Synopsis

Picking up where the bestselling and controversial The Christ Conspiracy leaves off, Suns of God leads the reader through an electrifying exploration of the origin and meaning of the world’s religions and popular gods. Over the past several centuries, the Big Three spiritual leaders have been the Lords Christ, Krishna and Buddha, whose stories and teachings are curiously and confoundingly similar to each other. The tale of a miraculously born redeemer who overcomes heroic challenges, teaches ethics and morality, performs marvels and wonders, acquires disciples and is famed far and wide, to be persecuted, killed and reborn, is not unique but a global phenomenon recurring in a wide variety of cultures long before the Christian era. These numerous godmen were not similar "historical" personages who “walked the earth” but anthropomorphizations of the central focus of the famous "mysteries." A major element of the cryptic, international brotherhood, these mysteries extend back thousands of years and are found worldwide, reflecting an ancient tradition steeped in awe and intrigue. The reasons for this religious development, which has inspired the creation of entire cultures, are unveiled in this in-depth analysis containing fascinating and original research based on evidence both modern and ancient, captivating information kept secret and hidden for ages. Suns of God is possibly the most complete review of the history of religion from its inception ever composed in a single volume.

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Customer Reviews

As a former Christian minister, and perhaps more importantly as a former apologist for the faith I would like to comment on this latest book from Acharya S. First, and what is often hardest for the
faithful to accept, is that she is correct in nearly all of her statements concerning the history of organized religions, especially in the west. Second, and perhaps equally difficult for those who prefer fantasy to reality, is that she is so direct about it. She makes no bones about her belief, or perhaps lack of belief, and although she and I do not agree on every detail—still, Acharya has pretty much outlined, at least for anyone seriously considering a leap off that fence between belief and disbelief, a required text—a primer of common sense if you wish. I have read the reviews and it would seem that you either loved the book—or hated it. There is no way anyone, regardless of how faithful to their religion they might be, can rate this book any less than 4 stars, if for nothing more than the viable research it involved. One major problem that many find with adherents to religion is their black and white—all or nothing approaches to pretty much everything. They are not open to new ideas or new beliefs—they have a vested interest in staying the course. Recently I was asked to be part of a panel formed to investigate the accuracy of some of the Gnostic texts that were voted out of the official Bible. For purposes of historical and social accuracy, many panel members were using the accepted Bible. This I felt was completely wrong headed—as anyone who sees the Bible as the final edict of historical fact is already refusing to accept or acknowledge any other authority, for example the writers Tacitus and Philo of Alexandria.

Recently, I have been involved in research into a number of aspects of religion, in particular how it has been beneficial and how it has been harmful. As to the harm religion has caused, one need only reflect on the Crusades, the Inquisition and Islamic jihads, to realize that hundreds of millions of people have died because religion gives people a basis (an irrational basis) for killing people they don’t like. Wouldn’t it be great if humankind had a way of understanding religion and religious belief that would increase our tolerance for differing religious views and encourage us to stop the killing? Suns of God: Krishna, Buddha and Christ Unveiled, by Acharya S., is a book that can lead us in that direction. Regardless of whether one is quite religious or completely without religion, there is much in this book that will cause any reasonable person to conclude that we share common ground, and very interesting ground at that. In America today, where Christianity is dominant, almost everyone believes that Jesus Christ was present in the flesh 2,000 years ago in and around Jerusalem, that he was the son of God, born of a virgin, who performed miracles, was crucified, died on the cross, was entombed, then came alive and ascended to Heaven. Further, Jesus died to expiate the sins of mankind so that men could be absolved of their sins and make it to Heaven themselves. Quite a familiar story. Remarkably, most Americans (and probably most Europeans) believe that the Jesus story is the only one of its kind. Not so. The same essential story was told many times in many
different locations over hundreds, even thousands, of years before the Jesus story developed. Why and how that happened is the subject of Suns of God.

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