Comparative Book Review – List of Titles

Choose and read two books, one from List 1 (contemporary issues) and one from List 2 (historical studies on religious responses to poverty). Please consult the professor if a book you wish to select is not on this list. See the course syllabus for further information on the assignment.

List 1: Contemporary Issues:


Hulme, Kathryn. The wild place. Boston: Little Brown, 1953. [Note: This is a true account by the former director of a displaced person camp, part of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration following World War 2; while the book says little about religion, the author was a disciple of George Ivanovitch Gurdjieff; she reflects on his influence in her life and work in her 1966 memoir, Undiscovered country: A spiritual adventure.]


List 2: Historical studies of religious responses to poverty


Caner, Daniel. Wandering begging monks: Spiritual authority and the promotion of monasticism in Late Antiquity. The Transformation of the Classical Heritage 33; Berkeley: University of California, 2002.


