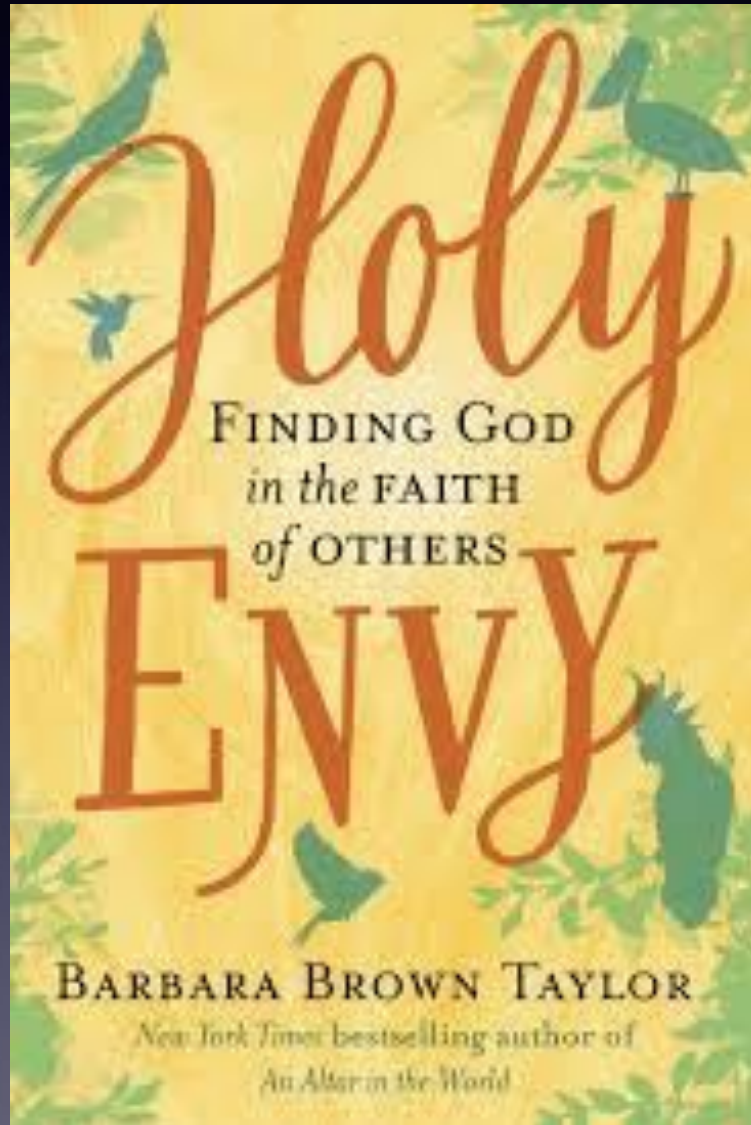


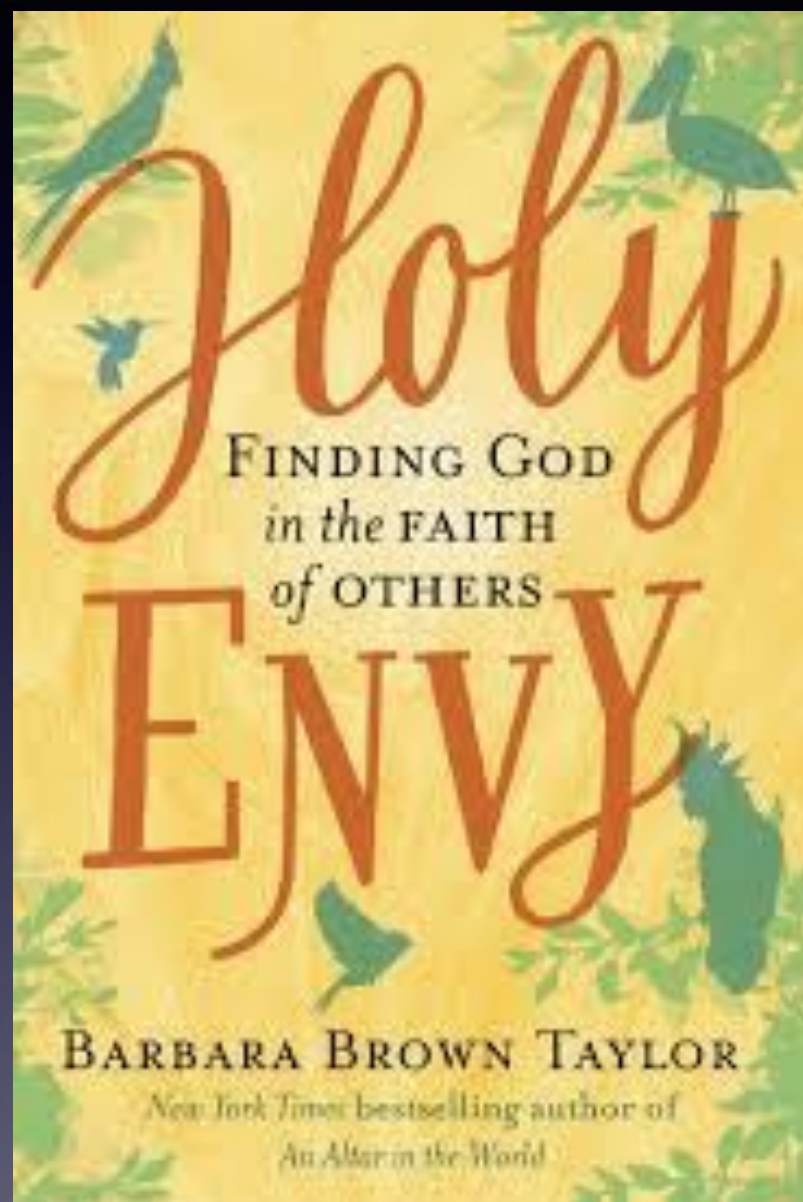
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Holy Manners Bookstudy 43

