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Religions

W: Sarah, did you know that Christianity is the religion with the largest following in the world, but Islam is the fastest growing?

Sarah: actually I ignored it, but I know that some eight hundred fifty million people define themselves as secular, non-religious, agnostic or atheistic. That's a lot, and in the same time not that much out of seven billion inhabitants on Earth!

W: I didn't think Christianity would be more followed than Islam as in France for instance, the number of church-goers keeps falling. Even some strict Catholics consider that the church should evolve.

Sarah: we must state that the Pope's stance on contraception does little to burnish the image of the church.

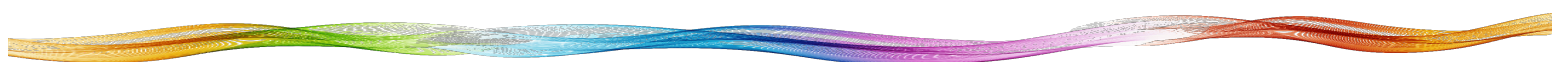
W: and not to forget the vocation crisis! Can the vocation crisis be explained by the fact that priests have to take vows of celibacy and chastity?

Sarah: without doubt, knowing moreover that the Catholic Church has always been against the ordination of women into priesthood, and in France the need for priests is greater than ever.

W: what is really scary is also the fact that historically most of the wars were generated by religions. On this matter Tony Blair said that the nine-eleven attacks were 'no more a reflection of true Islam than the Crusades were a reflection of true Christianity'.

Sarah: well, I think that like any faith, Islam is a religion of peace, as are also Hinduism, Buddhism, or Shintoism.

W: Very true, unfortunately most people forget this fact...





GLOSSARY:

Religions	Celibacy
To follow	Chastity
To grow	Catholic Church
To define oneself	The ordination
To fall/fell/fallen	Priesthood
To consider	Nine-eleven attacks
To evolve	A reflection
To state	The Crusades
To burnish	Faith
To take vows	Peace
To be against	Hinduism
To generate	Buddhism
Christianity	Shintoism
Islam	A fact
Secular	Even
Non-religious	Without doubt
Agnostic	Moreover
Atheistic	Greater than ever
Church-goers	Scary
Strict Catholics	Historically
The Pope	True
Stance	Places of worship
Contraception	Mosque
The vocation crisis	A temple
Priests	A synagogue



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