

# **RELIGION & RELIGIOUS ISSUES**

## ***for Teens and Adults***

### **Brand New! THE LIFE OF MUHAMMAD**

This is the extraordinary story of a man who, in little more than 20 years, changed the world forever. In a journey that is both literal and historical, host Rageh Omaar retraces the footsteps of the Prophet, from his humble beginnings in Mecca to his struggles with accepting his Prophetic role; from his flight to Medina to his subsequent military and political successes and failures - through to his death and his legacy. The series consists of three programs:

**THE SEEKER** - Examines Muhammad's birth and early life, his first marriage to Khadijah, and how he received the first of the revelations that so profoundly affected both his life and the lives of those closest to him.

**HOLY WARS** - Omaar shines a light on key events in Muhammad's life, including the Night Journey to Jerusalem, his life-threatening departure from Mecca, the establishment of the Constitution of Medina that recognizes the rights of all people (Jews, Christians, and pagan tribes) living in that city, and the war with the Meccan tribes, with implications on the world today.

**HOLY PEACE** - Investigates key events during the later part of the Prophet's life, including the introduction of a moral code known as sharia and the concept of jihad, explores Muhammad's use of marriage to build alliances, and looks at the key messages included in his final sermon.

#15583/1725 Three programs total 180 minutes 2013 \$129.95



### **THE "UP" SERIES**

**"One of the towering achievements in the history of documentary film." Philadelphia Inquirer**

"Give me the child until he is seven and I will give you the man." Starting in 1964 with SEVEN UP, THE UP SERIES has explored this Jesuit maxim. The original concept was to interview 14 children from diverse backgrounds from all over England, asking them about their lives and their dreams for the future. Every seven years, renowned director Michael Apted has been back to talk to them, examining the progression of their lives. From cab driver Tony to schoolmates Jackie, Lynn and Susan and the heart-breaking Neil, as they turn 49 more life-changing decisions and surprising developments are revealed. **An astonishing, unforgettable look at the structure of life in the 20th century, The UP SERIES is, according to critic Roger Ebert, "an inspired, almost noble use of the film medium - penetrates to the central mystery of life."** #15580/0645 Seven programs 1964-2006 \$539.95

### **Best-seller! WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? Teenagers, Spirituality and Freedom of Religion**

This documentary profiles a diverse group of teenagers as they share their most personal beliefs about God, the purpose of life, morality, suffering, prayer, death and religious freedom. Weaving in-depth profiles with fast-moving commentary from scores of young people, this lively and highly acclaimed film paints a broad picture of the religious and spiritual lives of youth as it delves deeply into the issues that are at the heart of humanity. Features Buddhist, Catholic, Muslim, Native American, Jewish, Pagan as well as Christian teens. An excellent resource for exploring and promoting tolerance and religious diversity in high schools and youth programs. Also a great tool for community groups and congregations to use to encourage and support interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

\*This DVD includes a Director's Interview and an in-depth 28 page activities guide, #7574/1970 49 minutes 2002 \$179.95

**"A message of tolerance!"**  
THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS



### **THE CALLING: Seven Lives. Four Faiths. One Call**

A behind-the-scenes look at young Americans - Christian, Jewish, Catholic, and Muslim preparing to become the nation's next generation of religious leaders. The Calling follows their transformation from idealistic students into ordained religious professionals. Explores the forces that are drawing a new generation of young people to serve their communities and their faith.

#14066/1725 240 minutes 2010 \$129.95 \*CC

## ENCOURAGING MORAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN

Enter into a dynamic discussion on moral development as hosted by a group of teens who give their opinions on moral situations they have faced. Between the group's discussion times, an expert highlights moral development as it progresses in children. A definition of morality, reasons for the decisions we make, and a look at the behavior of real children in a child care center are all covered in this fast-paced, informative program.

#12141/1290 14 minutes 2006 \$59.95 \*CC

## A CHILD'S MIND: How Kids Learn Right and Wrong *\*Highly Recommended.\** Video Librarian

How do people develop morals? What helps children distinguish right from wrong? Explore the topic of moral development and how it impacts children's behavior. Examine the approaches of development theorists and learn about Theory of Mind. Hear children's reactions to situations that challenge their morals. Expert interviews help explain how and why children develop as they do as well why fostering moral development is crucial.

