

A Companion to Comparative Theology

Edited by

Pim Valkenberg

with

Marianne Moyaert

Kristin Johnston Lergen

James Fredericks

Bede Benjamin Bidlack

BRILL

LEIDEN | BOSTON

Contents

Acknowledgements ix

Notes on Contributors x

Introduction 1

*Pim Valkenberg with Marianne Moyaert, Kristin Johnston Largen,
James L. Fredericks, and Bede Benjamin Bidlack*

PART 1

Comparative Theology before 1985

1 Catholic Roots for the Discipline 31

Francis X. Clooney, SJ

2 The Science of Religion, Comparative Religion, Mission,
and the Birth of Comparative Theology 50

Paul Hedges

3 The Development of Comparative Theology in the
Twentieth Century 69

Hugh Nicholson

4 French Comparative Theologians Before *Nostra Aetate* 90

Pim Valkenberg and Christian Krokus

PART 2

Judaism

5 An Introduction to Christian-Jewish Comparative Theology 111

Marianne Moyaert

6 Unity and Mediation: The Nature of Torah and the Nature
of Jesus Christ 132

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski

- 7 "Therefore do Maidens Love You": Passion and Pluralism
in Jewish and Christian Song of Songs Commentaries 150
Devorah Schoenfeld
- 8 The Significance of the Land in *Birkat Hamazon*:
Lessons in Self-Understanding 170
Emmanuel Nathan

PART 3

Islam

- 9 David B. Burrell and the Horizon of a Jewish-Christian-Muslim
Comparative Theology 197
Marianne Farina, CSC, and Pim Valkenberg
- 10 The Qur'ānic Critique of Apocalyptic Ideas and a
Christian Response 212
Klaus von Stosch
- 11 Can There Be an Islamic Comparative Theology? 230
Vahid Mahdavi Mehr
- 12 My/Our Servant Job: Creation and Temptation as a Guide
to Understanding Job as God's Servant 247
María Enid Barga and Nadeen Mustafa A. Alsulaimi

PART 4

Hinduism

- 13 Riches Line the Path: An Introduction to Hindu-Christian
Comparative Theology 269
Kristin Johnston Largen
- 14 The Hindu-Catholic Encounter: A Natural Home
for Comparative Theology 280
Francis X. Clooney, SJ

- 15 Comparative Theologies of Pilgrimage: Faiths with Legs 294
Holly Hillgardner
- 16 Exploring the Risks and Rewards of Comparing Religions for the
 Future of Hindu Studies in 21st Century America 312
Jonathan Edelmann

PART 5

Buddhism

- 17 The Anointing at Bethany: A Buddhist Reading of Mark's Gospel 331
James L. Fredericks
- 18 Integrating Aspects of Buddhist and Christian Liberation Epistemology
 to Empower Compassionate Social Action 349
John Makransky
- 19 Ending at the Beginning: Prenatal Theological Anthropology and
 Pregnancy Loss Memorials in Japanese Buddhism and American
 Catholicism 368
Maureen L. Walsh
- 20 Self-love and Altruistic Love in *Bodhicaryāvatāra*:
 A Christian Theological Reflection 388
Pan-chiu Lai and Rouyan Gu

PART 6

Chinese Religion

- 21 Tradition, Language, and Christian-Chinese Comparative
 Theology 409
Bede Benjamin Bidlack
- 22 On Comparative Theology: A Confucian Case 419
Robert Cummings Neville

- 23 A Contextual Comparison of Conceptual Categories:
A Christian-Confucian Test Case in Taiwan from a Ritual
Perspective 446
Kijin James Wu
- 24 Towards a Daoist Comparative Theology 467
Louis Komjathy 康思奇

PART 7

New Perspectives in Comparative Theology

- 25 Theology without Walls 489
Jerry L. Martin
- 26 Toward a Comparative Feminist Theology 505
Jerusha Tanner Rhodes
- 27 A Ritual Turn in Comparative Theology 517
Marianne Moyaert
- 28 Multiple Religious Belonging and Comparative Theology 531
André van der Braak
- 29 Comparative Theology, Calligraphy and Iconography 548
Lucinda Allen Mosher
- 30 Comparative Theology and Interreligious Studies: Embracing
and Transgressing the Dialogical Relationships Among Religious
Traditions 563
Axel Marc Oaks Takacs
- 31 Comparative Theology: More than Comparing Theologies 583
Catherine Cornille
- Index 605