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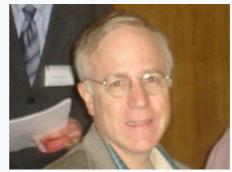
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Andrew Murray Wilson, is the
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Dr. Wilson at an academic gathering

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World Scripture and its reception [edit]

Wilson edited *World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts* (published 1991),^[3] a comparative anthology that contains over 4,000 scriptural passages from 268 sacred texts and 55 oral traditions.^[4] Gifford Lecturer Ninian Smart wrote the book's foreword.^[3] Its publisher quotes include praise for its contribution to comparative religion from clergy, scholars, and practitioners of multiple faith traditions,^[3] and it has been briefly and favorably mentioned in multiple non-UTS publications.^[5] Peace studies professor Lester Kurtz called the online version of the book, which is available in multiple online locations,^[6] a "wonderful compendium".^[7] The online version of *World Scripture* is linked to by many collegiate^[8] and independent^[9] websites as a comparative religion resource.

Other accomplishments [edit]

In *Controversial New Religions*, James R. Lewis describes Wilson as "a leading Unification scholar."^[10] Wilson has been editor of UTS's academic *Journal of Unification Studies* since its inception in 1997^[11]^[12] and of all the contributors of this Journal, he has the most hits with 194242 with his paper entitled "40th Anniversary Forum: The Unification Church in America".^[13] Wilson led the translation committee for the main scripture of the Unification Church, *Exposition of the Divine Principle*.^[14]^[15] and co-author of *Cultivating Heart and Character: Educating for Life's Most Essential Goals*.^[16] Wilson

serves as senior advisor^[17] and chair of the editorial board^[18] for the Unification Church-sponsored *New World Encyclopedia*.

Born a Jew,^[10] Wilson performs speaking^[19] and leadership roles^[20] in the Unification Church's Middle East Peace Initiative, with a focus on Christian—Jewish reconciliation.^[21] He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1971, and later obtained an M.T.S from Harvard Divinity School and Ph.D. from Harvard.^[22] Wilson was subject to a forced deprogramming attempt in 1975, and in late 1980 protested a Harvard talk on the subject by cult critic Margaret Thaler Singer.^[22] Wilson joined the faculty of Unification Theological Seminary in 1985, the year his Ph.D. thesis was published.^[23] At UTS, Wilson currently teaches a variety of scriptural studies, living traditions, and theology courses.^[24]

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