*BACKGROUND: The subdivision –***Religion*** is used under names of countries, cities, etc., ethnic groups, types of educational institutions, names of individual corporate bodies, and names of individual persons, for general works on the religions or religious history of those places, institutions, or people.   This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning this subdivision. For instructions on assigning the subdivision –***Religious life and customs****, see H 2016.*

1. Countries, cities, etc.

a. General.   Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Religion** under names of countries, cities, etc., for works that discuss the religions or religious history of these places. *Examples:*

```
651 #0 $a Boston (Mass.) $x Religion.
651 #0 $a France $x Religion.
651 #0 $a Latin America $x Religion.
```

Do not subdivide **–Religion** by **–History**.

b. By period.   Assign free-floating period subdivisions, in accordance with H 1140, under headings of the type **[*place*]–Religion** for works on the history of religion in a place during a particular time period.   *Examples:*

```
651 #0 $a Saint Petersburg (Russia) $x Religion $y 20th
           century.
651 #0 $a United States $x Religion $y 19th century.
```

If the place in question is a region or country, more specific period subdivisions may be established under **–Religion**, using date spans that correspond to important events or trends in the religious history of the place.   *Example:*

```
651 #0 $a United States $x Religion $y 1960-
```

c. Individual religions.   For works describing an individual religion or denomination or presenting the history of that religion in a place, assign a heading or a subdivision for the religion instead of a heading of the type **[*place*]–Religion**.   *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Baptists $z Pennsylvania $x History.
650 #0 $a Christianity $z Africa.
650 #0 $a Islam $z India $x History.
650 #0 $a Pure Land Buddhism $z Japan $x History.
651 #0 $a United States $x Church history $y 20th century.
```

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2. Ethnic groups.

> *a. General.*   Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Religion** under headings for individual ethnic groups, including groups of Indians, for works on the religion of these groups. *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a African Americans $x Religion.
650 #0 $a Germans $z Canada $x Religion.
650 #0 $a Xhosa (African people) $x Religion.
650 #0 $a Mapuche Indians $x Religion.
```

Do not subdivide **–Religion** by **–History**.

> *Note: The subdivision* **–Religion and mythology** *was discontinued under groups of Indians in 1994.*

> *b. Individual religions.*   For works on the participation of an ethnic group in an individual religion or denomination, assign two headings. *Example:*

> *Title: The Hispanic revolution in the American church.*
> ```
> 650 #0 $a Hispanic Americans $x Religion.
> 610 20 $a Catholic Church $z United States.
> ```

3. Types of educational institutions and names of individual corporate bodies.   Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Religion** under headings for types of educational institutions and under names of individual corporate bodies, including educational institutions, for works on religion in these organizations or institutions. *Example:*

```
650 #0 $a Private schools $x Religion.
610 20 $a Harvard University $x Religion.
```

Do not subdivide **–Religion** by **–History**.

Do not use this subdivision under headings for types of religious institutions or under names of individual religious organizations.

4. Individual persons.

a. Literary authors.   Assign the free-floating subdivision –**Religion** under names of individual literary authors for works on the author's beliefs, practices, knowledge, views, etc., of religion, and for religion as a theme in the author's works.

b. Other persons.

(1) General.   Assign the free-floating subdivision –**Religion** under names of persons, except individual theologians, for general works on the individual's religious beliefs, practices, knowledge, views, etc.

For individual theologians, assign the name heading for the person, without further subdivision.

(2) Special topics.   For works on the individual's knowledge of a special aspect of religion, assign a heading of the type [*name of person*]–**Knowledge and learning**, along with an additional heading for the special aspect.   For works on other aspects of a religious topic in relation to a person, including the person's views on a topic, accomplishments in a religious field, or contributions to a religious topic, assign the heading for the person and an additional heading for the religious topic.   *Examples:*

> *Title: Nietzsche's investigations into mysticism.*
> 600 10 $a Nietzsche, Friedrich Wilhelm, $d 1844-1900
> $x Knowledge and learning.
> 650 #0 $a Mysticism.

> *Title: The clearest promises of God : the development of Calvin's eucharistic teaching.*
> 600 10 $a Calvin, Jean, $d 1509-1564.
> 650 #0 $a Lord's Supper $x History of doctrines
> $y 16th century.

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5. Assigning appropriate headings.   Works on the religion of places, institutions, and people are sometimes multi-faceted, requiring an array of headings to bring out the major aspects of the subject matter.   Assign additional headings, if appropriate, to cover the important topics discussed in a work.   *Examples:*

> *Title:*   *Shakespeare's religious background.*
> ```
> 600 10 $a Shakespeare, William, $d 1564-1616 $x Religion.
> 650 #0 $a Religion in literature.
> 651 #0 $a Great Britain $x Church history $y 16th century.
> ```

> *Title:*   *Chi, the true god in the Igbo religion.*
> ```
> 650 #0 $a Chi (Igbo deity)
> 650 #0 $a Igbo (African people) $x Religion.
> 651 #0 $a Africa, Sub-Saharan $x Religion.
> ```

> *Title:*   *A history of Marxist-Leninist atheism and Soviet anti-religious policies.*
> ```
> 650 #0 $a Persecution $z Soviet Union $x History.
> 650 #0 $a Atheism $z Soviet Union $x History.
> 651 #0 $a Soviet Union $x Religion.
> ```

> *Title:*   *Kafka : Judaism, politics, and literature.*
> ```
> 600 10 $a Kafka, Franz, $d 1883-1924 $x Religion.
> 600 10 $a Kafka, Franz, $d 1883-1924 $x Political and social
>           views.
> 650 #0 $a Judaism in literature.
> ```

> *Title:*   *Protestant reformers at Oxford.*
> ```
> 610 20 $a University of Oxford $x Religion.
> 650 #0 $a Reformation $z England $z Oxford.
> 651 #0 $a Oxford (England) $x Church history $y 16th
>           century.
> 651 #0 $a England $x Church history $y 16th century.
> ```

> *Title:*   *Black Pentecostalism : Southern religion in an urban world.*
> ```
> 610 20 $a Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America (Boston, Mass.)
> 650 #0 $a African Americans $z Massachusetts $z Boston
>           $x Religion.
> 651 #0 $a Boston (Mass.) $x Church history.
> ```

5.   Assigning appropriate headings.   *Examples:*   *(Continued)*

    Title: *Irish famine refugees in New England.*

```
650 #0 $a Irish Americans $z New England $x History $y 19th
        century.
650 #0 $a Irish Americans $z New England $x Religion.
650 #0 $a Immigrants $z New England $x History $y 19th
        century.
651 #0 $a Ireland $x Emigration and immigration $x History
        $y 19th century.
651 #0 $a New England $x Emigration and immigration
        $x History $y 19th century.
```