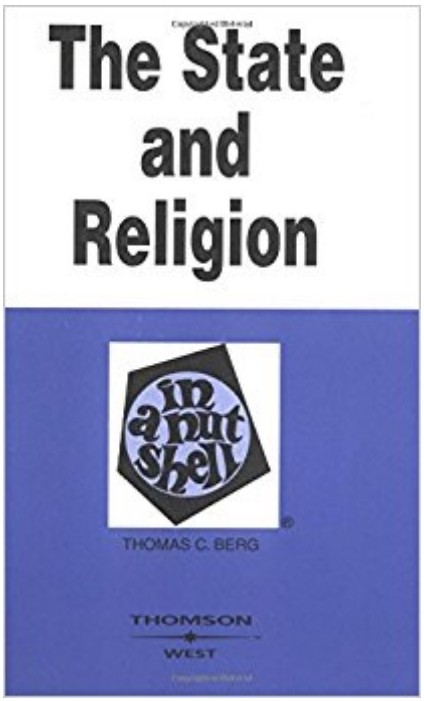
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Expert narrative reflects the substantial attention the Supreme Court has given to religious-freedom issues under the First Amendment over the last 15 years. Text covers issues such as separation of church and state, equality of treatment, and religious liberty. Provides historical perspective and explains how the Establishment Clause and Free Exercise Clause interact. State constitutions and legislative provisions on religious freedom are discussed as well.

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This book is handy, concise, and well written. I turn to it as a guide when studying for related exams. I do NOT (nor should anyone in their right mind) look to it for an exhaustive (endlessly PC) account of marginalized religions.Get a grip -- it’s a hornbook.

This book is an excellent summary of the law in this area. The writing is so clear and interesting. Even though I am not a lawyer, I was able to understand it. What a great way to add depth and context to the issues of law and religion that are so often discussed superficially on the news.

Sounds like this book is a law school study guide. But to show that the author is not only about dry facts, I adduce his recent quite excited reflections on Gay Softball. On the anti-gay site Mirror of Justice, he breathlessly details some court case involving, probably in the author’s prejudicial mind,

gay guys who like to spend their Saturdays saying "Hey batter, what a big bat you have!" And Thomas Berg is so worked-up in anticipation of similar breathless comments from his readers that he especially exhorts the readers to be on their "best behavior". He knows the whole subject of Gay Softball brings out the devil in his little cadre. What impressive legal thinkers these people are. No wonder he has such clarity on Church-State issues.

As a guide on religion and religious freedoms, this book was disappointing in that it did not address neo-pagan religious groups and religious viewpoints in America... especially one of the fastest growing religions in the States: Wicca. In federal court in 1985, Wicca became recognized as an "official" religion in the U.S. (See Detmer v. Landon) And in light of the religious freedoms that have been trampled on over the years for non-mainstream religions in schools, prisons, employment, etc., it would have been great to see some of this addressed in this book.

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