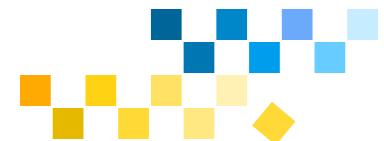


THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SCIENCE OF RELIGION TO SUICIDE RESEARCH



Dolma with a prayer wheel is preparing herself to die
(Zanskar)

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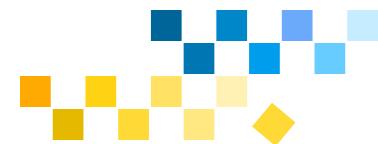
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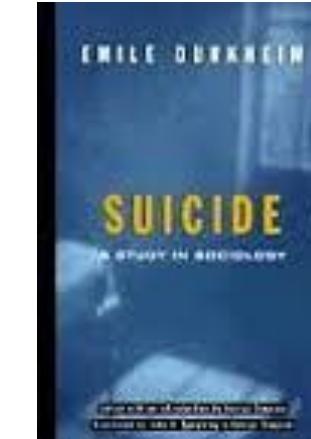
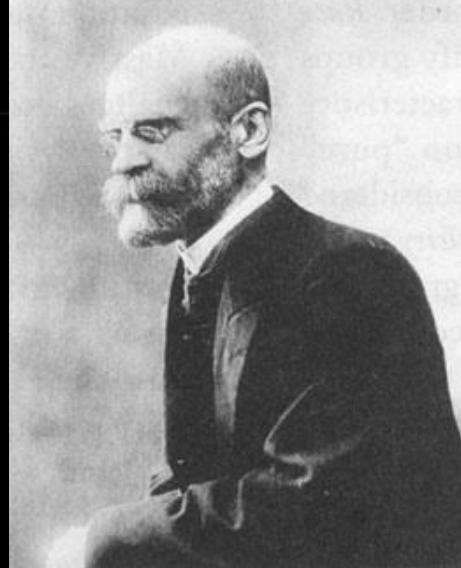
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NEW RESEARCH CONSIDERATIONS



The whole religion thing is so patently infantile,
so foreign to reality, that to anyone with a
friendly attitude to humanity it is painful to
think that the great majority of mortals will
never be able to rise above this view of life.

—Sigmund Freud



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THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITION UNDER WHICH MAN LIVES IS THAT IT



- CANNOT GRANT HIMSELF/HERSELF LIFE
AND
- CANNOT ABOLISH DEATH

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DIALOGUE: MEDLINE 1960 - 2005



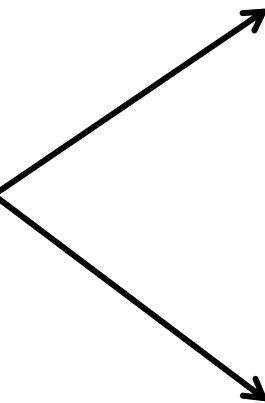
Spirituality: 0-1364 2300 %

Religion 384-6255 1529%

Medicine



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192 %**



BELIEF AND HEALTH

Christianity – Denmark

80% member of the church

2.5 % go to church during the year

30 % believe in God – what is God?





1200 studies of religion and health (Mueller, 2001). Religion promotes health. Believing in God and participating in religious ceremonies reduces the risk of suicide



Cancer
 Colitis
 Cohn's Disease
 Depression
 Diabetes
 Diarrhea
 Drug Abuse
 Gingivitis



Suicide and Religion

Have you tried to take your own life? (Yes, No)

Do you believe in "God?" (Yes, No)

What do you mean by "God"?



