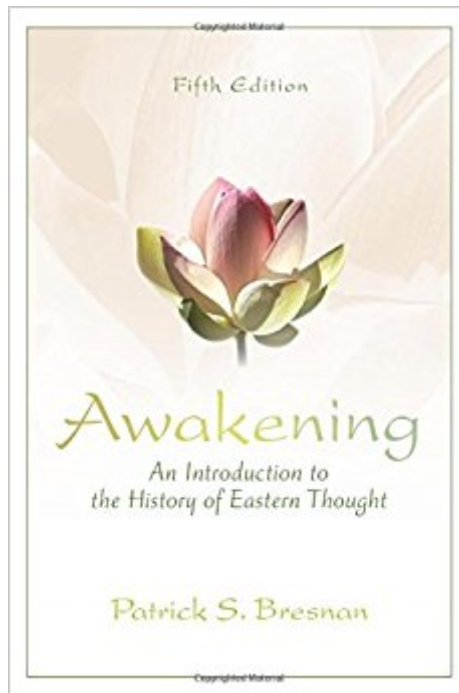




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Bresnan does an amazing job at explaining the eastern religions and philosophies. I had to get this book for my class but I'm kind of glad I purchased it because I can see myself referencing back to it often.

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