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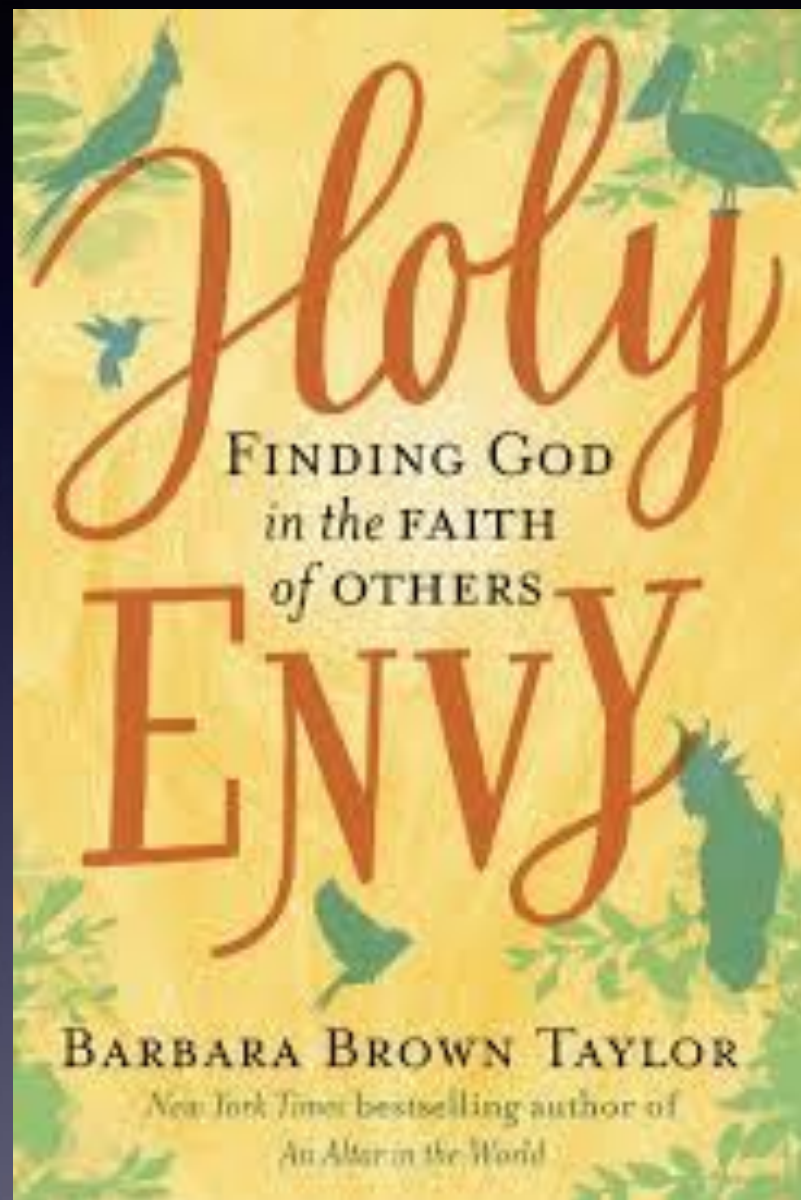
Welcomes,
Intros &
Housekeeping

Opening Prayer

Brenda



The 7 Chakras



Opening Thoughts

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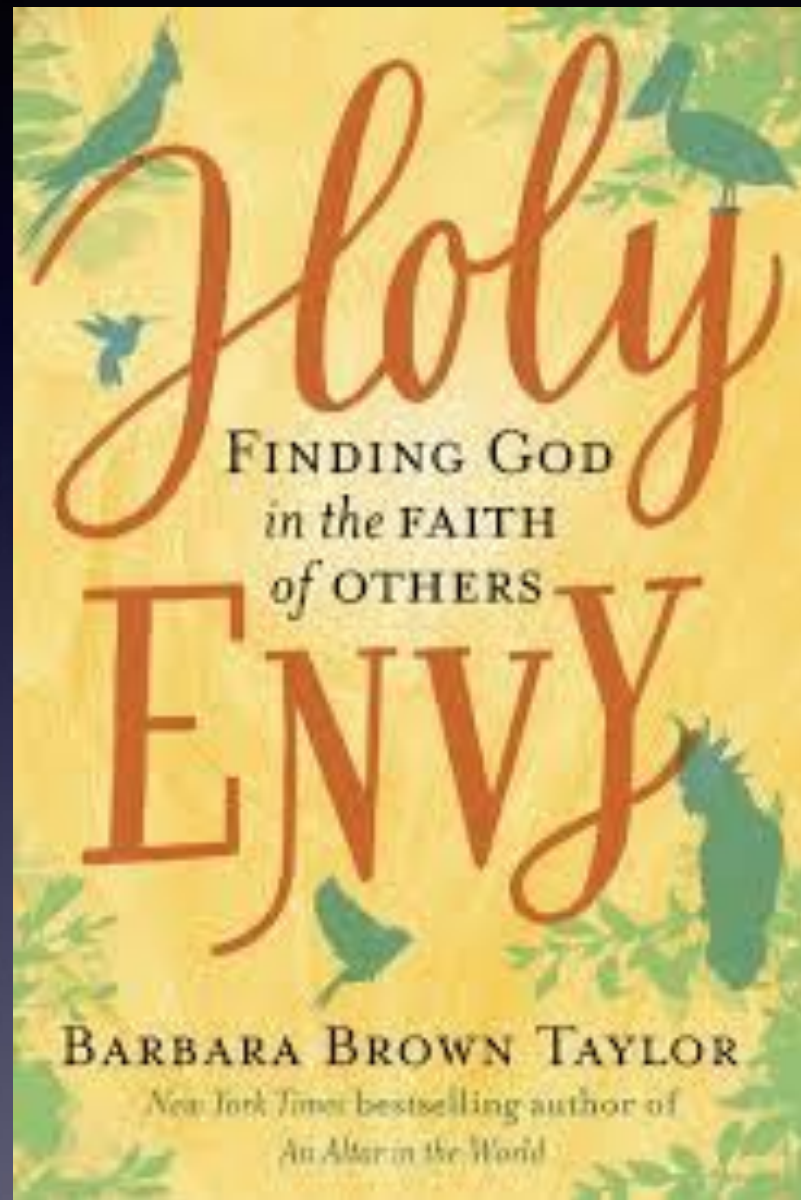
Presentation

