



DOWNLOAD



Religion and the Human Prospect (Paperback)

By Alexander Saxton

Monthly Review Press,U.S., United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Annotated edition. Language: English. Brand new Book. Since September 11, 2001, religion has been at the center of debates about the global future. "Religion and the Human Prospect" relates these issues systematically to a path-breaking interpretation of the history of religion, its part in human development, and its potential role in preventing or enabling global catastrophe. Religion has made possible critical transitions in the emergence and development of human society. At the moment when our humanoid ancestors became aware of the inevitability of death, religion interposed the belief in spiritual beings who gave it new significance. When individual self-interest and collective survival conflicted, religion defended collective survival by codifying its requirements as morality. When inequalities of wealth and power developed, religion extended moral codes to include obligations of dominance and submission. Religion enabled a species facing constant hunger and scarcity to adapt and spread. Today, however, facing ecological disaster, exhaustion of essential natural resources, and the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, religion no longer provides a collective defense mechanism for the human species. Instead, the solutions it has provided have become central to the problem of human survival. This magisterial...



READ ONLINE
[2.65 MB]

Reviews

It is an awesome publication which i actually have ever read through. it had been writtern really properly and valuable. I found out this book from my i and dad recommended this pdf to discover.

-- Doyle Schmeler

This book is definitely not simple to begin on studying but quite fun to see. I actually have read and that i am sure that i will gonna read through yet again once again in the foreseeable future. It is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding, once you begin to read the book.

-- Brennan Koelpin