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European integration is one of the most ambitious and socially far-reaching developments in world politics and in world economics. Against growing opposition and despite increasing social heterogeneity, the European Union continues to expand and to acquire new competences. But to what extent is the self-proclaimed "ever closer union among the peoples of Europe" a social reality? In which ways is the political European project anchored in social developments? How does social change impinge upon political integration? Societal trends in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and socially diverse Europe have never been studied systematically. Handbook of European Societies: Social Transformations in the 21st Century sets to rectify this neglect of societal developments in Europe, providing a groundwork for the sociology of European integration. The book portrays social life and social relations in the enlarged Europe, and gives a perspective on the European Union as an evolving social entity. Handbook of European Societies is a pioneering source book analyzing the current social patterns on the continent. It covers a representative selection of major topics of social concern and sociological relevance, such as Collective Action, Consumption, Identity, Power Structure, Sexuality, Stratification and Well-being. Each contribution probes key developments in a strictly comparative manner. The Handbook thus offers a detailed look into the intricacies of the national societies of Europe and into the prospect of an emerging European society. The Editors have enlisted leading researchers to synthesize existing knowledge and to make use of many different data sources in a straight-forward style. The contributions stay away from jargon, simple labeling and sweeping assertions. Instead, they provide solid and accessible information on a wide variety of social trends and processes within and across European societies

L'Entrée d'Espagne is a fourteenth century Franco-Italian poem, probably composed by its unknown Paduan author at the early Visconti court, which defined a literary trend of the Renaissance; by transforming a typical epic matter - Charlemagne's conquest of Spain - into a chivalric poem, it successfully hybridized epic with classical sources, references to the Breton romances, and European conceptions (or misconceptions) of medieval Islam. This study traces the major influences upon this important work of art, including the backdrop of early fourteenth-century Northern Italian politics. It examines the gradual weakening of the figure of Charlemagne in the poem as a reflection, above all, of the diplomatic and military tensions between France and the early rulers of Milan.

This book explores whether the metaphors of 'playground' and 'battlefield' might be analytically meaningful terms for understanding contemporary society. The duality of playgrounds and battlefields is presented as a space of continuous becoming, related to the recreation, domination and experience of a place, as well as to corresponding practices of excess, interaction and enjoyment. We believe that a discussion about engagement and responsibility in a modern social setting is possible only through new concepts that avoid binary formulations. Playgrounds and battlefields are thus used as a trigger enabling a fresh approach to a contemporaneity that is highly influenced by the way in which societies deal with their past and future. In this sense, the 'Playgrounds and Battlefields' volume is a thematic one, mapping the field and offering grammar of possibility.

Pābūjī is a Rajput warrior prince from a small and insignificant kingdom, and a celibate ascetic who shuns the company of women, preferring instead to ride with his chieftains and perform miraculous deeds for Deval, an incarnation of the great Goddess. This book provides the historical and mythological background to the story of Pābūjī, the hero of a medieval epic poem which is still performed in India today by itinerant bards. Nuptial rites and Pābūjī's own marriage are closely examined here, with parallels drawn with present day wedding ceremonies, which are essentially unchanged, and their impact on the modern day bride and groom. While maintaining high standards of academic rigour and thoroughness in the collection of data, this book renders the subject accessible, retelling Pābūjī's exciting and often humorous adventures in its analysis of the epic tale.

Vols. 2-6 include "Theological and Semitic literature for 1898- 1901, a bibliographical supplement to the American journal of theology and the American journal of Semitic languages and literatures. By W. Muss-Arnolt." (Separately paged)

"This book is designed to be a platform for the most significant educational achievements by teachers, school administrators, and local associations that have worked together in public institutions that range from primary school to the university level"--Provided by publisher.

This volume of the Religion and the Social Order series examines the phenomenon of the globalization of religions that has particularly characterized the last fifty years. Includes section "Analisi critiche".

This book offers a study of the three evolutions in a circle (cosmos, life, and knowledge) with the aim of discussing human social behavior, a metaphor of the general behavior of nature (from which man derives) within the fluctuating equilibrium between the opposite tendencies to cohesion and shredding; a circularity revealing an indefinite and probably never conclusive run-up of human beings to the knowledge of nature; an analysis that demonstrates any theoretical/practical impossibility to for-

mulate absolute certainties, since it depicts a situation in which man finds himself hovering between a rational way of living and the contradictory modus operandi of mythos. All that, within a society where the powerful communication and transportation technologies give rise to conflicts and fragmentations, where anyone's will to self-distinguishing is enhanced by highlighting any small difference and obscuring any large similarity. The main difference between this book and existing ones stems from its interdisciplinary nature, particularly because it establishes a close connection between three, apparently so different disciplines—cosmology, life sciences, and sociology—compared with respect to their increasing complexity laws, giving rise to always more chaotic configurations.

