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indonesia is the home of the largest single muslim community of the world its christian community about 10 of the population has until now received no overall description in english through cooperation of 26 indonesian and european scholars protestants and catholics a broad and balanced picture is given of its 24 million christians this book sketches the growth of christianity during the portuguese period 1511 1605 it presents a fair account of developments under the dutch colonial administration 1605 1942 and is more elaborate for the period of the indonesian republic since 1945 it emphasizes the regional differences in this huge country because most christians live outside the main island of java muslim christian relations as well as the tensions between foreign missionaries and local theology receive special attention

understanding and managing inter religious relations particularly between muslims and christians presents a challenge for states around the world this book investigates legal disputes between religious communities in the world's largest majority muslim democratic country indonesia it considers how the interaction between state and religion has influenced relations between religious communities in the transition to democracy the book presents original case studies based on empirical field research of court disputes in west java a majority muslim province with a history of radical islam these include criminal court cases as well as cases of judicial review relating to disputes concerning religious education permits for religious buildings and the crime of blasphemy the book argues that the democratic law reform process has been influenced by radical islamists because of the politicization of religion under democracy and the persistence of fears of christianization it finds that disputes have been localized through the decentralization of power and exacerbated by the central government s ambivalent attitude towards radical islamists who disregard the rule of law examining the challenge facing governments to accommodate minorities and manage religious pluralism the book furthers understanding of state religion relations in the muslim world this accessible and engaging book is of interest to students and scholars of law and society in southeast asia was well as islam and the state and the legal regulation of religious diversity

what is the role of language in ethnic churches this new and much needed account of the australian experience examines the issues faced by sixteen congregations together representing different periods of australia s migration history as well as different languages cultural backgrounds and christian denominations it brings to light a large range of experiences found in ethnic churches and considers the impact of protestant catholic and orthodox traditions on the role of language special reference is made to the tensions that can occur due to language shift and cross generational differences in language preference the concept of language religion ideology is developed to describe

the nature of the relationship between language and religion which is exhibited by a denomination with far reaching implications for multilingual and multicultural societies

despite its overwhelmingly muslim majority indonesia has always been seen as exceptional for its diversity and pluralism in recent years however there has been a rise in majoritarianism with resurgent islamist groups pushing hard to impose conservative values on public life in many cases with considerable success this has sparked growing fears for the future of basic human rights and in particular the rights of women and sexual and ethnic minority groups there have in fact been more prosecutions of unorthodox religious groups since the fall of soeharto in 1998 than there were under the three decades of his authoritarian rule some indonesians even feel that the pluralism they thought was constitutionally guaranteed by the national ideology the pancasila is now under threat this book contains essays exploring these issues by prominent scholars lawyers and activists from within indonesia and beyond offering detailed accounts of the political and legal implications of rising resurgent islamism in indonesia examining particular cases of intolerance and violence against minorities it also provides an account of the responses offered by a weak state that now seems too often unwilling to intervene to protect vulnerable minorities against rising religious intolerance

this book is a dedicated academic study of amplify a series of open and affirming christian conferences in asia that provides spaces of worship support fellowship collaboration and networking for lgbtiq affirming churches through a detailed analysis of narratives from fourteen amplify frontliners comprising co founders hosts organisers co organisers speakers consultants and other active contributors this volume chronicles the historical development of amplify from its 2009 inception in singapore to subsequent occurrences in hong kong indonesia malaysia singapore and most recently taiwan in 2018 written at the intersection of gender sexuality and theology the focus of this volume lies in the construction of asian lgbtiq ecclesiologies that emanate from and speak to the theological vision of doing church at amplify

as the largest muslim country in the world indonesia is marked by an extraordinary diversity in language ancestry culture religion and ways of life christianity islam and nationalism in indonesia focuses on the christian dani of west papua providing a social and ethnographic history of the most important indigenous population in the troubled province it presents a fascinating overview of the dani s conversion to christianity examining the social religious and political uses to which they have put their new religion while its indigenous population is papuan and its dominant religions are christianity and animism west papua contains a growing number of papuan muslims farhadian provides the first study of this highland papuan group in an urban context which helps distinguish it from the typical highland papuan ethnography incorporating cultural and structural approaches the book affords a fascinating insight into the complex relationship between christianity islam and nationalism

