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A Paradigm Shift in Faith

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Explores the challenges of transforming the concept of Kingdom of God to Gardens of God, involving cross-religious, cross-cultural and cross-civilizational dialogues.

In self, society, religion and politics we are used to the language and discourse of Kingdom of God. But in this God is presented as an omnipotent king who is also angry at slight deviation. We get glimpses of such powerful and angry God in Old Testament as well as in many other religious traditions of the world. In such a discourse and portrayal of God, we fail to realize that God is mercy, rahim, karuna and compassion. God is our ever-awakened nurturer and He and She is continuously walking and meditating with us with mercy as well as firm challenges for self-development, mutual realizations and responsible cosmic engagement and participation. The vision and discourse of Kingdom of God has many a time been confined within a logic of power where we are prone to valorize God's power in order to valorize our own power on Earth, especially the logic of sovereignty at the level of self and society, rather than realize God's mercy. This book strives to transform this to Gardens of God.

Key selling points

Explores the challenges of transforming the concept of Kingdom of God to Gardens of God.

Adopts a multidisciplinary approach.

Provides new ways of thinking about theology, politics, religion and spirituality.

Brings contributors from many different parts of the world involving cross-religious, cross-cultural and cross-civilizational dialogues.

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