#13718/1120 34 minutes 2011 \$125.95

### **Brand New! TEEN ISSUES, CHRISTIAN SOLUTIONS**

This new series helps parents, teens and families incorporate Christian values into their daily lives and gives guidance on how to approach life's challenges and the tools needed to deal with them. Reveals first-hand how young people deal with and overcome the very real difficulties encountered as part of their growing up. Personal interviews and real life stories teach students how seemingly overwhelming problems can be overcome. Each of the five programs empowers teenagers to make responsible decisions by providing them with honest and realistic advice.

#### **DRUG ADDICTION AND RECOVERY**

Hard-hitting testimonials from teens and young adults illustrate the potential life-altering damage done by substance abuse use, the struggle to get and stay clean, what it means to live a life free of drugs and the reality that it can happen to anyone who chooses to experiment with drugs. 23 minutes

#### **GUNS, GANGS AND VIOLENCE: The Consequences \*Winner! Regional Emmy Award**

Willie Jones, was valedictorian of his high school class, an outstanding student, athlete and class leader bound for Cornell University. The day after he graduated, Willie was gunned down in a drive-by shooting as he left a graduation party where parents were acting as chaperons, alcohol was prohibited and an off-duty police officer was providing security. The killing of Willie Jones shocked and angered the community in which Jones had become a role model and a symbol of hope. Family members and friends reflect on the very personal pain of youth violence and express hope that Willie's story will be a resounding wakeup call for teenagers today facing the daily struggles of guns, gangs and violence. 43 minutes

#### **EATING DISORDERS: Creating Healthy Eating Choices and a Positive Body Image**

See first-hand accounts of the struggles in dealing with Anorexia and Bulimia from young teens who have suffered from this affliction and survived. For reasons that are unclear, some teens, mainly young women, develop potentially life threatening eating disorders called bulimia nervosa and anorexia nervosa. Those with bulimia indulge in bingeing (episodes of eating large amounts of food) and purging (getting rid of the food from the body by vomiting, using laxatives or diuretics). Those with anorexia, severely limit their food intake. About half of anorexics also suffer from bulimia symptoms. Health professionals discuss the ways in which to help create a positive body image and how important it is to provide physical, intellectual and spiritual guidance to help teens make healthy life choices. 21 minutes

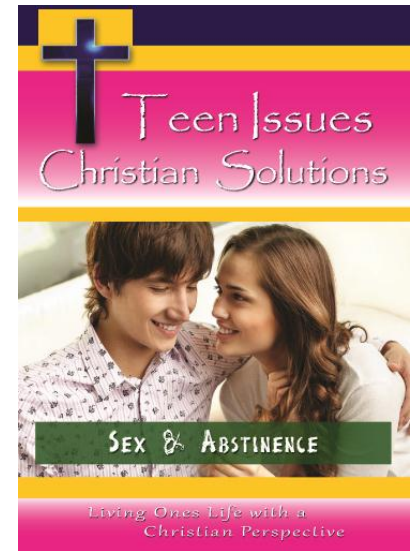
#### **YOUTH IN PRISON: Giving Hope and New Direction**

The number of violent crimes committed by juveniles continues to rise alarmingly. In response, the courts are sentencing more young offenders to tough prison terms. What, specifically, is being done to show these kids a different path? Is there any hope for young people in prison? This program provides faith-based initiatives key to reaching disconnected youth by providing spiritual counseling, support and encouragement to juveniles, who want to turn from the past and lead a new life free of crime by living the Christian faith. 22 minutes

#### **SEX AND ABSTINENCE DISORDERS: Why is it so important to wait to have sex?**

Young people today are being bombarded with conflicting messages about sex from their families, their peers and especially the media. This program takes a look at a controversial approach - stressing abstinence. Religious values are one of the most prominent reasons for waiting until marriage to engage in sexual intimacy. However, there are a number of other reasons why young people should abstain when considering pre-marital sex. Beyond the risks of pregnancy, there are many other risks such as STD's and emotional turmoil. We explore how our culture has become more open than ever in talking about sex and why many people of faith are now participating in the dialogue, by promoting a positive spiritual view of sex after marriage. 21 minutes

