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### **A Theory of Religious Praxis: An Introduction to Practical Theology in India**

*A Theory of Religious Praxis – An Introduction to Practical Theology in India*, is a very refreshing and elucidative guide for theologizing in the context of India today. This book admirably connects the theoretical foundations of theology with the lived experiences and unique challenges faced by Indian society. Fr. Roy Lazar's approach is rooted in the belief that theology should not just be theoretical, but must have practical implications for daily life. The comprehensive presentation of the discipline and the lucid analysis of the sub-topics make the book all the more interesting and useful, both for the experts and for the students of theology. It is a must-read for those seeking to deepen their understanding of Pastoral Care in the Indian context and of how theology can play a vital role in shaping social transformation in India.

**(Most Rev. Dr. Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, President, CCBI, Archbishop of Goa & Daman)**

Fr Roy's book on Practical Theology provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of this field in India. *An Introduction to Practical Theology in India Today* serves as an insightful starting point for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the intersection between religion and social issues in India, and the role and relevance of Practical Theology today. It will be really handy both for the beginners and the professionals, both in the pastoral field and in academic circles, to grasp the discipline and improve upon their knowledge and pastoral praxis.

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*A Theory of Religious Praxis: An Introduction to Practical Theology in India* is not merely an academic endeavour but a vital resource for anyone engaged in pastoral ministry and theological reflection in the unique context of India. This book is an essential contribution to the field of practical theology. It offers valuable insights and practical tools for those engaged in pastoral ministry. It is an invaluable resource for scholars, students, clergy and anyone interested in the intersections of theology, pastoral care and social realities. It is a testament to the enduring relevance of practical theology and its potential to shape a more compassionate, just and harmonious world.

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