical and contextual perspectives. It captures the contemporary academic and educational developments in the field of Religious Education while discussing in detail the challenges that Religious Educators face in different European, Asian, African, Australian, American and Latin American countries. The edited collection investigates how to pass on a Catholic heritage as a “living tradition” in diversely populated schools and communities. In this way it explores and asserts the proper identity of Catholic Religious Education in dialogue with Catechetics and with the wider discipline of Religious Education. As the different articles of this publication demonstrate - through a series of interesting and critical points of view - Catholic Religious Education is confronted with many challenges from the risk of marginalization to the confusion produced by a religious indifferentism leading to a strictly comparative or neutral method in the study of religions. It is essential to take into account in our research perspectives that Catholic Religious Education is not only a subject but also a mission in the light of the diaconia of truth in the midst of humanity H.E. Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Prefect, Congregation for Catholic Education, Holy See, Vatican City Religious education teachers cannot by themselves overcome the ills of society, but religious education... can help to create better citizens of the world as some authors argue throughout this collection. could not ask more from such timely and provocative collection. It is a gift to the profession and to Catholic Religious Education. Prof. Gloria Durka, Fordham University, New York, NY, USA