Beyond the Veil (National)  
75021 DVD  
21 min IS 1996 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.  
Westerners often see the hijab, or "modest dress," of Muslim women as cultural barrier. Middle east correspon- dent anna-maria tremonti herself found the dark overcoat and veil intimidating until she got to know the women be- yond the veil. Tremonti spoke to the women of Iran, a Nation which seems to have drawn a curtain of isolation, around itself. This Program looks at government enforced social codes as Iranians ponder whether Islam should be so dominant in shaping who people are and how they think.  
No Other Versions Available

Buddhism  
294.3 75069 DVD  
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access  
Discover the history behind the philosophy that has led millions of followers on a quest for spiritual enlightenment. Through the epic story of Siddhartha Gotama, learn why Buddhists believe the key to "Nirvana" lies within them- selves, accessible through thoughtful meditation and prayer. From its origins in central Asia, see how different Asian cultures have adapted the teachings of Buddha over time – from the Mahayana Buddhists of China and Korea to the Dalai Lama and the Buddhists of Tibet.  
No Other Versions Available

Confucius - Words of Wisdom  
74415 DVD  
50 min IS 1996 McCarney & Associates  
She was a young peasant girl when she heard voices compelling her to save France from the British during the 100 Years War. Despite winning stunning victories, she was burned at the stake by the men whose place and nation she had saved. Joan of Arc is one of the most compelling figures in history. At age 17, she donned armor and rode to war, claiming she was sent by God and promising to restore her king to his rightful throne. In just two years, she made good on her promises, but her reward was death.  
No Other Versions Available

Dalai Lama: The Soul of Tibet  
74399 DVD  
50 min IS 1997 McCarney & Associates  
From a childhood in "Shagri-La" to a life in exile, Biography presents the life-affirming journey of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. One of the world's most admired men, he is the spiritual and secular leader of a nation that exists only as a "Lost Kingdom". Born Tenzin Gyatso, he is the 14th man recognized by his people as Buddha's reincarnation and honored with the title he is known by worldwide: His Holiness the Dalai Lama.  
No Other Versions Available

Hinduism  
294.5 75068 DVD  
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access  
Learn how and why Hinduism has survived to be one of the oldest and largest world religions with nearly one bil- lion followers located mostly in India. Hinduism encom- passes wide practices and traditions largely due to its great capacity to integrate the new with the old. Students will learn about the descendants of the Indus River Valley, who, around 1500 B.C.E., used Sanskrit to transcribe their daily rituals and customs. Students will also discover Hinduism's impact on the literary world with its library of tens of thousands sacred hymns and poems known as the Vedas, which means "truth" or "knowledge."  
No Other Versions Available

Intelligent Design on Trial  
74989 DVD  
112 min S 2007 McIntyre Films  
Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial captures the tur- moil that tore apart the community of Dover, Pennsylvania, in a landmark battle over the teaching of evolution in public schools. In 2004, the Dover school board ordered science teachers to read a statement to high school biology stu- dents about an alternative to Darwin's theory of evolution called intelligent design, the idea that life is too complex to have evolved naturally and so must have been designed by an intelligent agent. The teachers refused to comply, and both parents and teachers filed a lawsuit in federal court accusing the school board of violating the constitu- tional separation of church and state. This dvd explores the arguments by lawyers and expert witnesses in rivet- ing detail and provides an eye-opening crash course on questions such as "What is evolution?" and "Is intelligent design a scientifically valid alternative?"  
No Other Versions Available

Islam  
297 75067 DVD  
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access  
Islam is one of the great monotheistic world religions practiced today. Discover the Islamic culture through the daily life and rituals of Muslims around the world. Viewers will learn about Islam's history – from its inception in the seventh century, when Muhammad led his fellow Arabs to Islam's way of life, to the rise of the Ottoman Empire between the ninth and 12th centuries and to the present, where customs of dress, dietary laws and holidays still exist. Explore the wealth of Islamic art, architecture, calligraphy and other contributions that have made Islam a vital influence in the 20th century.  
No Other Versions Available

