

Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945

1.1 Contemporary Aboriginal Spiritualities

- Aboriginal spirituality as determined by the Dreaming
- Issues for Aboriginal spiritualities
 - Effect of dispossession
 - Land Rights movement

1.2 Religious Expression in Australia – 1945 to the Present

- Religious landscape from 1945 to the present
 - Changing patterns of religious adherence
 - Current religious landscape
- Religious dialogue in multi-faith Australia
 - Ecumenical movements within Christianity
 - Interfaith dialogue
 - Relationship between Aboriginal spiritualities and religious traditions in the process of Reconciliation



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Buddhism

2.1 Significant People and Ideas - Contribution to Buddhism

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- Vasubandhu
- Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)
- Sister Dhammadinna
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- XIVth Dalai Lama
- Pure Land
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2.3 Ethics

- Bioethics
- Environmental ethics
- Sexual ethics

2.4 Significant Practices in the Life of Adherents

- Pilgrimage
- Temple Puja
- Wesak

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Christianity

3.1 Significant People and Ideas - Contribution to Christianity

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- Hildegard of Bingen
- Martin Luther
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- Dennis Bennett
- Sara Maitland
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3.4 Significant Practices in the Life of Adherents

- Baptism
- Marriage ceremony
- Saturday/Sunday worship

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Hinduism

4.1 Significant People and Ideas - Contribution to Hinduism

- Shankara
- Ramanuja
- Madhva
- Mirabai (Mira Bai)
- Bhakti Movement
- Ram Mohan Roy
- Ramakrishna
- Mohandas Gandhi
- Purva Mimamsa school of thought
- Vedanta school of thought
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Islam

5.1 Significant People and Ideas - Contribution to Islam

- Khadijah Bint Khuwaylid
- A'isha Bint AbuBakar
- Fatima Al Zahra
- Imam Malik
- Imam Abu Hanifa
- Imam Al-Shafi'i
- Abu Ali Husayn ibn Sina
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5.3 Ethics

- Bioethics
- Environmental ethics
- Sexual ethics

5.4 Significant Practices in the Life of Adherents

- Friday prayer at the mosque
- Funeral ceremony
- Hajj

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Judaism

6.1 Significant People and Ideas - Contribution to Judaism

- Isaiah
- Hillel (and Shammai)
- Beruriah
- Rabbi Solomon Isaac (Rashi)
- Moses Maimonides
- Kabbalah
- The Hassidim
- Moses Mendelssohn
- Abraham Geiger
- Rabbi Isaac Abraham Hacoen Kook (Rav Kook)
- Jewish Feminism
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6.4 Significant Practices in the Life of Adherents

- Death and mourning
- Marriage
- Synagogue services

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Religion and Peace

7.1 Peace Expressed through Sacred Texts

- Peace expressed through sacred texts for TWO religious traditions
 - Buddhism - Sutta Pitaka, Dhammapada
 - Christianity - the New Testament
 - Hinduism - Bhagavad Gita
 - Islam - Qur'an and Hadith
 - Judaism - the Prophetic vision of peace on Earth

7.2 Principal Teachings about Peace

- Principal teachings about peace in TWO religious traditions

7.3 Contribution to Peace

- Contribution of TWO religious traditions to peace
 - Individual - means of achieving inner peace
 - World - means of achieving world peace



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Religion and Non-Religion

8.1 Religious Dimension in Human History

- Expression of the religious dimension in human history
- Significance of the religious dimension in human history
- Global distribution of the five major religious traditions

8.2 New Religious Expression

- Rise of new religious expression and spiritualities
- Influences on the growth of new religious expressions and spiritualities

8.3 Non-Religious Worldviews

- Human search for personal fulfilment through non-religious practices
 - Agnosticism
 - Atheism
 - Humanism

8.4 Difference between Religious and Non-Religious Worldviews

- Response of ONE religious and ONE non-religious belief system
 - Concept of the transcendent
 - Human person
 - Social responsibility



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