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William James, Varieties of Religious Experiences, treats of three orders of questions regarding religion: ^{questions of} ~~the~~ existential ^{fact,} ~~the evaluative,~~ and ~~the truth~~

questions of value, and questions of truth. Although the bulk of his book is concerned with questions of existential fact, the other two orders of questions are paramount ^{ultimately} in importance for James. What are James' criteria for the value or worth of religion? And what truth-value does he assign to religious experience? I.e., what is the referent of religious experience for James, and what is its relation to the constitution of the human personality; and what ~~element~~ degree of truth does he assign to this position? * ~~at~~ and how does religion fare when measured by these criteria?