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In this book Christopher Adair-Totefl elucidates the meanings and functions of a number of fundamental concepts in Max Weber's sociology of religion. While Weber is widely recognized as one of the founders of the field of sociology of religion, there remain many disagreements about the nature of his investigations; and a number of questions about his scope and methods linger. For example, it is not sufficiently clear what, exactly, Weber meant when he referred to "world religions," nor is it completely evident how his Protestant ethic study fits into his overall conception of the field. Whether one believes Weber was a Neo-Kantian or not, it is clear that he shared the Neo-Kantian emphasis on the fundamental importance of concepts. Unfortunately, Weber often failed to provide definitions for his concepts, and there is consequently some confusion about what he means by them. This ambiguity is especially apparent when it comes to the concepts within his sociology of religion. This volume works to address these uncertainties and omissions.

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