#15585/2003 Five programs \$69.95 each or Series \$279.95



## **IN THE END: A Medical Dilemma**

Intensive care specialist Dr. Charlie Corke is committed to giving his elderly patients every chance to get better, but recognizes that sometimes treatment only lengthens the dying process, causing discomfort and distress. This documentary follows the journey of a doctor trying to balance his own enthusiasm for medical technology with an acceptance that, after a long and healthy life, it may be time to go. IN THE END is a beautiful and profound film that chronicles the touching stories of patients, their families, and the physician who's helping them deal with the less-examined consequences of the modern-day scientific advances that are prolonging patients' lives. #15354/0605 30 minutes 2011 \$329.95

## **LAST RIGHTS: Facing End-of-Life Choices**

Who decides how life ends? The patient? The family? The physician? The health care system? LAST RIGHTS is a compelling, deeply personal exploration of four families and their terminally-ill loved ones as they begin to contemplate death. It brings up a multitude of issues - medical, ethical, and political, religious - implicit in the individuals' option to hasten death when life becomes unendurable. These patients turn to clergy, medical professionals, and legal authorities for guidance through this difficult time. The documentary also features interviews from the diverse perspectives of end-of-life spokespeople, newsreels of euthanasia advocates, and historical background on the hospice movement and its founder's commitment to palliative care. The heartrending journeys of the film's subjects offer meaningful insights into controversial end-of-life choices.

#15318/0605 56 minutes 2009 \$379.95

## **A ZEN LIFE: D.T. Suzuki**

Daisetsu Teitaro Suzuki (1870-1966) was one of the 20th century's most important writers and thinkers. During his long and extraordinarily fruitful life Suzuki became the first voice of Japanese Buddhism, especially Zen, to the Western World. He traveled and lectured around the world and has had a major impact on religious, artistic and philosophical thinking that continues to this day. A ZEN LIFE is the first documentary film to present the extraordinary life of D.T. Suzuki. This vivid portrait of the man and his times includes rare footage of Suzuki himself and reminiscences by many whose lives and thinking he influenced. Numerous important figures of the 20th Century acknowledged Suzuki's impact on their work and thought including Carl Jung, Erich Fromm, Martin Heidegger, Merce Cunningham, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, John Cage, and Alan Watts. #14769/1303 77 minutes 2006 \$189.95



## **THE BUDDHA**

THE BUDDHA, a two-hour documentary by Emmy® Award-winner David Grubin, tells the story of the Indian sage who attained enlightenment as he sat beneath a fig tree two-and-a-half millennia ago. The Buddha never claimed to be God or God's emissary on earth. He was a human being who, in a world of unavoidable pain and suffering, found a serenity that he taught others to find also. With original animation woven throughout, THE BUDDHA draws upon paintings and sculptures across two millennia as well as scenes in India today that echo the Buddha's world of long ago. The testimony of contemporary Buddhists, including Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W.S. Merwin and his Holiness the Dalai Lama, provide insight into the ancient narrative.

#15635/1725 120 minutes 2010 \$129.95

## **BLESSINGS: The Tsoknyi Nangchen Nuns of Tibet**

This documentary explores the lives and assess the needs of the Tsoknyi Nangchen Nuns - 3000 remarkable women who live and practice an ancient yogic tradition in nunneries and hermitages scattered across this remote, mountainous region of Nangchen. During the Cultural Revolution, all 40 nunneries of this thriving tradition were destroyed and the nuns scattered. Some returned to their nomadic homes, some were sent to work camps. Many didn't survive. But a few retreated into caves to practice and wait. Twenty years later, this handful of remaining nuns emerged and began to rebuild. The video shows the reconstruction of the nunneries and explores the lives of the growing numbers of nuns who have come together and are now living and practicing together in nunneries, large and small, across Nangchen. The women speak about why they became nuns and what it is like to live a life dedicated to spiritual practice. We see the exchange between them and the western women who have come to offer their help and who find their lives immeasurably enriched by the wisdom, simplicity and good humor of the Nangchen nuns. BLESSINGS has been shown all over the world. It has been used in educational settings exploring: Religious Studies ~ Asian Studies ~ Women's Studies ~ Buddhism: History and Beliefs ~ Women in Buddhism ~ History, Religion and Culture in Tibet ~ Gender Studies.

