

ENDNOTES

¹ The Faculty in the Department for Studies of Religions and Spirituality shares the conviction of the late Mircea Eliade, the preeminent historian of religion. “Every religious experience is expressed and transmitted in a particular historical context. But admitting the historicity of religious experiences does not imply that they are reducible to non-religious forms of behavior. Stating that a religious datum is always a historical datum does not mean that it is reducible to a non-religious history—for example, to an economic, social, or political history. We must never lose sight of one of the fundamental principles of modern science: *the scale creates the phenomenon*” (Mircea Eliade, “History of Religions and a New Humanism,” *History of Religions*, vol. 1 [Summer 1961], 6).