religion has played a major role in history affecting the course of events and influencing individuals today one frequently hears the expression the return of religion but opinions differ as to how this return is to be understood it is clear that modernity and postmodernity have not meant that religion is dead or relegated to society s backyards religion is still of vital importance for many people it has to some extent changed shape but has not lost its legitimacy and attractiveness to broad groups religion is public visible and has a sought for voice but it is also wrestling with extremism ignorance and preconceptions just like ideologies religions are capable of activating diametrically opposite traits in humans it is this dual tension that is implicit in the question mark in this book s title mending the world this book s aim is to help explore whether how and in what ways religion church and theology can contribute constructively to the future of a global society in thirty one chapters researchers from around the world address the relation between religion and society

we are grateful that the book in your hands now is eventually published after a prolonged process it came through as a manifestation of longing and hope to share theological reflections of indonesian church with a wider community especially with english speaking readers i am sure that the special and dynamic life context of indonesian church is the fertile soil for the seedling growth of rich theological reflections if my memory serves me right this is the first english book published by the bishops conference of indonesia with the publishing of this book we have confidence that indonesian theologians will be encouraged to share the fruits of their experiences and thoughts with others across countries hopefully this book will become impetus for more books to come the availability of english books written by indonesian theologians will allow indonesian contextual theological sights to be recognized by and to give contribution to the world of theology in general i would like to extend my gratitude to all contributors of this book the theme of multiculturalism is chosen because it is the distinctiveness of indonesia as well as the pluralistic reality of the world i hope you gain many insights from the theological reflections that you read

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the islamization of politics in indonesia after 1998 presents an underexplored puzzle why has there been a rise in the number of shari a laws despite the electoral decline of islamist parties michael buehler presents an analysis of the conditions under which islamist activists situated outside formal party politics may capture and exert influence in muslim majority countries facing democratization his analysis shows that introducing competitive elections creates new pressures for entrenched elites to mobilize and structure the electorate thereby opening up new opportunities for islamist activists to influence politics buehler s analysis of changing state religion relations in formerly authoritarian islamic countries illuminates broader theoretical debates on islamization in the context of democratization this timely text is essential reading for students scholars and government analysts

in a situation of growing interest in the religion of migrants there are still few publications dealing with pentecostal and charismatic christians from the global south and the churches they have been starting all over europe this ground breaking study based on extensive interviews conducted during a nine year research period encompassing more than 100 churches describes how pentecostal charismatic migrant pastors live out their pastoral role how they construct their missionary biographies and how they conceptualize and practice evangelism the result is a comprehensive portrait of an immigrant group which does not define itself as victimized and in need of assistance but as expatriate agents with a clear calling and a vision to change the continent they now live in

in 1905 westminster press published history of the presbyterian churches of the world by church historian richard clark reed 1851 1925 reed s book intended as a textbook for college and seminary students covered the history of churches that subscribed to presbyterian polity from the new testament era to the beginning of the twentieth century based on reed s original work as well as an unpublished manuscript by presbyterian historian thomas hugh spence jr 1899 1986 presbyterian and reformed churches a global history picks up the story of presbyterian and reformed churches where the earlier works left off in this volume james mcgoldrick revises and updates reed s and spence s original historically relevant works continuing the survey to the twenty first century each chapter traces the history of presbyterian and reformed churches in individual nations and regions around the globe the author covers the major events leaders and institutions influencing presbyterian and reformed church history in a readable style that is ideally suited for classroom study as well as for independent reading a list of suggested additional readings concludes each chapter nations regions covered switzerland france the netherlands and other european nations scotland ireland england and wales united states mexico and central america caribbean basin south america africa middle east india indochina and southeast asia china korea japan and lesser pacific islands

this study looks at the expression of christianity in the eastern indonesian island of halmahera in the years 1941 to 1979 against the historical theological and missiological backgrounds it examines the interactions between pre literary religion islam and christianity from this it tries to evaluate the nature of the gospel in relation to its cultural expressions and the implications for the church

