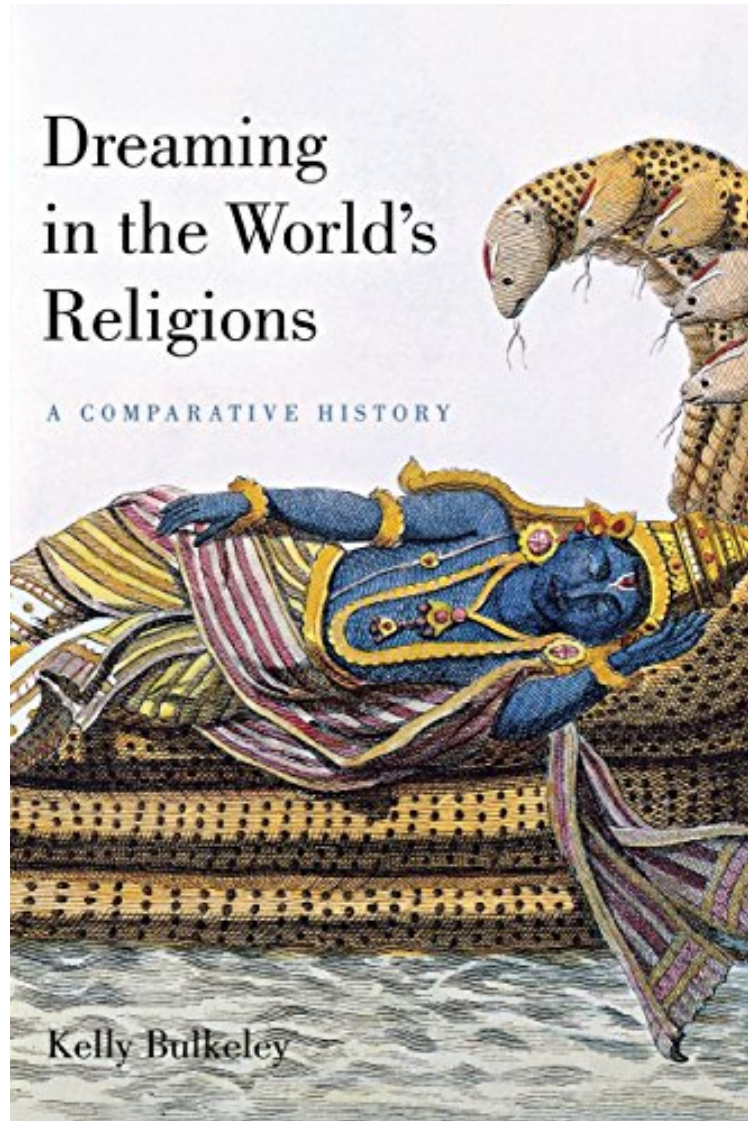


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**Kelly Bulkeley : Dreaming in the World's Religions: A Comparative History** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dreaming in the World's Religions: A Comparative History:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Innovative book about the role of dreaming in primitive and modern cultures. By James T. Hackett Brilliant author with great humility about what he knows and doesn't know about the role of dreaming in our collective lives, historically and prospectively. I had the great pleasure of his speaking in a class at Harvard Divinity School. He is a wise and learned man, who is not over-impressed with his own talents. 3 of 3 people

found the following review helpful. Fascinating Dreams in Religion By Susan A. Santo A very detailed guide to dreams in religion, including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, religions of Africa, and Native American religions. Fascinating examples! You learn a great deal about the religion as well as the dreams. What was most interesting to me was in learning about how Christianity has suppressed interest in dreams. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I appreciated the easy and informal style of writing. Bulkeley pulled together a variety of historical/religious ideas and yet provided specific quotes giving a delicious flavor to the book. It's the kind of book whose information you mull over while meditating--- a gestalt of our human family's character.

From Biblical stories of Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dreams in Egypt to prayers against bad dreams in the Hindu Rig Veda, cultures all over the world have seen their dreams first and foremost as religiously meaningful experiences. In this widely shared view, dreams are a powerful medium of transpersonal guidance offering the opportunity to communicate with sacred beings, gain valuable wisdom and power, heal suffering, and explore new realms of existence. Conversely, the world's religious and spiritual traditions provide the best source of historical information about the broad patterns of human dream life. *Dreaming in the World's Religions* provides an authoritative and engaging one-volume resource for the study of dreaming and religion. It tells the story of how dreaming has shaped the religious history of humankind, from the Upanishads of Hinduism to the Quran of Islam, from the conception dream of Buddha's mother to the sexually tempting nightmares of St. Augustine, from the Ojibwa vision quest to Australian Aboriginal journeys in the Dreamtime. Bringing his background in psychology to bear, Kelly Bulkeley incorporates an accessible consideration of cognitive neuroscience and evolutionary psychology into this fascinating overview. *Dreaming in the World's Religions* offers a carefully researched, accessibly written portrait of dreaming as a powerful, unpredictable, often iconoclastic force in human religious life.

The scope of Bulkeley's knowledge is impressive, as is his skill at synthesizing ideas from a variety of source material. Publishers Weekly offers a sophisticated, yet easily accessible and engaging discussion of how and in what way dreams and a broad range of the world's religions have enjoyed mutual influence throughout history. -Nina P. Azari, Editor-in-Chief of the *Encyclopaedia of Religions and Sciences* "The chronological/regional organization, along with the author's careful, scholarly prose, makes this practical as a classroom textbook." -Library Journal "Psychoanalysis and phenomenology combine to understand dreams and dreaming as comprehended by a geographically and temporally wide spectrum of global and regional religions. Bulkeley argues that scientific understandings are not unique in their reflective critique of the nature or value of dreaming, that critical reflection on dreams can be found in a variety of traditions, and that even where evidence for formal analysis is lacking, dreams are categorized by type and value." -Choice "From the American Indian ritual of the vision quest to the Muslim prayer and dream-incubation practice of *istikhara*, there have been cultural traditions of enhancing people's awareness of their dreams and deriving insights from them. Modern researchers can learn from such practices and combine them with today's technologies, using new tools to fulfill an ancient pursuit." -Kelly Bulkeley, *New York Times* "With this original and provocative book, Bulkeley has shown what the 'new' comparative study of religion at its very best can offer."