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The Psychological Elements of Religious Faith: Lectures

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. An excerpt from the beginning. Dr. Everett's method is not dogmatic but, as the title suggests, objective and psychological. His object is to find out what religion really is as matter of fact and history. He wishes to ascertain all (and only) the essential elements of religion, and also the highest forms or form of the same—that is, to reach an inclusive or extensive definition, and a typical one. I can only state here his results, with some incidental criticism. At bottom, he finds religion to be a state of feeling. It is not an answer to a question, certainly not the question as to the origin of the world. In the history of religion the cosmogonists come late; people did not wait for the religious feeling until they knew how the world was made (p. 54). Nor is religion primarily a relation to the infinite—the conscious recognition of the infinite as the object of religion comes late; religion does not begin with it (p.83). Chapters i to iv are an elaboration of the thesis that religion...



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