Wayne

Our Readings for Tonight

Chapter 2 - Vishnu's Almonds
Introduction to Hinduism

Chapter 3 - Wave, Not Ocean
Introduction to Buddhism



Focus of Chapter 2

“The God of your understanding is just that: the God of your understanding.

What you need is the God just beyond your understanding”

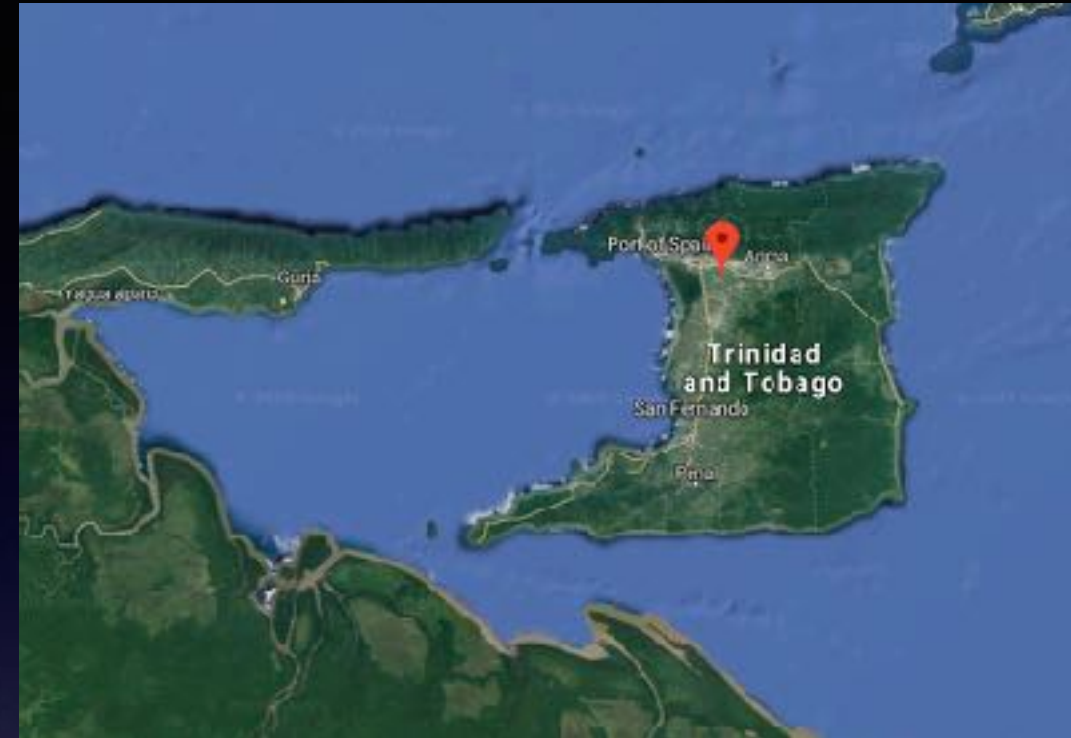
- Rami Shapiro



Caroni, Trinidad

Waynes Personal Image to Reflect the Theme:

- Visiting a Rice Paddy Home
- A Little Background



60's Stilt House, Caroni, Trinidad,



Lord Krishna



Jesus



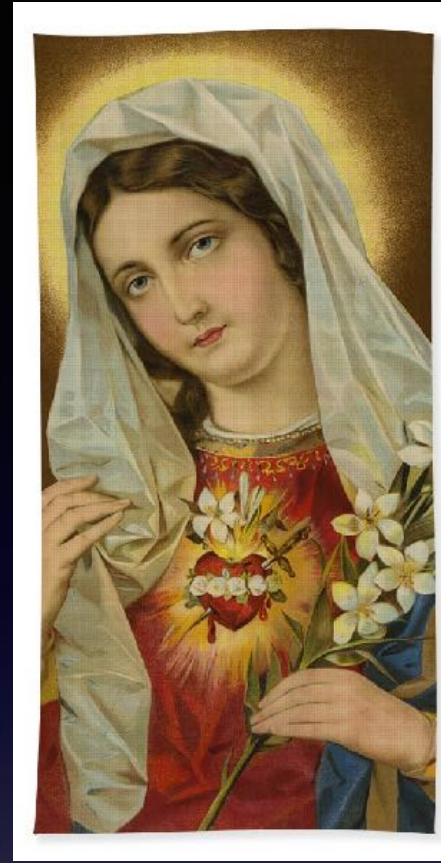
The Virgin Mary



Lord Krishna



Jesus



The Virgin Mary

My conversation with the lady of the house:

Which one do you believe in and worship?

