



# Barbara Brown Taylor

## Holy Envy: Learning to Live with Religious Difference

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Fifty years ago, you had to be a world explorer, a foreign missionary, or a soldier deployed overseas to encounter people of vastly different faiths. Now anyone with a computer can go on a virtual Hajj to Mecca or learn meditation from a Zen master online. Spirituality has become as global as trade, raising all sorts of questions for people who never had any reason to think about how many ways there are to approach the divine. What is a Christian to do? Barbara Taylor has some ideas, based on teaching world religions to college students over the past twenty years. Join us for an introduction to 'holy envy' and a few other rules of religious understanding.



Barbara Brown Taylor is the New York Times bestselling author of *An Altar in the World*, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, and *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. She has been an Avon lady, a cocktail waitress, a horseback riding instructor, and a hospital chaplain, but her favorite job was teaching world religions at Piedmont College for twenty years before putting the chalk down in 2017. An Episcopal priest, she has also served on the faculties of Emory University, Mercer University, Columbia Seminary, Oblate School of Theology, and the Certificate in Theological Studies program at Arrendale State Prison for Women in Alto, Georgia. She now divides her time between writing, speaking, and caring for the land on which she lives. Barbara and her husband Ed tend a small farm in the foothills of the Appalachians. More about Taylor here: [barbarabrowntaylor.com](http://barbarabrowntaylor.com)

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