#15123/0395 90 minutes 2009 \$169.95 \*Includes Facilitator's Guide



### **Best-Seller! BROKEN VOWS: Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence \*CINE Golden Eagle!**

This documentary presents the stories of six formerly battered women from diverse religious traditions, including Jewish, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical Christian and includes...

- \* Introductory information about domestic violence: definitions, myths and facts, nature and dynamics of abuse.
- \* Discussion of theological issues: divorce, repentance, Shalom Bayit (peace in the home), forgiveness
- \* Interviews with shelter workers, psychologists and secular professionals
- \* Concrete ideas about how religious institutions can work to end domestic violence
- \* Discussion of how religious and secular groups can work together

#10263/0300 Two parts 37 and 22 minutes 59 minutes 1994 \$169.95

\*Includes 40 page Facilitator's Guide and handouts for viewers



### **TO SAVE A LIFE: Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Families**

An essential resource for abused Jewish women, Jewish communal leaders, helping professionals and all who seek to break the silence about domestic violence in Jewish families.

- \*An excellent introductory information about domestic violence in Jewish families
- \*Reassures Jewish women that the abuse is not their fault, they are not alone, and help is available
- \*Discusses shalom bayit, Kiddush Ha-Shem, and teshuvah
- \*Addresses the denial and guilt that many people feel about the reality of domestic violence in Jewish families
- \*Expands knowledge of Jewish culture
- \*Provides information about the effects of domestic violence on children

#5168/0300 35 minutes Revised 2009 \$129.95 \*Includes a 40-page study guide and handouts for viewers

### **WINGS LIKE A DOVE: Healing for the Abused Christian Woman**

Through the voices of victims, clergy, and helping professionals, this program offers hope and healing specifically attuned to abused Christian women and valuable information for religious and community groups. Includes reassurance to Christian women that the abuse is neither their fault nor a role they should accept, that they are not alone, and that help is available. Presents an in-depth discussion of theological issues that are often troubling or confusing for Christian women in abusive relationships: blame, submission, anger, the marriage covenant, divorce, repentance, forgiveness, despair, and faith. Provides information about the effects of domestic violence on children. \* Includes a 32-page study guide and a package of 25 awareness brochures

#10262/0300 34 minutes 1997 \$89.95

### **Brand New! FAITH IN THE HOOD**

Southeast DC, the city's poorest region, has only one sit-down restaurant, but hundreds of churches. This program is a compelling portrait of the inner city, as seen through the prism of the spiritual life of its people. The film profiles five ministries: a street ministry for former convicts, a socially active storefront church, a powerful Afro-centric church, an evangelical camp for youth, and an Islamic school. With commentary from leading experts on African American faith, *the film displays the richness of inner-city religion and its centrality as a defining aspect of black community life.*

#15656/0605 55 minutes 2012 \$329.95



### **BEYOND OUR DIFFERENCES**

With all of the problems facing the world today - war, poverty, weapons, environmental degradation, starvation, overpopulation and severe desperation among millions - people are longing for meaning. Many find answers in religion or spirituality, but as a result faith and religion are often hijacked by those seeking to enhance their own power at the expense of others, often all in the name of God. With this dichotomy in mind, "Beyond Our Differences" calls upon key religious leaders, politicians, and luminaries in their fields to tackle the toughest and most complex issues in the modern age and to affect positive change. "Beyond Our Differences" shares their personal experiences and each person provides a unique perspective on how to support and strengthen compassionate and non-violent activism when resolving difficult disputes. #12691/1725 74 minutes 2008 \$129.95 \*CC

## RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY: The Basics

Radical Islam is attacking democracy around the world today. The Christian world for the most part is democratic today. Learn how religions have helped (and hindered) the paths to democracy in the past and the present. In Two Parts, this program explains the origins of religions and democracy in Part One and in Part Two considers the state of religions and democracy in the 21st century world. An Interactive DVD with questions and quizzes.

