

Certain South Asian texts were translated by British colonists and treated as sacred scriptures analogous to the Christian Bible. Thus, the word “religion” as in the American Academy of Religion, or “religious” as in religious studies can indicate the plurality of “religions” studied in the field.

The practical implications range from who is allowed to study which religion, to what types of jobs are available, to the organization of the Annual Meeting, to how the field is structured (including such matters as jobs, panels, anthologies, and departments). While Christians may range widely in their choice of specialization, often those who practice another religion are expected to take up an academic specialization in line with their identity. Those who are not Christian—who practice another religion or who are atheists, or who are conscientious objectors to religious identification—may find their experience of the field alienating. They may need to seek out those spaces and sections at the Annual Meeting, for example, where Christian hegemony is addressed or resisted.

Christian hegemony can mean that even those who are very concerned about diversity may focus on the categories of gender, race, class, or nation, but fail to think through or address issues of religious diversity. Resistance to Christian hegemony requires being able to think through and respond to the crosscutting of issues related to diversity. For women it means conscious efforts to see one another as colleagues across various lines.

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