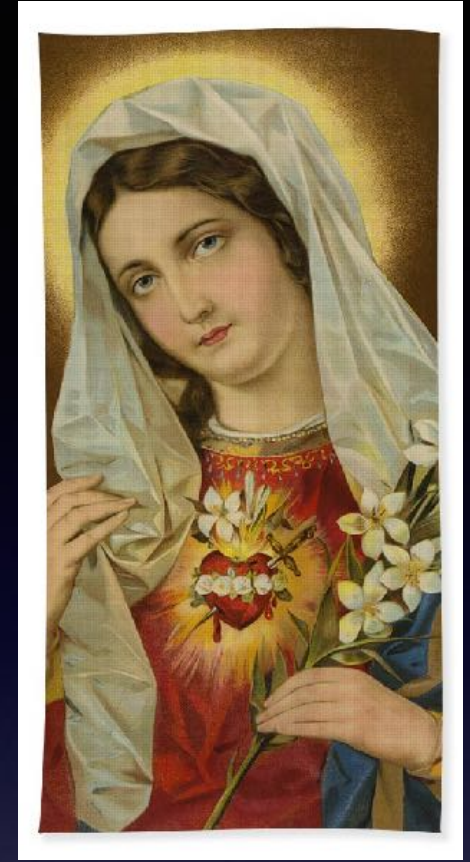
Discuss the East Indian woman's response to me.



Lord Krishna



Jesus



The Virgin Mary

Hinduism - My first learning discovery.

It helped me move beyond monotheism in
my worldview-understanding of faith.

Some Insights from the chapter on Hinduism



Taylor & Holst



her experience of vocation and ministry

- "Lord of the Dance" - we need help to guide us through religious imagery. (pp. 34 ff)
- Atlanta and Calgary - we live in Calgary, not Atlanta or rural Georgia
- We need guidance as we engage other faiths and the best guides are those who understand and live our faith environment as well as their own.
- **Discuss.**



The Book of Revelation

Perhaps the best exposure to the Hindu faith is through reading the New Testament Book of Revelation

- discuss



Mixing the sacred and the sensual:

Padmavathi's Bath (p. 37)



Reincarnation and Resurrection

- cyclical and linear time

- eastern and western understandings

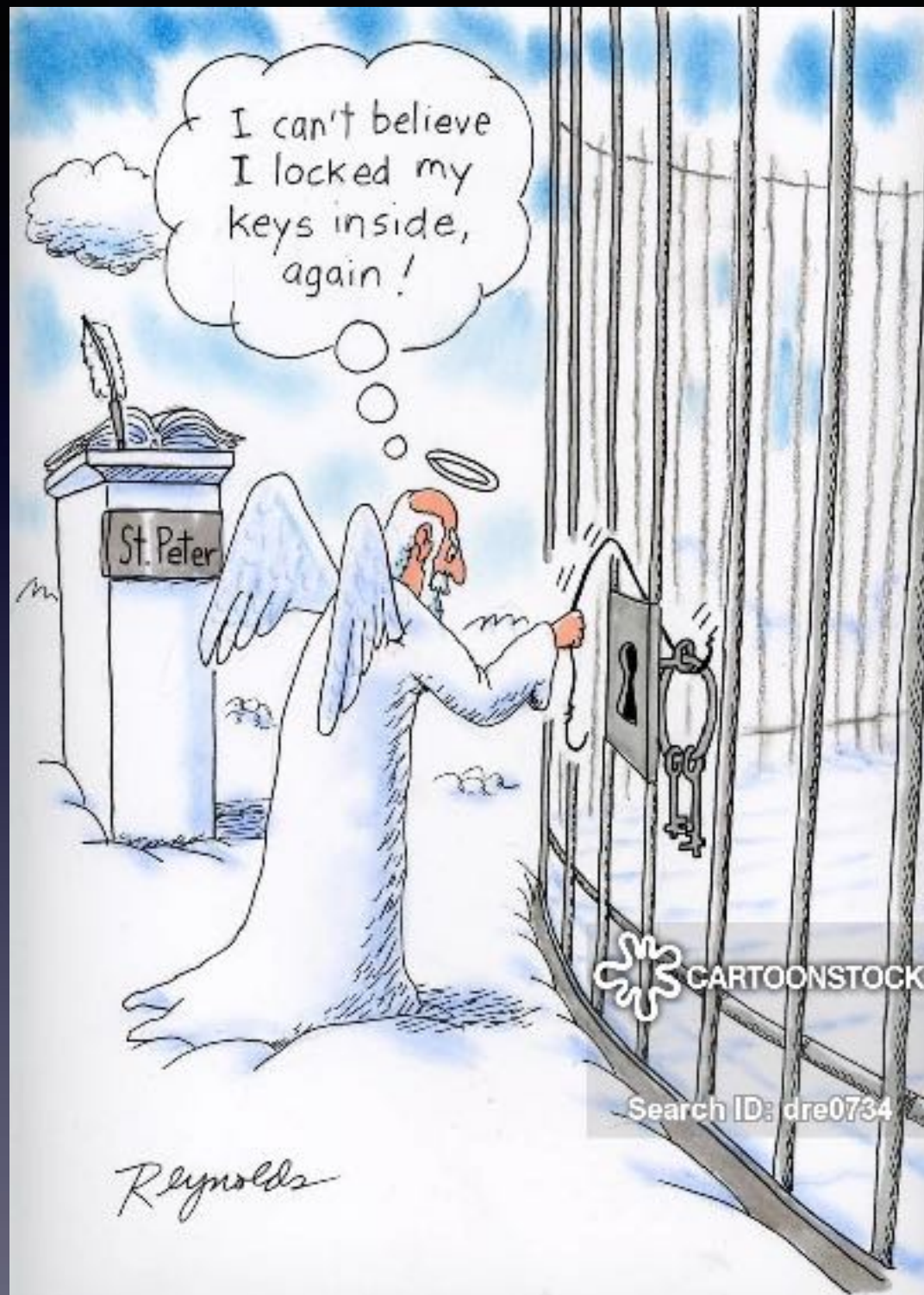




East and West

Spiritual incense-washing (p.40)

Also known by Indigenous people as smudging.



