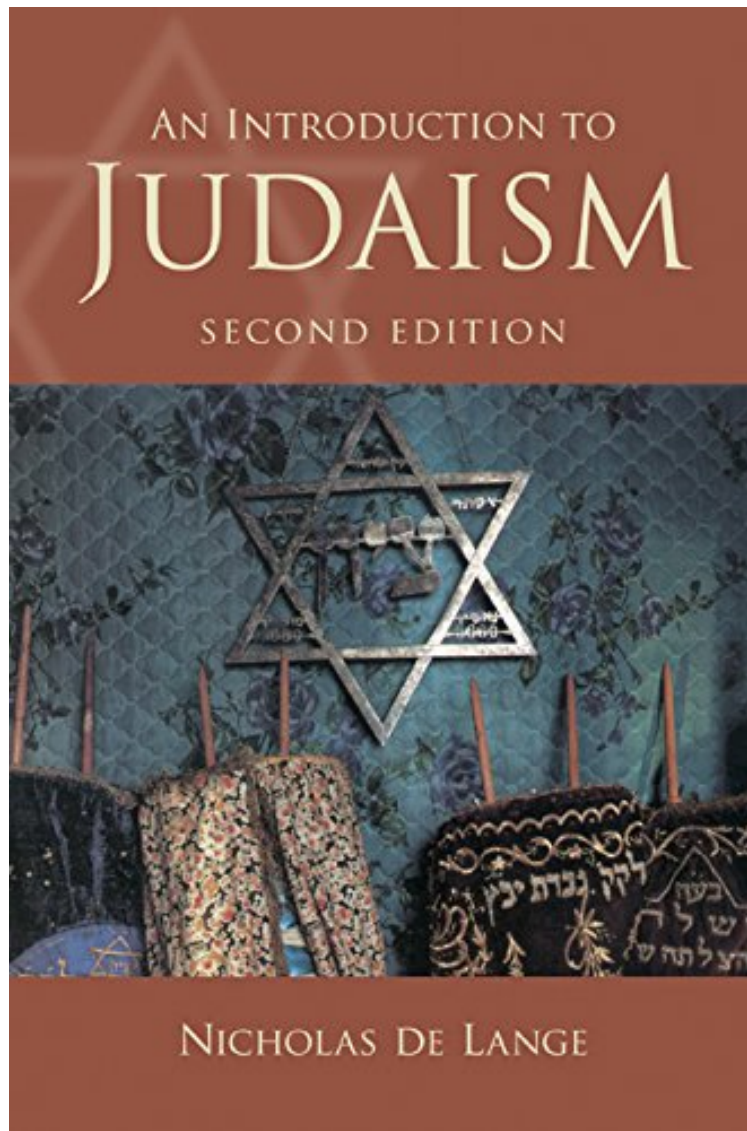


(Free download) An Introduction to Judaism (Introduction to Religion)

An Introduction to Judaism (Introduction to Religion)

Von Nicholas de Lange

DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrank: #1628956 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 2009-12-03Erscheinungsdatum: 2009-12-03File Name: B00LVX0VF4 | File size: 53.Mb

Von Nicholas de Lange : An Introduction to Judaism (Introduction to Religion) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Introduction to Judaism (Introduction to Religion):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Was ist Judentum?Von Mark WilliamIch hab das Buch "An introduction to Judaism" gekauft und gelesen. Das Buch ist zwar authentisch, aber nicht fr Anfngner. Der Autor erzht das Leid der Juden (z.B. aus dem Jahre 1492) aus Spanien, aber er verheimlich, dass die Muslime ebenfalls auch Spanien, die dort 700 Jahre waren, wurden im Jahre 1492 aus Spanien herausgeschmissen. Das Buch ist also systematisch biased. Er vergisst alles - links und rechts - und erzht - wenn

notwendig, nur über das Leid der Juden. Obwohl er im Buch viel erzählt, aber die Definition eines Juden fehlt - angeblich gibt es keine echte Definition, wer ein echter Jude ist. Wenn nun ein Rabbi aus Cambridge nicht weiß, wer ein Jude ist, dann weiß ich nicht, wer noch das wissen soll. Es gibt zwar eine Definition des Staates Israels WER Jude ist, aber dort gibt es ebenfalls Spannungen zwischen den verschiedenen Lagern. Der Leser bleibt im Dunklen. Das Buch ist also als literarisches Werk aufzufassen und keine echte Einführung in den Judentum.

