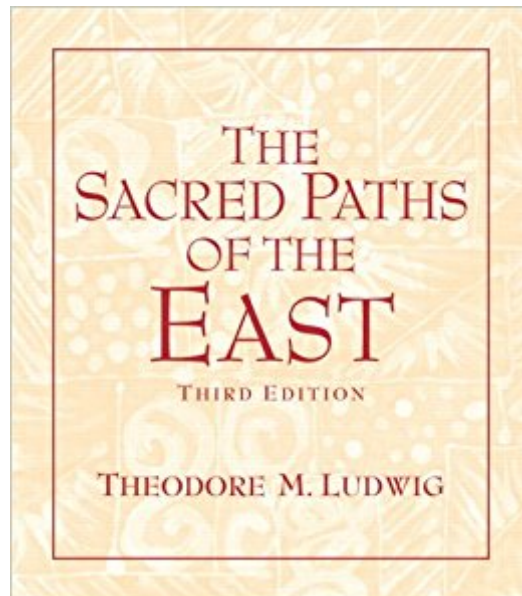




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# **The Sacred Paths Of The East (3rd Edition)**



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good textbook for class

Besides the overuse of the phrase "of course", this has been a delightful read. i am keen to delve into this book's intriguing breakdown of the East's religious practices! Thank you Mr. Ludwig and all other involved parties, ~of course~ your work is appreciated by many!

Got the book fast, a little bit of highlighting but nothing big.

I can't say i like or dislike the book since it's for my class. I honestly have not read the book yet

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