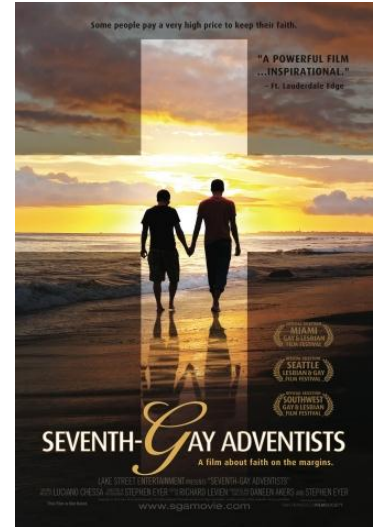
#12244/0845 57 minutes 2009 \$129.95 \*CC (Part of the DEMOCRACY: The Basics Series)

The other two programs in the series are CAPITALISM AND DEMOCRACY and SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY (Series #12240 - each program is \$129.95)

## Brand New! SEVENTH GAY ADVENTISTS

SEVENTH GAY ADVENTISTS follows three gay and lesbian individuals and their partners as they attempt to reconcile their Adventist identity with their sexuality. They express their struggles with coming out in a strongly religious community and recount their failed attempts to "become straight" before coming to terms with their homosexuality. David tried for five years to change his orientation, eventually leaving the Adventist church and finding a non-denominational church with his new partner Colin. Marcos is fired from his position as church minister after cheating on his wife with another man. He eventually finds and begins attending Second Wind, a new church. When Second Wind closes for financial reasons, Marcos seizes the opportunity to become a pastor once again and starts his own church. Sherri and Jill continue to belong to a Seventh-day Adventist church, despite receiving mixed reactions from its members. When their current pastor leaves, they are unsure how the replacement will treat them. SEVENTH-GAYADVENTISTS carefully reveals the lives of three same-sex couples and the continued importance of the Christian faith.

#15636/0605 104 minutes 2012 \$329.95



## SHADES OF GAY

The term gay as a reference for homosexual has been well established for many years now; however, gay people still struggle for acceptance in many parts of society. This is especially true in most religious communities. Just as life is not always black and white, there can be many shades of gray; this documentary speaks to people about openness, acceptance and understanding, and in doing so we discover there are many shades of gay. Divided into five chapters - explores the diversity within the gay community and covers such topics as the coming out process, media stereotypes, and religious perspectives on homosexuality.

#13382/0450 50 minutes 2009 \$219.95

## THAT'S A FAMILY!

With courage and humor, the children in this program take viewers on a tour through their lives as they speak candidly about what it's like to grow up in a family with parents of different races or religions, divorced parents, a single parent, gay or lesbian parents, adoptive parents or grandparents as guardians. This award-winning video will stretch your mind and touch your heart no matter what your age. Comes with an extensive discussion and teaching guide, which includes lesson plans to use with the video, suggestions for facilitating classroom discussion at different grade levels, and additional resources for teachers, families and children.

#11624/0788 35 minutes 2002 \$139.95 Grades K to 8 \*CC



## TO FORGIVE DIVINE \*Canadian

This documentary is an examination of the concept of forgiveness from the perspective of several world religions, secular thinkers and intimate personal stories. These stories, interwoven with rituals of Judaism's Yom Kippur and the Christian Sacrament of Reconciliation, demonstrate forgiveness in a variety of human situations. We hear from individuals who have suffered deep personal wounds from intra-family betrayal, or individual acts of crime and violence, and are reminded of the wider cruelties of racial hatred and international hostility. It is through these extraordinary people who have found the power and the grace to truly forgive, that provide us with some of the guideposts to understanding the concept of forgiveness.

