

# Approaching the Academic Study of Religion with Compassion, Conviction, and Courage

In his book, *Approaching the Academic Study of Religion with Compassion, Conviction, and Courage*, John Doe argues that objectivity in the study of religion is not only impossible but undesirable.

Doe begins by arguing that objectivity is impossible in the study of religion because religion is a lived experience. It is not something that can be observed from a distance, but rather something that must be participated in in Free Download to be understood.



## Speaking of Religion . . . : Approaching the Academic Study of Religion with Compassion, Conviction, and Civility by Ralph Alpizar

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Once we recognize that objectivity is impossible, Doe argues, we can begin to approach the study of religion with compassion. This means being open to the experiences of others, even if they are different from our own. It

means being willing to listen to and learn from people who have different beliefs and practices.

Compassion is not enough, however. Doe also argues that we need to approach the study of religion with conviction. This means being confident in our own beliefs and values, and being willing to stand up for them. It means being able to articulate our own religious beliefs and practices, and being able to defend them against criticism.

Finally, Doe argues that we need to approach the study of religion with courage. This means being willing to ask difficult questions, and being willing to challenge our own beliefs and assumptions. It means being willing to take risks, and being willing to stand up for what we believe in.

Doe's book is a challenging and provocative read. It will force you to question your own assumptions about religion, and it will challenge you to think about the role of religion in society. If you are interested in the academic study of religion, or if you are simply interested in learning more about religion, then I highly recommend this book.

## **About the Author**

John Doe is a professor of religious studies at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of numerous books and articles on religion, including the award-winning book, *The Religious Imagination*.

## **Reviews**

"Approaching the Academic Study of Religion with Compassion, Conviction, and Courage is a must-read for anyone interested in the

academic study of religion. Doe's arguments are clear and well-reasoned, and his writing is engaging and accessible. I highly recommend this book."

-Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Doe's book is a timely and important contribution to the field of religious studies. He offers a compelling argument for why objectivity in the study of religion is not only impossible but undesirable. This book will challenge your assumptions about religion, and it will force you to think about the role of religion in society. I highly recommend it."

-Catherine Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara



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