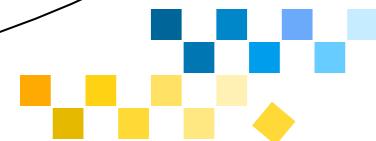
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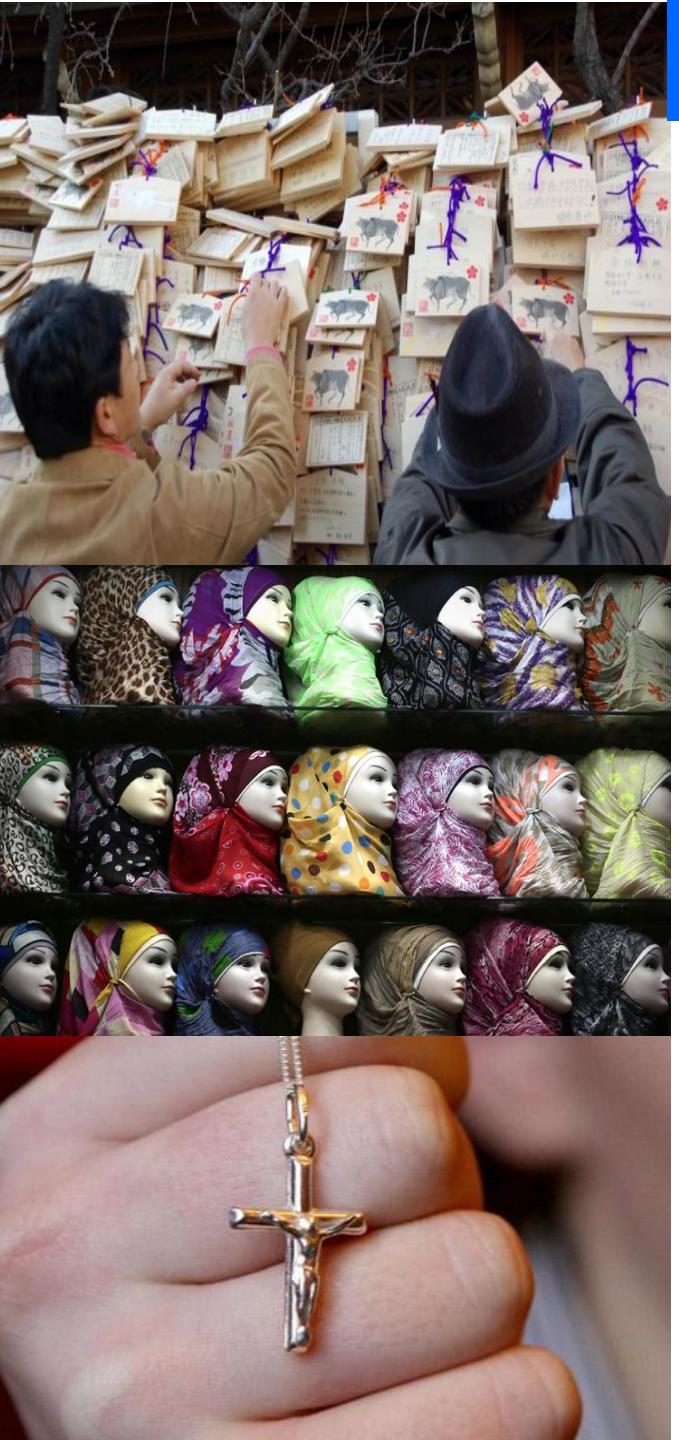
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CULTURE- RELIGION



CULTURE



Values Standards

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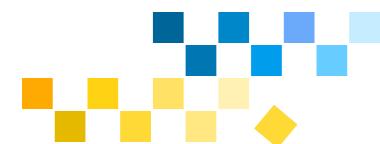
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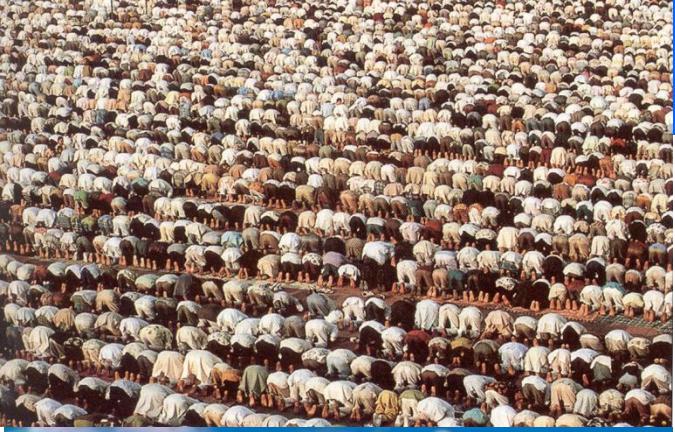
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IS A COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY OF SIGNIFICANCE WHICH GROUPS OF PEOPLE CREATE, RECREATE AND DEVELOP OUT OF DEFINED MEMBERSHIPS THAT ORIGINATE FROM THE AWARENESS OF THE SHARED HISTORY, VALUES, AND STANDARDS OF THE GROUP



RELIGION

- Socialization
- Prayer
- Rituals
- Ethics
- Experiences
- Incidents
- Myths



DEFINING RELIGION

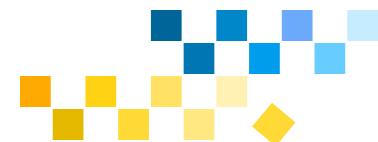
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WHAT DO YOU WANT? PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR SUICIDE ATTEMPTS?

CULTURE
RELIGION
SPIRITUALITY



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VALUES

ETICHS

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**Religion concerns everybody
whether they are believers or not.**



Thank you



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