#14494/1333 60 minutes 2010 \$179.95 \*CC

## **Brand New! MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, CHRISTIAN SOLUTIONS: Living One's Life with a Christian Perspective**

Faith can become an integral part of treatment for those who are struggling with overwhelming emotional and spiritual burdens. Each of these four 21-minute programs discusses how some people have faced their fears and conquered a broad range of debilitating conditions through their faith in God. This unique series gives guidance on how to approach life's challenges, the tools needed to deal with them and how to overcome and start living a life of confidence. These programs should be part of library resources as well as peer and family support groups, mental health and social service agencies and media resource centers.

### **DEPRESSION**

Some experts estimate that more than 10% suffer from mild to severe depression. In this program, a Methodist minister and a Lutheran campus pastor tell of their own bouts with the disease, while a medical doctor relates how his oldest son ultimately committed suicide after suffering from severe depression. Whether dealing with depression or with anxiety, this program provides spiritual guidance to help those suffering develop the skills to cope through sound spiritual insight. A psychiatrist also shares some of the promising treatments available.

### **STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Millions struggle with mental illness and against the stigma brought upon them. For the great majority of families watching their loved ones suffer and often suffering themselves, the struggle can be endless. Mental illness can take many forms and is often difficult for family and friends to understand. Faith has become an integral part of treatment for those who are struggling with overwhelming emotional and spiritual burdens. It is through their Christian faith that many have learned that they can still live happy and fulfilling lives.

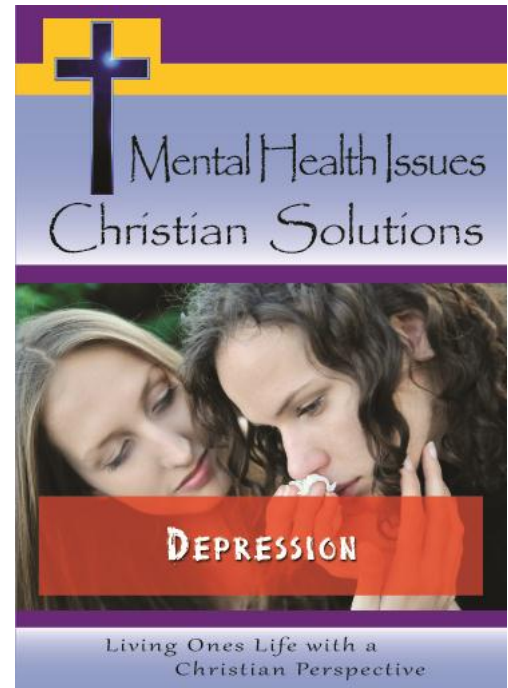
### **ANXIETY AND PHOBIAS: Faith based Solutions**

Anxiety is more than a simple case of nerves. It can manifest itself in severe panic attacks that lead to fearful avoidance of certain places or situations. These phobias can be as crippling as serious physical illness. This program provides spiritual guidance and an approach to help overcome these issues and the knowledge that help is always available from trained professionals and from a caring God.

### **OVERCOMING ANXIETIES AND PHOBIAS: How to Conquer and Start Living a Life of Confidence**

Many of us struggle with anxiety. Among the disorder's most common forms is social phobia, a persistent fear of scrutiny and evaluation by others. Do you feel nausea and paranoia stepping outside of your home? Or driving in your car? Or getting on a plane? Millions of people have these fears, but some face them with extreme anxiety and disbelief. This program discusses how some people have faced their fears and conquered a broad range of disabling conditions through faith in God along with the strategies to overcome them and start living a life of confidence.

#15630 Four 21-minute programs 2013 \$69.95 each or Series \$239.95



### **EDWARD SAID SERIES**

*"That's the power of the discourse of Orientalism. If you're thinking about people and Islam, and about that part of the world. those are the words you constantly have to use. To think past it, to go beyond it, not to use it, is virtually impossible, because there is no knowledge that isn't codified in this way about that part of the world." Edward Said*

#### **EDWARD SAID: ON ORIENTALISM**

Edward Said's book Orientalism has been profoundly influential in a diverse range of disciplines since its publication in 1978. In this engaging and lavishly illustrated interview he talks about the context within which the book was conceived, its main themes, and how its original thesis relates to the contemporary understanding of "the Orient" as represented in the mass media. 40 minutes