the 2008 report of the san francisco bay area chinese churches project edited by james chuck and timothy tseng contains updated profiles of chinese congregations in the bay area and essays by dean adachi ken carlson johnson chiu virstan choy james chuck russell jeung ricky manalo donald ng victor quan steve quen chloe sun and timothy tseng and russell yee

this volume considers a range of ways in which bilingual programs can make a contribution to aspects of human and economic development in the global south the authors examine the consequences of different policies programs and pedagogies for learners and local communities through recent ethnographic research on these topics the revitalization of minority languages and local cultural practices management of linguistic and cultural diversity and promotion of equal opportunities both social and economic are all explored in this light

once celebrated in the western media as a shining example of a liberal and tolerant islam indonesia since the end of the soeharto regime may 1998 has witnessed a variety of developments that bespeak a conservative turn in the country s muslim politics in this timely collection of original essays martin van bruinessen our most distinguished senior western scholar of indonesian islam and four leading indonesian muslim scholars explore and explain these developments each chapter examines recent trends from a strategic institutional perch the council of indonesian muslim scholars the reformist muhammadiyah south sulawesi s committee for the implementation of islamic shari a and radical islamism in solo with van bruinessen s brilliantly synthetic introduction and conclusion these essays shed a bright light on what indonesian muslim politics was and

where it seems to be going the analysis is complex and by no means uniformly dire for readers interested in indonesian muslim politics and for analysts interested in the dialectical interplay of progressive and conservative islam this book is fascinating and essential reading robert hefner director institute on culture religion and world affairs boston university

schrauwers examines the profound impact of a dutch protestant mission on the religion and culture of the to pamona people of the highlands of central sulawesi indonesia

indonesia is the largest muslim majority nation in the world and at the same time has a growing pentecostal charismatic movement gaining more public attention both for its size and wealth building on two years of research thousands of member surveys and visits to almost 300 churches this book gives insights into the reasons for its growth it explores the characteristics of the growing community and its social relations with other christian communities as well as muslims in indonesia

performance events have long had a central place in indonesian societies in displaying power affirming social relations celebrating shared values and at times conveying potent political critique how have they responded to the momentous social and political changes of recent years the dismantling of the centralised authoritarian suharto regime and its replacement with a more open regionally focused political system the rapid expansion of global cultural influence investigations of diverse performance genres from different regions illustrate the way general socio political processes play out locally and how particular groups are responding exploring performed understandings of identity and community such studies expand knowledge of a complex contested period of change in indonesia and the workings of contemporary performance in giving it expression with contributions by chua beng huat alexandra crosby barbara hatley ariel heryanto brett hough rachmah ida reza idria edwin jurriens yoshi fajar kresno murti neneng yanti k lahpan ugoran prasad wawan sofwan aline scott maxwell fridus steijlen alia swastika denise varney

this book assesses the continuity and significance of hindu buddhist design motifs in islamic mosques in java the volume investigates four pre islamic motifs in javanese mosque ornamentation from the 15th century to the present day prehistoric tumpals hindu buddhist kala makaras lotus buds and scrolls

this book is a narration of my life and ministry among the indigenous peoples of borneo in sabah from 1994 2019 the events told are based on my personal recollections and i have not referred to any notes books or minutes of meetings except in a few places which i acknowledged in the footnotes to the best of my knowledge the modern history of sib sabah has yet to be written 1990 onwards my book is not a historical narrative nor historiography but a recollection of events from 1989 onwards i leave it to the historians and research students to write sib s modern history or evaluate what i have written here writing memoirs is a meditative and selective process we choose what we want to remember and this is my interpretation of events most of which i had participated in or possessed first hand knowledge i have started writing without an outline and without knowing what i was going to write so what i wrote over two months oct 2014 with little revision afterwards consists of what i remember to be important and significant in this first half of my life and ministry according to the book of numbers the priests begin their duties when they are 30 years old and retire from service when they turn 50 i was 30

years four months and 5 days old when i started and i have reached 50 in 2014 these memoirs are my reflections of 25 years in active service of the ministry and service of the burden in the house of the congregation of the lord numbers 4 47 i trust that the map shown in the book will give you a sense of the location where i had travelled into 100 villages and towns almost all of which i had preached and ministered in my prayer is that for all those who have heard me preached in sabah west malaysia singapore indonesia thailand new zealand and hong kong and believers around the world will find something helpful and spiritually edifying in this book may the name of jesus christ our lord be glorified now and forever 14th october 2019 feast of tabernacles 15th tishri 5780

