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The new, revised edition of a perennial reference favorite! The Handbook of Denominations is widely recognized as the most accurate, objective, and comprehensive source of information on America's religious denominations. Revisions in the 11th edition include:

new introductory article, "Religion in America"

reorganization of church "family" groupings, with expanded treatment of Catholic, Fundamentalist, Holiness, and Pentecostal churches, among others

updated and standardized statistical information

thoroughly revised directory of denominational offices

new appendices, including information on membership in the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Council of the Churches of Christ

chart showing the historical relationships of church bodies to one another

revised bibliography

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Jane says

Great! Unbias presentation of the major WESTERN religious denominations. I have this edition and I just got the 13th edition with a gift card. A MUST FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN RELIGION OR WHAT BELIEVERS REALLY BELIEVE in all the different places of worship.

Danny Bennett says

Interesting to get a synopsis on various denominations. It's also a little depressing to read how Christians are so divided, particularly for prideful or ridiculous reasons. Read the whole thing, but might come back to reference it if necessary.

Liz says

This is a good basic reference book. Additional regional and local research will be required to track shifts in denominations and splinter groups.

Barbara says

Useful easy to reference descriptions of the religious landscape.

Scott Cox says

This is an extremely helpful guide and overview of the myriad of religious denominations found in the United States. This book began being published in 1951, and has been updated almost annually, an amazing indicator of the rapid growth of various North American sects and cults.

Vannessa Anderson says

Handbook of Denominations In the United States is a dictionary defining the major Christian denominations. It describes denomination as “*merely a self-conscious religious organization that includes but is greater than a local community of faith of which Judaism and Islam is not included.*” And, “*Many newer communities of faith avoid the word ‘denomination’ because it is associated with national corporations.*” A couple of things I found interesting are:

- 1) *Judaism, Christianity and Islam trace their history back to Abraham.*
- 2) *All who submitted to the rules to righteousness given to Abraham were the true children of Abraham and*

were Muslims.

The Handbook is a great read for all but probably only students of philosophy, religion, logic, sociologists, mental health specialists, archeologists, etc., will truly appreciate the information within.

Taryn Cleaves says

Great resource to keep on your shelf

Reginald says

This is a marvelous RE-READ.....I can remember reading this book more that 25 years ago. The Library's Reference Department had to keep it under lock and key. This is an excellent reference book for most Church Libraries, mostly because it can open One's understanding concerning how to approach or compel someone, based on their own religious background, regardless of what how or what you are currently thinking or believing as true. The book cover a lot of detailed historical information about origins, breakouts, divided thoughts (divisions), etc. An interesting read for those who may be interested.

Rick says

If you want to know what a certain denomination believes or what a certain church practices then this is a great resource for you. From Mormons to Christian Scientists to Baptists to Lutherans to Catholics to Methodist and on you get a brief history and explanation of beliefs for hundereds of denomns and religions in the USA.

J-T says

Lohfink, in *Does God Need the Church?*, compares the proliferation of churches and denominations to the prodigality of creation: an overabundance of stars, an excess of species. This book is not just a great reference but a fun read.

Tom Henderson says

Very good reference book. Sticks to the facts about each religion and denomination without arguing the merits.

Rheta Thola says

it provides a lot of history of how the denominations started, and then how they got to the US and what

influence they have had in American culture (or vice versa). The best section was on Native American Christianity.

Kate Davis says

A useful starting point, but definitely will want to check out denomination's individual resources for more explained beliefs and practices.

Robbie says

very good book, one of my favorites.

CD says

I have a couple of 'editions' of this in the library. A handy guide to the pantheon of religious sects and groups ranging from those with handfuls of members to those with members and adherents in every nook and cranny of the country.

The brief, but detailed descriptions will guide the inquisitive user to realize that not all "fill in the blank" adherents are the same. In fact, as has always been the case, religious denomination have flavors and sects that in many cases are related in name only, or in centuries old common roots.

Student, journalist, U.S. historian, or watcher of popular culture may find this a handy reference to have access to, if not own.
