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What We Have Learned

Sommario/riassunto

This book explores issues relating to the nature, methods, and effects of religious conversion in the major world faiths. Presenting the results of an innovative ten-year project initiated by the World Council of Churches, it features contributions from religious scholars and leaders of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim traditions, and addresses questions on religious freedom, legal considerations, and the future for religious conversion.