the wide variety of ethnic groups in indonesia is reflected in the ethnic diversity among indonesian villages until now descriptive studies of village life have been virtually nonexistent except in the dutch language this collection of comprehensive surveys of thirteen villages in indonesia provides the first major study of this fundamental level of indonesian society in the post colonial period the studies are based on first hand field experience by outstanding indonesian dutch and american scholars the villages included are representative of the variety of social political economic and religious systems in the major island regions sumatra java bali sumbawa timor kalimantan sulawesi ambon and west irian most of the contributors are anthropologists but a sociologist an agronomist and an authority on adat law are also represented although the articles reflect the particular interests of the individual authors certain general anthropological topics such as demography settlement patterns subsistence economy land tenure and social and political structures are covered in each to allow for comparisons among the studies the editor has added a history of indonesian village studies and in a concluding chapter he makes general observations about village life in indonesia in addition to illustrating the range of indonesia s ethnic diversity these village surveys provide greater understanding of the social phenomena and processes that form a basic part of contemporary life in a rapidly changing country koentjaraningrat 1923 1999 was a professor and head of the department of anthropology at the university of indonesia he was the author of numerous scholarly books and articles in both the indonesian and english languages

indonesia is a remarkable case study for religious politics while not being a theocratic country it is not secular either with the indonesian state officially defining what constitutes religion and every citizen needing to be affiliated to one of them this book focuses on java and bali and the interesting comparison of two neighbouring societies shaped by two different religions islam and hinduism the book examines the appropriation by the peoples of java and bali of the idea of religion through a dialogic process of indigenization of universalist religions and universalization of indigenous religions it looks at the tension that exists between proponents of local world views and indigenous belief systems and those who deny those local traditions as qualifying as a religion this tension plays a leading part in the construction of an indonesian religious identity recognized by the state the book is of interest to students and scholars of southeast asia religious studies and the anthropology and sociology of religion

this masterful six volume encyclopedia provides comprehensive global coverage of religion emphasizing larger religious communities without neglecting the world's smaller religious outposts religions of the world second edition a comprehensive encyclopedia of beliefs and practices is an extraordinary work bringing together the scholarship of

some 225 experts from around the globe the encyclopedia s six volumes offer entries on every country of the world with particular emphasis on the larger nations as well as indonesia and the latin american countries that are traditionally given little attention in english language reference works entries include profiles on religion in the world s smallest countries the vatican and san marino profiles on religion in recently established or disputed countries kosovo and nagorno karabakh as well as profiles on religion in some of the world s most remote places antarctica and easter island religions of the world is unique in that it is based in religion on the ground tracing the development of each of the 16 major world religious traditions through its institutional expressions in the modern world its major geographical sites and its major celebrations unlike other works the encyclopedia also covers the world of religious unbelief as expressed in atheism humanism and other traditions

the politics of the periphery in indonesia is a thought provoking examination of local politics and the dynamics of power at indonesia's geographic and social margins after the fall of suharto in 1998 and the introduction of a policy of decentralization in 2001 local stakeholders secured and consolidated decision making power and set about negotiating new relations with jakarta the volume deals with power struggles and local national tensions looking among other things at resource control the historical roots of regional identity politics and issues relating to chinese indonesians the authors develop information in ways that transcend the post colonial territorial boundaries of indonesia in the malay indonesian archipelago and use case studies to show how the changes described have galvanized indonesian politics at the cultural and geographical peripheries

charismatic pastors fast paced worship sessions inspirational but shallow theology and large congregations these are just some of the associated traits of pentecostal megachurches but what lies beneath the veneer of glitz what are their congregations like how did they grow so quickly how have they managed to negotiate local and transnational challenges this book seeks to understand the growth and popularity of independent pentecostal megachurches in southeast asia using an ethnographic approach the chapters examine pentecostal megachurches in malaysia indonesia the philippines and singapore each chapter dwells on the development of the megachurch set against the specific background of the country s politics and history