Answering Mariah's
concern

"they are all lost"
(p. 38)

Discuss



Taylor -

Faith as a competitive sport.

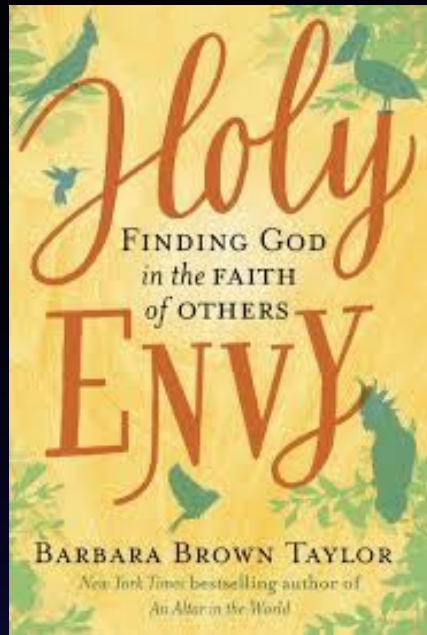
- Most troubling - my faith seems much less gracious (p. 44)
 - Beginning to feel shame over Christian attitudes and behaviours.
- Discuss.



Chapter 3

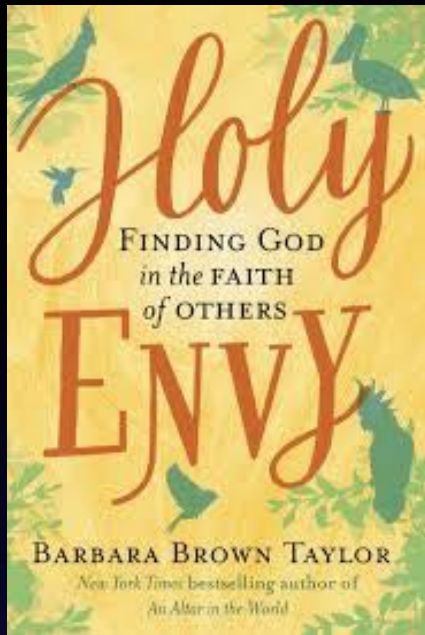
Wave, Not Ocean

Introduction to Buddhism



Insights from Chapter 3

Paul Knitter - the more deeply one sinks into one's own religious truth the more broadly we can learn from the truth of others (p. 48)



Several takeaways from this chapter.

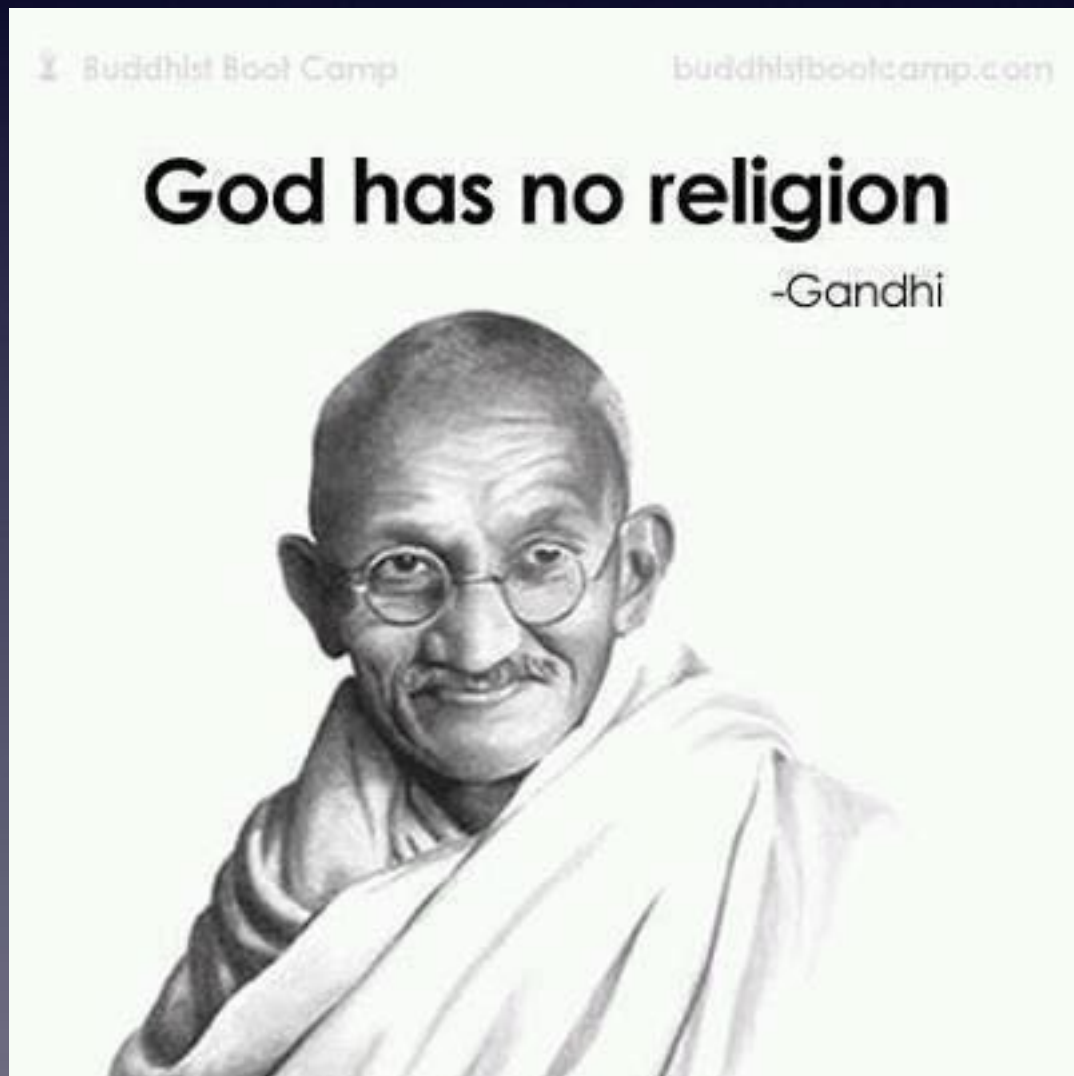
- Our encounter with Tibetan Buddhism through our resettlement work as a congregation with Calgary Tibetans and Tibetan newcomers.
- Our study of The Book of Joy



Archbishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama study

- Experiencing the Holy Envy of encountering the faith of the Dalai Lama (p. 59)
- Buddhism and Christianity
- Happiness and Salvation
- The silent revolution of seeing the world in a different way (p. 60)

There are different ways of being evangelistic (proclaiming Good News). Some see this as trying to convert others to Christianity, but ...



“It is better to help a person become a better member of his or her original faith than to try to convert them to your own.” ... Gandhi

Discuss

BREAK





Time now. Please return.



Taylor looks out to other religions, not to convert them to Christianity, but to share and appreciate their different understandings of the holy and the good. Follows:

- An excerpt of a lecture on Taylor's theme delivered last month in Australia by Harvard professor Francis Clooney.
- A map showing the current spread of religions over the world today as influenced by large migrations.
- The demographics of religion in Canada today.
- A short list of some Buddhists and Hindus you know of.
- The Calgary Interfaith Council. Local working together.



“Christianity, Hinduism & Islam at the Crossroads”

Professor Francis Clooney, SJ, Harvard Divinity School, lecture to the Australian Intercultural Society, July 2019.

Religious Challenges:

- a. Secularism & Secularization.
- b. Pluralism and Diversity.
- c. Individualism - Spiritual But Not Religious. SBNR.
- d. Old Means of Learning Changing to New Means.

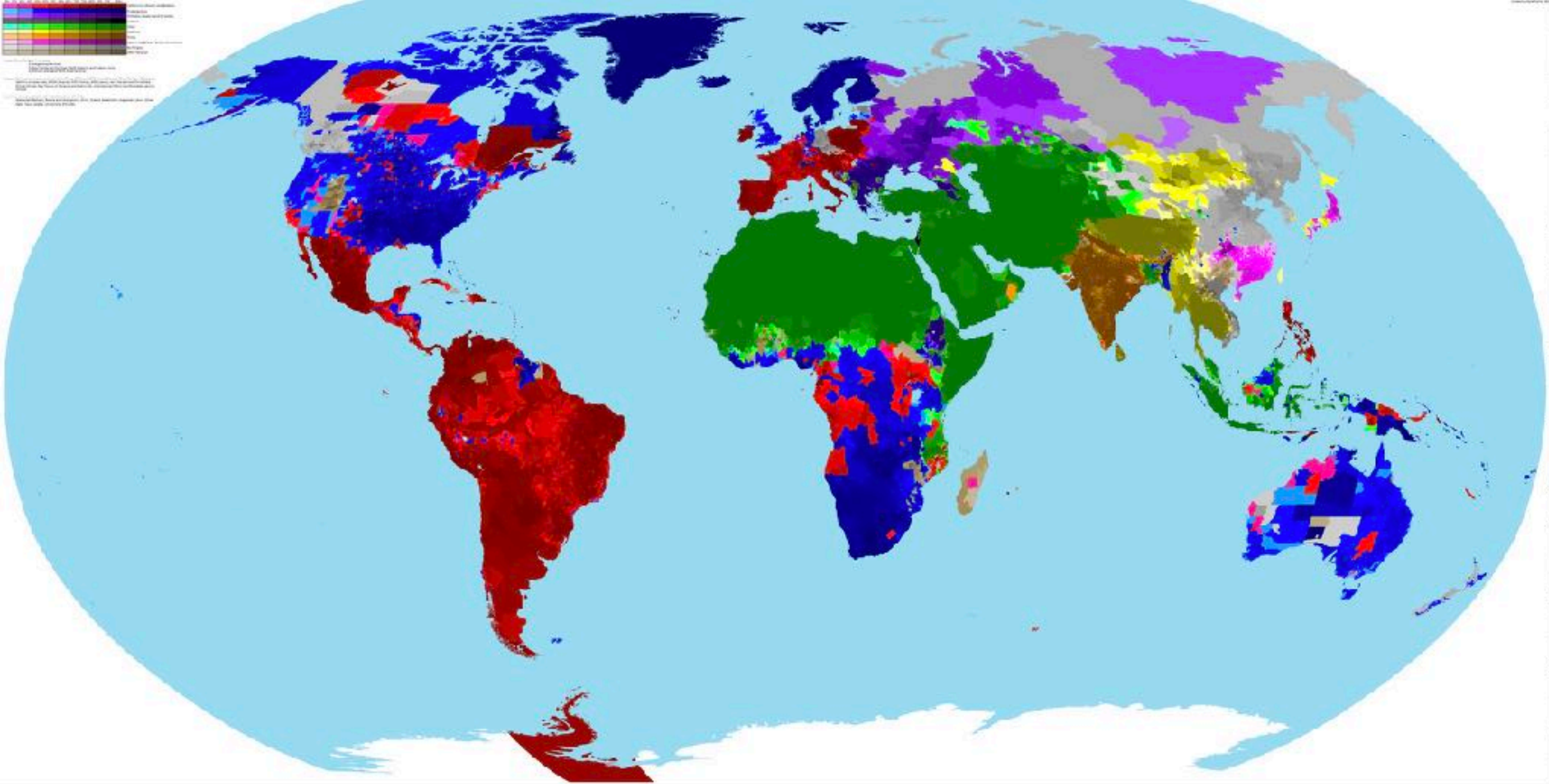
An 11m excerpt. For the full 33 min lecture and Q&A
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOqREWr2SQc>