Raffaele Pettazzoni (1883-1959) è stato il più grande storico delle religioni del Novecento. Fu uno dei primi accademici a proporre uno studio laico e storico-critico della religione in chiave universale, preservandone allo stesso tempo il carattere autonomo, irriducibile a qualsiasi altra dimensione della natura umana. Come scrisse nel 1913, la scienza delle religioni fonda il suo metodo "sulla natura del suo proprio oggetto, cioè del fatto religioso indefinitamente vario e multiforme nel tempo e nello spazio, ma nell'essenza sua uno e definito". Filologo, archeologo ed etnologo rigoroso per formazione, nei suoi studi applica un metodo storico-comparativo, col quale fenomeni e mondi religiosi individuati storicamente vengono comparati nel loro sviluppo diacronico e interpretati alla luce delle dinamiche parallele o divergenti che li caratterizzano. I percorsi principali della sua ricerca, della quale egli percepì l'orizzonte visionario, la dimensione ascetica e la speciale funzione pedagogica, sono condensati in una serie di Saggi redatti nell'arco di venticinque anni e ristampati nel 1946 nella fase culminante della sua carriera con una illuminante "Prefazione". Essi ruotano attorno a tre nuclei fondamentali: il monoteismo, la confessione dei peccati e la fenomenologia storico-religiosa. Dopo quasi settant'anni, essi conservano gran parte della loro vitalità e acquistano ulteriore risalto dal confronto con le ricerche successive che da lui hanno esplicitamente o implicitamente preso le mosse, ricerche che sono presentate e criticamente discusse nella "Postfazione" del curatore.

Come si può parlare oggi di religione e che cosa significa ancora (o di nuovo) per noi? A partire da questa domanda e alla luce di alcune preliminari osservazioni metodologiche sul significato del termine, la sua storia, i problemi che il suo uso solleva, la necessità di continuare ad usarlo, il libro affronta il tema del rapporto tra religione e religioni. Si interroga su quello tra religione e modernità e sulle sfide che la nostra epoca pone continuamente alla religione. Indaga la religione come universale culturale e dimensione antropologica costitutiva dell'uomo, approfondendo i temi del nostro rapporto con il sacro: storie sacre, riti ecc. Disegna una sorta di geografia delle religioni, analizzando lo «stato di salute» odierno delle grandi religioni, attraverso analisi anche statistiche. Osserva come la religione stia oggi cambiando, con la nascita di nuovi movimenti religiosi, l'affermarsi di fondamentalismi, ma anche con l'instaurarsi di un suo originale rapporto con la Rete. Illumina infine i nuovi orizzonti ai quali la religione va aprendosi: il rapporto tra economia e religione, il contributo delle neuroscienze e il confronto tra scienza e religione, oltre che tra religione e politica nella società postsecolare.

Religioni e neospiritualità è un saggio ampio, ben strutturato, che affronta con tono divulgativo ma rigoroso un tema complesso quale la panoramica delle principali religioni del mondo, con l'obiettivo di chiarire le differenze tra religione e spiritualità e di fornire al lettore uno strumento interpretativo che gli permetta di orientarsi in una materia tanto vasta. L'argomento ha imposto all'Autrice la scelta di alcuni elementi caratterizzanti sia le singole religioni, sia la visione del mondo occidentale e orientale, indicando tuttavia molti strumenti che il lettore desideroso di approfondimenti potrà utilizzare. Le tematiche importanti sono spesso comuni alla maggior parte delle religioni (la reincarnazione, la preghiera, la carità, il concetto di trinità...), ma sono anche fondamentali degli argomenti che appartengono, oltre che alla sfera religiosa, anche a quella più squisitamente socioantropologica, come la condizione della donna o l'omosessualità. Nella conclusione, l'Autrice analizza il mutamento del sentimento religioso, l'influenza delle tendenze new age e il rinnovato interesse rivolto alla sfera della spiritualità. In un momento di esplosione dei fondamentalismi, quasi ancora di salvezza in un mondo globalizzato in cui l'unico punto di riferimento sembra essere la tecnologia, la nuova spiritualità lascia spazio alla speranza, orientandosi verso un umanesimo spirituale che identifica i suoi valori nella crescita personale e nella visione olistica dell'uomo, aprendosi ad un fecondo eclettismo.

The object of the present work is mainly to serve as a text book for students of History of Religions or Historical Phenomenology of Religion at the University level. This book intended also for the use of those who wish to become acquainted in a systematic and critical manner with the main themes of the History of Religions, and of other persons who are either concerned in the education of youth or whose work it may be to present scientifically accurate conclusions with regard to the various subjects of the History of Religions. There exist excellent text books which treat of particular religions or which contain chapters on individual religions without studying them comparatively or phenomenologically. There are very few text books that attempt to present the main themes of the History of Religions in such a way as to explain the signification of the religious phenomena that are found in various religions by means of the historical-comparative method.