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- relations between religious and secular beliefs and institutions
- the evolving role and status of the churches
- the growth and 'settlement' of non-Christian religious communities
- the spread and diversification of alternative spiritualities
- religion in welfare, education, media, politics and law
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