a spectacular achievement and one of the very best travel books i have read simon winchester wall street journal declaring independence in 1945 indonesia said it would work out the details of the transfer of power etc as soon as possible with over 300 ethnic groups spread across over 13 500 islands the world's fourth most populous nation has been working on that etc ever since author elizabeth pisani traveled 26 000 miles in search of the links that bind this disparate nation

this cutting edge book considers the question of islam and commercialisation in indonesia a majority muslim non arab country revealing the cultural heterogeneity behind rising islamism in a democratizing society it highlights the case of television production and the identity of its viewers drawing from detailed case studies from across islands in the diverse archipelagic country it contends that commercial television has democratised the relationship between islamic authority and the muslim congregation and investigates the responses of the heterogeneous middle class towards commercial da wah by taking the case of commercial television the book argues that what is occurring in indonesia is less related to islamic ideologisation than it is a symbiosis between muslim middle class anxieties and the workings of market forces it examines the web of relationships that links islamic expression commercial television and national imagination arguing that the commercialisation of islam through national television discloses unrequited expectations of equality between ethnic and religious groups as well as between regions

defending traditional islam in indonesia examines the rise of young preachers of arab descent habaib and their sermon groups in the region and shows how islam and politics coexist flourish interlace and strive in indonesia in complex pragmatic and mutually beneficial relationships the book argues that the emergence of arab preachers in the late 1990s when traditional forms of islamic authority came under growing challenge from a diverse array of muslim groups and ideologies is closely tied to contestation between traditionalists and their puritanical rivals the salafi wahhabi not only have the habaib featured prominently in defending traditionalism they have also used this contestation as an opportunity to build their authority and religious capital through marketisation and their ties to the middle east the author explores the ways in which habaib promote themselves to the mostly young urban muslim community and also analyses the use of new media and marketing strategies by habaib to attract young followers the use of merchandise utilising popular culture and group identity markers is especially salient in the preachers outreach to urban audiences in addition public staging and entertainment during preaching activities are means by which the habaib cast their islamic preaching dakwah as the prophet s mission and encourage their followers participation a novel socio cultural and religious study and a contribution to the growing discussion on new media market and religion this book will be of interest to anthropologists social scientists and area studies scholars interested in indonesia southeast asia and islamic studies

visual cultures of the ethnic chinese in indonesia explores how visual representations shaped and were shaped by how the ethnic chinese confronted the period of economic dislocation and radical social change during dutch colonialism and the nationalist struggles in the decolonized indonesia including the post 1965 and 1998 social environments how did the ethnic chinese communities re present themselves to both their domestic and outside world under the changing regimes of representation how did they visualize symbolically their place in indonesian society how did the visual shape the ambiguities of the chinese the perception of the economic identity and the forgetting of their involvement in politics cultures and histories of the nation more broadly how did the visual address the interconnectedness of domestic life the urban cultural milieu and ideologies of the state and the ruling class the book is a response to two paradoxical socio political phenomena whose convergence is shaping the experience and conceptualization of ethnic chinese in indonesia on the one hand the economic technological and cultural forces of colonialism and globalization have created conditions for the formation of ethnic chinese capital ists while on the other the state generated identity and identification constituted the discourses of othering the ethnic chinese as foreign minority

brutal truth about indonesia from irony to absurdity peels back the layers of indonesia s carefully curated image to expose the harsh realities lurking beneath written with biting wit and unflinching honesty this darkly cynical exploration examines the nation s deep rooted corruption abuse of power and the shameless hypocrisy of its elite and society at large ricky firman an unapologetic truth teller takes readers on a thought provoking journey through indonesia s moral contradictions from the systemic persecution of minorities ethnic religious and sexual to the relentless grip of religious fundamentalism and superstition ricky dissects the absurdities that define the social and political landscape he confronts the rampant anti lgbtq and anti jewish sentiments and challenges the widely held illusion that religion equates to morality equal parts exposé and dark comedy brutal truth about indonesia forces readers to question their assumptions about a nation celebrated for its diversity and hospitality but marred by deeply entrenched prejudices and contradictions ricky s sharp unfiltered perspective is as unsettling as it is necessary daring readers to confront the uncomfortable truths behind indonesia s façade this is not a book for the faint of heart but for those brave enough to face reality it s a must read

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