Kurzbeschreibung In this book contemporary Judaism is presented in all its rich diversity, including both traditional and modern theologies as well as secular forms of Jewish identity. While the focus of the book is on developments that have taken place in the past two hundred years, they are set against a historical background, going back to the Bible. Beginning with a description of the Jewish people as it exists in today's world, it studies the unique concept of Jewish peoplehood and its survival over the centuries in the face of many challenges. An account of the key texts is followed by studies of the different interpretations of the religion, and the ways that life is lived out both in the home and in the community. Jewish theology is described both historically and in terms of contemporary issues. An important and distinctive section considers the goals of Jewish life and faith. There is no word for "religion" in Hebrew. The Christian-informed model of religion which focuses its examination on the two poles of public practice and private faith is vastly ill-suited to a study of Judaism. Quite rightly then, notes Nicholas de Lange in *An Introduction to Judaism*: "There is a Jewish religion... But it would be unrealistic to maintain that it is the Jewish religion that unites the Jewish people." De Lange's first two chapters examine Jewish demography and history. Next he runs through the Jewish canon--the books which are the springboard for both practice and debate--following this with a chapter on the history and philosophies of different Jewish denominations. The sections on family and community are the most densely packed, with facts and descriptions of the Jewish life cycle and the annual festival cycle. These chapters are perhaps hard to absorb at one sitting, but they do constitute an excellent reference resource. Having proved that Jews constitute neither race nor creed, De Lange's final three chapters tackle Jewish philosophy: the relationship between God and the Jewish People, the objectives of Jewish life, and speculations about the future of Judaism. Judaism is an "essentially this-worldly religion", organically evolving and often self-contradictory. *An Introduction to Judaism* balances fact, commentary, and honest criticism by an author who is both a rabbi and an academic. --Zahavit Shalev *Pressestimmen* Praise for the first edition: 'Nicholas de Lange has produced an excellent introduction to Judaism, which will doubtless become a standard textbook for undergraduate students. It is not an easy task to write a popular work, which does not err on the side of superficiality, but de Lange has written a lucid and impressive work. This book is one of the best short one volume works on the subject of Judaism to the knowledge of this reviewer.' *CCJJ* 'this book is invaluable.' *The Times Literary Supplement* 'Written with clarity and in a very pleasing style.' *Expository Times* 'De Lange has written this remarkably comprehensive analysis of Jews and Judaism. De Lange has clearly satisfied his objective, offering an overall introduction to Judaism that will be useful to both Jewish and non-Jewish readers.' *Publishers Weekly* 'a valuable reference but it is more than that, it provides stimulating introduction to a major world culture.' *The Jerusalem Post* 'this volume provides a solid foundation for the study of contemporary Judaism. Recommended for public and undergraduate libraries.' Naomi E. Hafter, *Library Journal* 'For intelligent readers who wish to know how Jews variously perceive and practise their Judaism this book is invaluable.' Louis Jacobs, *The Times Literary Supplement* 'It speaks about Judaism in interesting, if in somewhat broad strokes, always emphasizing the aspects of Judaism that impact contemporary world Jewry.' *The Clergy Journal* 'It manages as well to provide an excellent sense of the intertwined historical development of the Jews and their religious civilization De Lange brings comprehensive learning to his task, a love of clear language, and a scrupulous fairness to all elements of the contemporary Jewish scene. I recommend the work for introductory college courses or for adult education settings.' *Religious Studies*