- a. SECULARISM AND SECULARIZATION
- b. PLURALISM AND THE SURROUNDING DIVERSITY
- c. INDIVIDUALISM, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE YOUNG
THE ABILITY TO 'BELONG' TO RELIGIONS (SBNR)
- d. LOSS OF COMMUNITY, OF LEARNING, AND NEW MEDIA
(CULTURE) LEARN

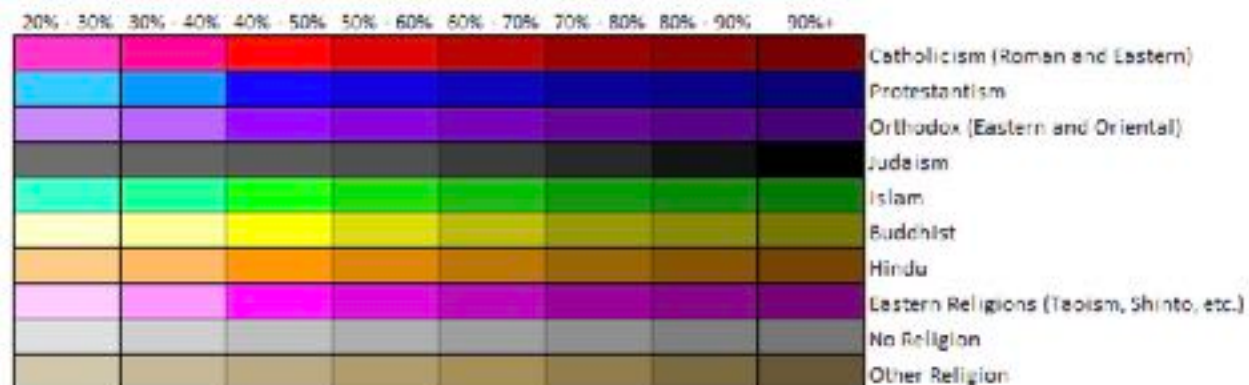
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Present World Distributions of Religious Tradition



This incredibly detailed map of the world's religions today above, was created by reddit user scolbert08. To see the zoomable full resolution version click here:

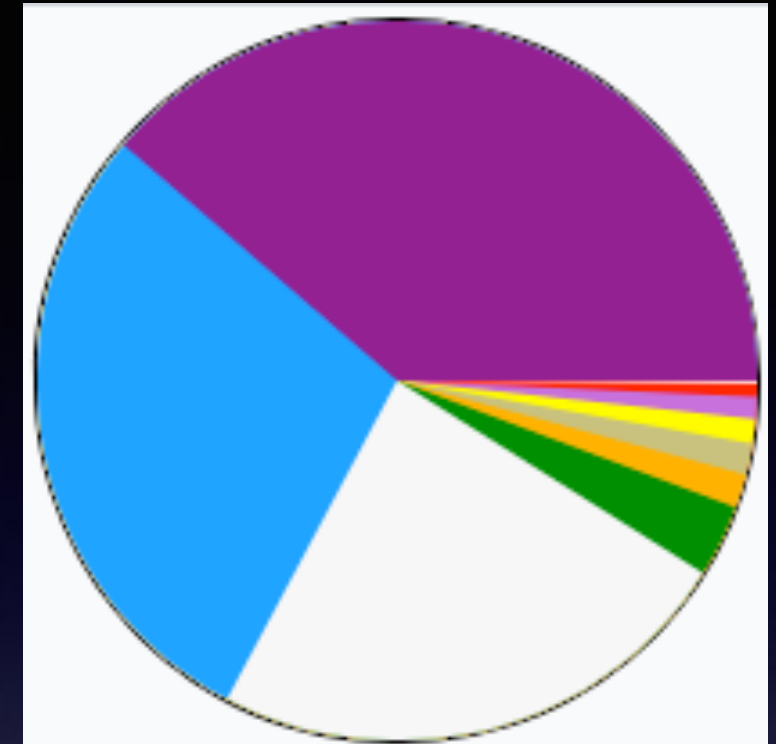
<https://brilliantmaps.com/religion-world-map/>

Some Buddhists you've heard of:

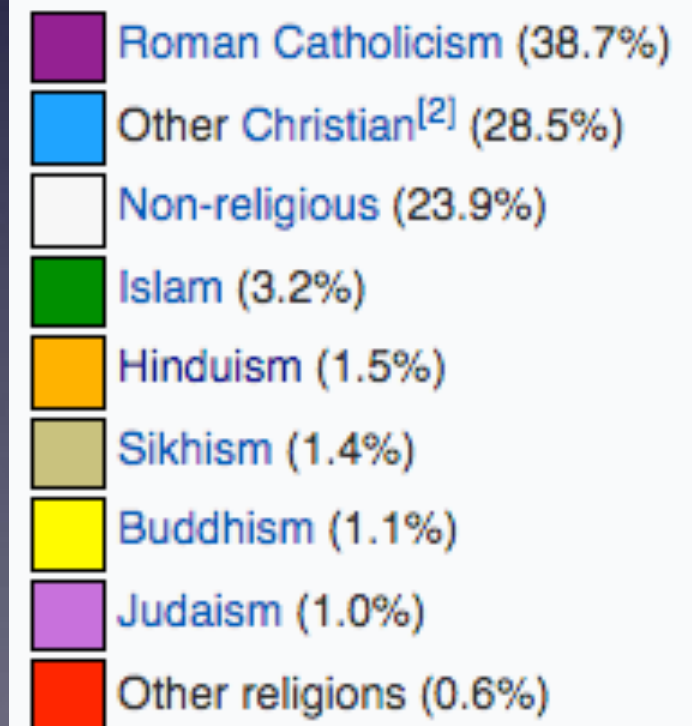
- Steve Jobs - Apple founder
- Leonard Cohen - Singer
- KD Lang - Singer
- Alanis Morissette - Singer
- Thich Nhat Hanh - Monk
- Oliver Stone - Movie maker

Some Hindus you've heard of:

- Depak Chopra - Writer
- George Harrison - Beatle
- Ram Dass (Richard Alpert) - Philosopher
- Annie Besant - British socialist, activist, writer
- Maharishi Mahesh Yogi - Transcendental Meditation



Religion in Canada (2011 National Household Survey)^[1]





Building Sacred Bridges

Perhaps St Davids belongs on this list?

Calgary Interfaith Council

Institutional Membership Roster 2018-2019

Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly
Beth Tzedec Congregation
Bethany Care Society
Calgary Jewish Federation
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Deer Park United Church
Hillhurst United Church
Knox United Church
Islamic Association NW Calgary
Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
St. Laurence Anglican / Wisdom Centre
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Temple B'nai Tikvah
Unitarian Church of Calgary

<https://www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/>

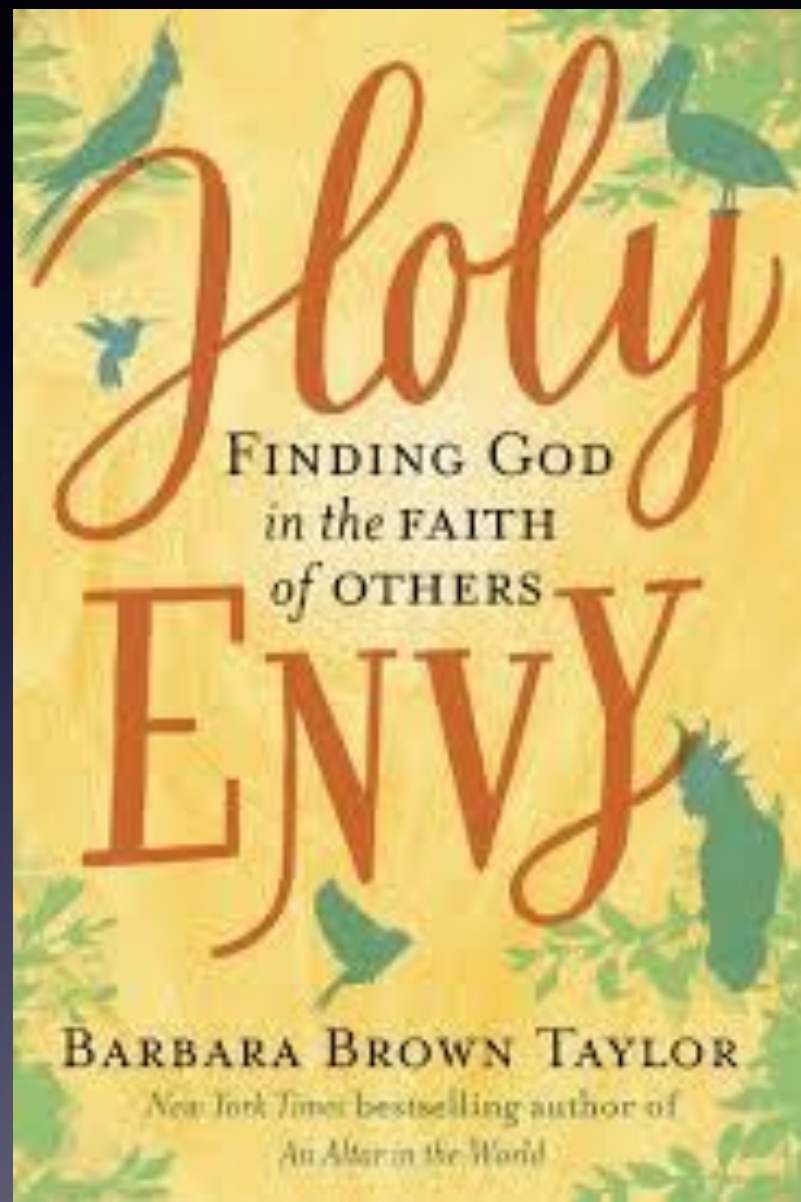


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Education

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Discussions

Next Readings

Session 4 - 7 Oct 2017

Ch 4: Holy Envy

Ch 5: The Nearest Neighbours

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Closing Meditation