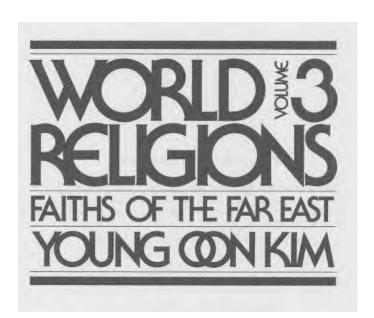
# WORLD 3 RELIGIONS

FAITHS OF THE FAR EAST



YOUNG OON KIM

# WORLD RELIGIONS \$3





### First Edition 1976

Artwork and design by Gil Roschuni

Printed in the United States of America

Library of Congress Catalog Number 76-23739

If the subject matter in this book interests you, correspondence is welcomed by the author, and may be addressed through:

Golden Gate Publishing Co. 4 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036

# contents

Preface	ix
BUDDHISM	1
I. DISTINCTIVE MAHAYANA PRINCIPLES	2
Absolute Mind	2
The Three Buddha Bodies	5
Ethics and Enlightenment	7
Bodhisattvas and the Spirit World	9
II. BUDDHISM IN CHINESE HISTORY	15
From the Han to Manchu Dynasty	15
Attacks on Buddhism	23
Three Buddhists Sects	28
Milo Fo, The Chinese Messiah	34
III. THE MODERN PERIOD: FROM THE MANCHUS	ГО МАО 38
Neo-Buddhist Leaders	38
Buddhism in the Chinese Republic	41
Persecution by Mao	43
New Buddhism for a New China	49
IV. KOREAN BUDDHISM	51
Early Buddhism	51
Ech'adon The Martyr	52
The Hwarang Do	53
Wonhyo	55
Koryo Buddhism	58
The Yi Dynasty and Afterwards	60
V. JAPANESE BUDDHISM	62
Gift From Korea	62
Eminent Monks and Buddhist Teachers	63
Brief History of Nipponese Buddhism	64

# vi Contents

The Nichiren Revival Buddhist Teachings Today	70 78
Bibliography	84
TAOISM	87
I. LAO-TZU, THE TAOIST SAGE  The Most Exalted Old Master  Teachings of Lao-Tzu	88 88 89
II. CHUANG-TZU	99
III. VARIETIES OF EARLY TAOISM  The Hygiene School  Yin-Yang Philosophy and the Five Elements School  Later Taoist Philosophers	103 104 104 107
IV. TAOISM IN THE MODERN AGE	116
Bibliography	120
CONFUCIANISM	121
1. THE LIFE OF CONFUCIUS	122
II. THE CHINESE CLASSICS	124
III. THE CONFUCIAN ETHIC	127
IV. CHINESE PIETY	135
V. APOSTLES OF CONFUCIANISM  Mencius  Hsun Tzu, The Confucian Pessimist  Chu Hsi  Wang Yang-Ming	139 139 142 144 148
VI. CONFUCIANISM IN THE MODERN WORLD	150
VII. SOME CONFUCIAN GIFTS	156
Bibliography	159

Contonto	T 711
Contents	VII

SHAMANISM AND SHINTOISM	161
I. SHAMANISM Shamanism Defined	162 162
Shamanist Cosmology	164
Nostalgia for Paradise The Social Role of the Shaman	166 169
Shamanism in the Far East	170
Korean Shamanism	173
Messages from Spirit World	182
II. SHINTOISM	191
History of Shintoism	191
Shinto Myths and Scriptures	192
Respect for the Dead	194
Three Modern Japanese Thinkers	196
Bibliography	202
Postscript	203
Acknowledgements	205
Index	207



## WHATEVER THE title men use for

God, whatever aspect of His nature is emphasized by different groups of people, God is the Father of all mankind and all are His children. However varied the doctrine arid forms of worship, I see two universal features in all faiths: God is seeking His children everywhere and they are anxious to return to Him. Neither God nor man has ever stopped such longing; the efforts of each have continued and even intensified through the centuries. In olden times people may have expressed their faith in a simple way; whereas in modern times they have developed more logically and rationally to suit sophisticated minds and also the deepened spiritual experiences of individuals within each community of faith.

Rather than merely repeating a history of other men's religions or trying to refute their faith in order to promote Christianity, it is my aim in this book to show how profoundly people in each great religion have experienced the holy, encountering God, and testifying to His work throughout history—in other words, how clearly God has been revealing His will and heart to them. We

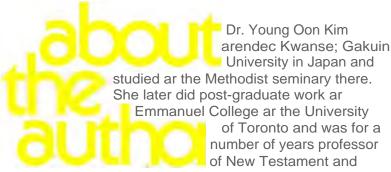
might find something common, universal, consistent among all religions. If there is something different, unique in their ideology, this could be an emphasis on different aspects of the one God and His work.

Religious differences and prejudices based upon misunderstanding have caused too much hostility and bloodshed in the past. Hence it is important for us to look at each great religion with an open mind. It was so hard to explain in a few pages the theology and history of religions which have developed over a long period. Humbly admitting the inevitable superficiality I only wish that the reader may be stimulated to begin friendly dialogue with people of other faiths. Thus men of all creeds should unite in their efforts to bring about His Kingdom on earth for His sake and our own.

I want to express my gratitude for the diligent research work of Reverend Royal Davis and associate editing of Mr. John Dolen.

Washington, D.C. September 1, 1976

Young Oon Kim



Comparative Religion at Ewha Women's University in Seoul. During her life-long effort ro probe and bridge the religious truth of the East and West, she has been involved in various ecumenical conferences in Europe as well as traveling and lecturing extensively in the U.S. But beyond that she has been a profound, living religious force in the lives of hundreds in both the Occident and the Orient.

Her previous works include <u>Divine Principle and Its</u>
<u>Application</u> and <u>Unification Theology and Christian Thought.</u>
Currently, she is living and writing in Wcshingron, D.C., and is professor of Systematic Theology and World Religions at the Unification Theological Seminary in Darryl own, N.Y.



4 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036