#### **EDWARD SAID: THE MYTH OF THE CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS**

In this important lecture delivered at the University of Massachusetts, Said takes aim at one of the central tenets of recent foreign policy thinking-- that conflicts between different and "clashing civilizations" (Western, Islamic, Confucian) characterize the contemporary world. 60 minutes

#11809/0685 Two programs 2002 \$159.95 each or Series \$189.95 (Colleges & Universities \$249.95 each or Series \$329.95)





## **Best-seller! WORLD RELIGIONS: A Common Journey**

What is religion? How does it reflect the culture in which it exists? And what functions does it serve? There are key questions asked by virtually every human culture. Those questions, and the way different religions go about revealing the answers, shine a light on what all people and cultures have in common. Explore the differences between religion and spirituality and see how they often work hand-in-hand. Discover how religious practices, religious specialists, rituals, and rites of passage serve to answer deeply felt questions. #12502/1120 25 minutes 2009 \$125.95 \*CC

## **ESSENTIALS OF FAITH**

Some of history's most violent religious conflicts have taken place among people who profess the same beliefs. Are there insights to be learned from schisms within faiths? **This seven-part series exposes the internal arguments and core beliefs of the world's major religions.** Examining Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism - as well as the Humanist movement and the resurgence of Paganism - the series goes inside every manner of religious institution: temples, mosques, churches, as well as dynamic and colorful religious festivals. Each program presents an eye-opening, transformative view into a spiritual world that many viewers will find surprisingly complex.

\*Detailed descriptions of each of the 7 programs are available: CHRISTIANITY; JUDAISM; ISLAM; HINDUISM; BUDDHISM; HUMANISM: and, PAGANISM.

#11760/0635 Seven 24-minute programs 2006 \$119.95 each or Series \$799.95 \*CC

## **FULL COVER GIRL: How Fundamentalism and Democracy Are Eroding Women's Rights in Iraq**

Peace, prosperity, and the implementation of Islamic law: that is the dream of Jinan al-Ubaidy, an influential member of Iraq's parliament who is calling loudly for Sharia-based government - and, as her opponents say, for a return to the subordination of women to men. Filmed on location in war-torn Baghdad, **this program exposes the deteriorating state of women's rights as fundamentalist Islamic and burgeoning democratic ideals bury the secular principles that had empowered Iraqi women for decades.** Jinan al-Ubaidy and Abir al-Sahlani, a political activist standing in bitter opposition to al-Ubaidy's platform, are featured as Full Cover Girl tracks this tragic conflict of ideologies in which women - targeted by extremists for not wearing hijab, for working outside the home, for driving a car, for having an education - are being killed by the thousands. Additional insights are provided by Paul Bremer, former head of the Coalition Provisional Authority, and other noteworthy figures.

\*Portions in other languages with English subtitles. #13177/0635 52 minutes 2008 \$199.95

## **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

This program explores three major areas of philosophical inquiry into religion: religious epistemology, or the exploration of the rational grounds for religious beliefs and, in particular, the existence of God; the metaphysics of religion, which inquires into the nature of God; and theodicy, which examines the philosophical implications of the presence of evil in the world. Commentary by Alvin Plantinga, of the University of Notre Dame; Fordham University's Merold Westphal; Dean Zimmerman, of Rutgers University; and Richard Sorabji, of King's College London, is featured. Readings from Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologica, Moses Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed, and other essential texts are included.