Judahism  
296 75066 DVD  
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access  
One of the world's oldest surviving religions, Judaism is both a theology and a way of life for over 12 million fol- lowers in the world today. The first religion to be founded upon the principle of monotheism, Judaism has survived despite persecution against its people throughout the ages. Trace the history of Jewish culture, from Abraham's covenant with God to the Exile of the Jews from the Holy Land by Roman conquerors. Examine the sacred texts and various holidays while exploring the two centers of Jewish life – the synagogue and the home.  
No Other Versions Available

Mahatma Gandhi - Pilgrims of Peace  
954.03/5/092 74416 DVD  
50 min k IS 1997 McCarney & Associates  
Mahatma Gandhi's life was a study in contrast and para- dox. He saw himself as doing God's work, yet recognized only personal conscience as the highest authority. He was a charismatic leader of millions who confounded intellectu- als. He took a vow of abstinence, but in old age wel- comed young women into his bed! Biography profiles the small man who took a great nation on his shoulders and changed the world. Trace his rise to power and fearless campaign of truth, non-violence and non-cooperation with injustice that defeated the British Empire.  
No Other Versions Available

Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christianity  
280 75064 DVD  
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access  
From the public ministry of Jesus to the legendary battles of the Crusades, examine the interwoven histories of these two distinct branches of Christianity. Although its followers were long persecuted by the Roman Empire, Christianity spread throughout the Mediterranean region and eventually became the favored religion of the Empire, following the ascension of Constantine to the Roman throne. Discover the differences between these two orders of religion and the various practices of the people of the Eastern and Western followers.  
No Other Versions Available
Protestant Christianity

280.4 75065 DVD
50 min IS 2000 Distribution Access
See how the political, religious and social events of 16th-century Europe changed the course of history. Examine the context in which these factors sparked the birth of Protestant Christianity, whose new doctrines and practices were formulated in reaction to the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Martin Luther, this spiritual revolution gained momentum and, under the helm of other Protestant leaders, thrived and grew into new factions in Europe and North America. Viewers will explore the numerous denominations that developed over the centuries, including Baptists, Calvinists, Mennonites, Presbyterians, Puritans and Quakers. Discover the common ideas shared by most Protestant Christian denominations, despite the wide range of ceremonial practices and rituals across affiliations.

No Other Versions Available

Return to Kandahar

73849 DVD
65 min STA 2003 McNabb/Connolly Films
Nelofer Pazira, the star of the movie "Kandahar," returns to Afghanistan to seek out her childhood friend Dyana, whose story inspired that film. Landing in Kabul 13 years after her family left Russian-occupied Afghanistan, Nelofer unravels her past and the history of her country while searching for Dyana; the epic journey takes her to Kabul, Kandahar and Masir-e-Sharif, where Dyana’s uncle last had contact with her family. Nelofer journeys across a broken land smashed by war with the Russians, years of anarchy under the Northern Alliance, the Taliban, and now by America’s "war on terror." Incisively weaving Nelofer’s personal story with that of Afghanistan itself, Return to Kandahar shows a country once again in the grip of warlords.

No Other Versions Available

The Road to 9/11

74664 DVD
60 min IS 2007 McIntyre Films
The Road to 9/11 is a detailed look at the forces that have shaped the Middle East to give an understanding of the current crisis. Viewers are taken on a journey through a chronicle of steadily worsening social, political and economic conditions, the growing power of religious fanaticism, and the increasing problem of terrorism.

No Other Versions Available

Why Do We Marry

75206 DVD
45 min IS 2007 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
In an age when it’s neither socially or legally necessary, why do Canadians choose to marry? This provocative documentary looks at a convention that is not only persistent but thriving. It begins with a young couple whose piercings and tattoos would lead you to believe they are not the marrying kind, but Kathleen McEvoy and Andrew Sherratt have decided to marry for reasons that are as old fashioned as the institution itself. It’s the moral thing to do, they say. But there are couples who marry just to have the party. They are lured by the romance of the event and the idea of being prince and princess for day, encouraged by a huge wedding industry that promotes the sensational wedding. And if its not the couple who wants the marriage, it may very well be their parents who insist on the nuptials. Why Do We Marry? takes viewers beyond the ceremony to reveal the many reasons why people say "I do".

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