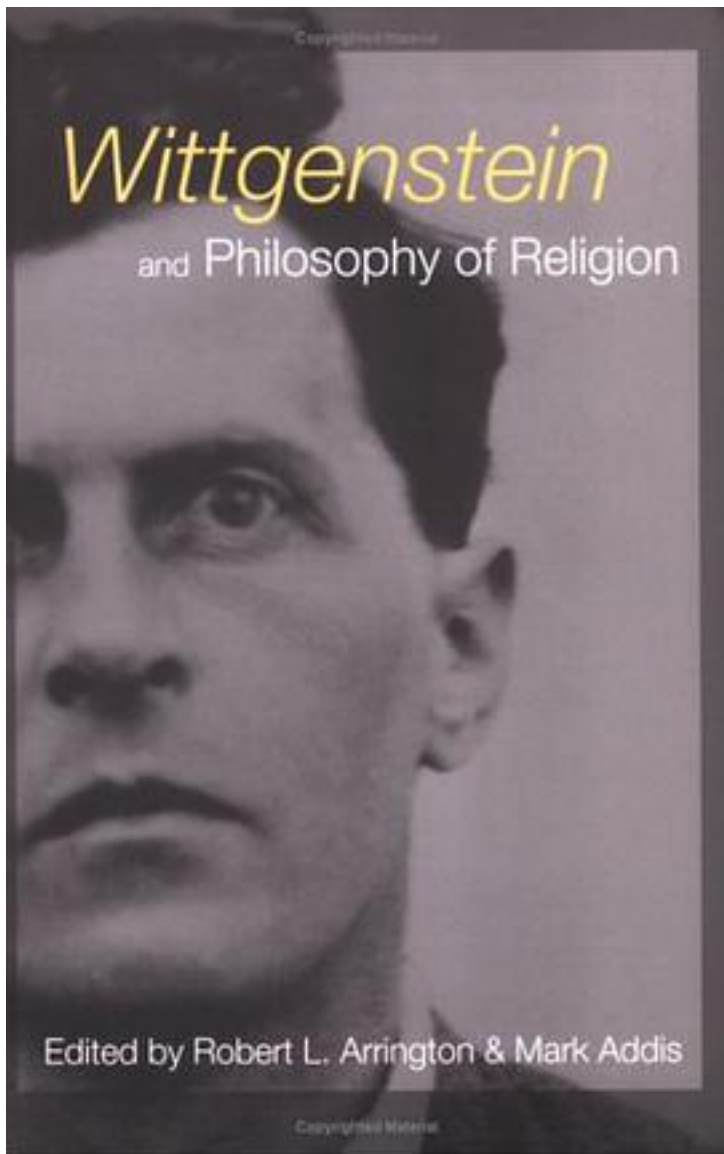


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Wittgenstein and Philosophy of Religion is an exciting introduction to the influential and controversial contribution which the later Wittgenstein made to the philosophy of religion. Although his writings on religion were few, he nevertheless developed a distinctive way of understanding religious belief that holds great appeal for many readers and philosophers, especially those who do not view theistic religion as simply a form of superstition or irrationality. This collection brings together leading Wittgenstein scholars with varying views on the correct interpretation, and acceptability, of Wittgenstein's writings on religion. The essays show how Wittgenstein's comments on religion (and magic) stress the distinctive character of religious discourse. He emphasizes how we can misunderstand its nature if religious statements are viewed as contradicting scientific ones. The themes discussed include Wittgenstein's views on creation, magic and free will, and Wittgenstein's thought is compared to that of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche and contemporary reformed epistemologists. Wittgenstein and Philosophy of Religion sheds new light on the perennial debate between faith and reason. It highlights the disagreements between Wittgenstein and the religious sceptics, resulting in a collection that is both informative and stimulating. John Hyman, Brian R. Clack, Iakovos Vasiliou, William H. Brenner, Michael P. Hodges, Mark Addis, Paul Helm, Alan, Bailey, Kai Nielson, Robert L. Arrington

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