*BACKGROUND:    The headings **Religious life, Christian life,** and **Jewish way of life,** and the subdivision —**Religious life** under classes of persons are assigned to general works that describe personal religious and devotional life, or offer practical advice on developing behavior based on religious precepts.    These headings are not used for works limited to religious life in monastic orders.    Works on that aspect of religious life are assigned more specific headings, such as **Monastic and religious life, Monastic and religious life of women,** etc.    This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning headings to works on religious life.*

**1.    General.**    Assign the heading **Religious life** to general works not limited to a particular religion or sect that offer guidance in developing personal religious and devotional life, and behavior based on religious teachings.

**2. Christianity.**

> **a.    General.**    Assign the heading **Christian life** to general works that describe the religious life of Christians or offer guidance on developing a way of life based on Christian teachings.

> **b.    By denomination.**    If the denomination or sect of the author can be determined, add a subdivision of the type —**Baptist, [Catholic, etc.] authors**.    *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Christian life $x Christian and Missionary
        Alliance authors.
650 #0 $a Christian life $x Methodist authors.
```

> If appropriate, assign the free-floating form subdivision –**Early works to 1800** under headings of this type.

**3.    Judaism.**    Assign the heading **Jewish way of life** to general works that describe Jewish religious and devotional life, or offer practical advice on developing behavior based on Jewish precepts.

**4.    Other religions.**    Assign the heading **Religious life**, subdivided by the name of the religion or sect, to general works describing, or offering guidance on, religious life in individual religions other than Christianity or Judaism.    *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Religious life $x Confucianism.
650 #0 $a Religious life $x Islam.
650 #0 $a Religious life $x Pure Land Buddhism.
650 #0 $a Religious life $x Shin (Sect)
```

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5. *Classes of persons.*

   *a.    General.*    Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Religious life** under classes of persons to works describing the religious life of these persons or offering them advice on how to practice their religion in their daily lives.    *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Children $x Religious life.
650 #0 $a Statesmen $x Religious life $z United States.
```

   *b.    By religion or denomination.*    To works on the religious life of a class of persons belonging to an individual religion or denomination, assign a heading for the class of persons with the subdivision **–Religious life**.    If the heading for the class of persons does not include a term indicating the religion or denomination, assign an additional heading for the religious denomination as instructed in sec. 2-4, above.    *Examples:*

   *Title:    Being Muslim : a rites of passage manual for girls.*
```
650 #0 $a Muslim girls $x Religious life $v Juvenile
       literature.
650 #0 $a Muslim girls $x Conduct of life $v Juvenile
       literature.
```

   *Title:    We weep for ourselves and our children : a Christian guide for*
   *survivors of childhood sexual abuse.*
```
650 #0 $a Adult child sexual abuse victims
       $x Religious life.
650 $0 $a Christian life.
```

   Do not use the subdivision **–Religious life** under classes of persons headings that represent religious groups such as **Buddhists**, **Methodists**, **Mormons**, or **Muslims**.

*6.  Special topics.*    Assign appropriate specific headings to works limited to special aspects of religious life.  *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Bhakti.
650 #0 $a Buddhist giving.
650 #0 $a Buddhist mantras.
650 #0 $a Church attendance.
650 #0 $a Contemplation.
650 #0 $a Family home evenings (Mormon Church)
650 #0 $a Meditation.
650 #0 $a Prayer.
650 #0 $a Rosary.
650 #0 $a Spiritual life.
650 #0 $a Witness bearing (Christianity)
```