#11994/0635 44 minutes 2004 \$189.95 \*CC

## **INSIDE THE KORAN**

*"This thoughtful, intelligent documentary asks all the right questions."*

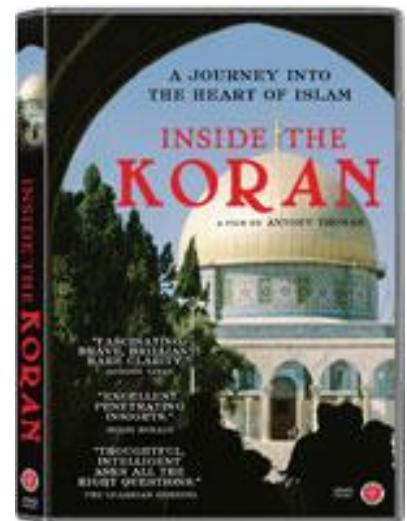
*The Guardian (London)*

*"A remarkable documentary. I hope it [motivates] the audience to understand the difference between culture and religion."*

*Mike Ghouse, President, World Muslim Congress*

The Koran is one of the most ideologically influential texts in the world, with over a billion Muslims following its precepts. Yet within this singular religious community there are profound differences in attitudes about peace, violence, punishment, forgiveness and the status of women, among others. In this eye-opening film, award-winning director Antony Thomas goes deep into the heart of the Muslim world, exploring the history and current state of Islam. He also examines the personal lives of his subjects, who range from ayatollahs and grand imams to simple farmers and women living in veiled seclusion; their relationship with this holy Book reveals a complex, beautiful and often contradictory guide for humanity.

#12725/0645 94 minutes 2008 \$249.95



## KENNEWICK MAN: An Epic Drama of the West

On July 28th, 1996, two college students stumbled upon an anthropological find that would change forever the way North Americans view their past. A human skull turned out to be one of the oldest and most complete skeletons ever found in North America. James Chatters, the anthropologist who eventually investigated the skeleton, determined that the skull had "Caucasoid" features. The word, "Caucasoid," and the subsequent carbon dating of the bones, which found them to be over 9,000 years old, ignited a firestorm of controversy. **These events pitted science against religion and scientists against Native Americans.** The scientists demanded the right to study the bones. The Umatilla Tribe believed the bones to be sacred and ancestral and should be repatriated to the tribes for reburial. The American government caught in the middle because that the remains were found on Federal land, decided to repatriate the remains to the Tribe. Eight scientists then filed a lawsuit to block this, claiming that more study was needed to determine ownership. **The documentary explores with humor and compassion the cultural assumptions and differing opinions among the various groups involved, and attempts to explain why so many have claimed the bones of Kennewick Man.** The far-reaching implications for the future of American anthropology, our view of America's ancient past, and the present day relationship between Native and non-native people are addressed.

#15365/0605 86 minutes 2002 \$329.95

## SECOND THANKSGIVING: Native American Wisdom

Can the traditional beliefs and practices, the spirituality of the Native North American Peoples, play a useful, even a critical role, in healing today's world of sociopathic materialism? Can they help us to overcome the personal and environmental chaos that seems to be looming? Elder Robertjohn Knapp, Seneca/Tubotolobal, born in Ontario, Canada, raised in California, taught by the Bear Dancers brings the message of healing by working with the Spirit World. Robertjohn has worked in the prison system for 25 years along the California coast. #12698/0493 59 minutes 208 \$149.95

## BREBEUF AND THE HURON CAROL \*Canadian

"A compelling, gripping piece of storytelling!" APTN  
"Brebeuf and the Huron Carol" is a visually stunning historical docu-drama shot on location about the martyred Jesuit, Father Jean de Brebeuf, Canada's patron Saint. Father Brebeuf lived a remarkable life among the Huron-Wendat Nation and wrote the new world's first Christmas Carol, essentially a prayer for peace and harmony among all the people of what would one day be Canada. Features the music of Bruce Cockburn and Robbie Robertson.

#7648/1840 46 minutes 2004 \$149.95 \*SA

\*ALSO IN FRENCH #9433

## ROMANCE OF A VANISHING RACE: American Indian lifestyle in the early 1900s

This DVD includes three historic motion pictures of American Indians and their life-style in the early 1900s. Featuring Tribal Chiefs who participated in the Last Great Indian Council and several who fought at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Originally produced on 35mm film, this priceless footage, recently discovered within the lost treasures of the National Archives is re-mastered to include an original music score and soundtrack to further preserve the Native American history and culture.

### PROGRAM #1 - THE ROMANCE OF THE VANISHING RACE

A view of Indian life in the Southwest featuring Navajo, Pueblo, Crow, and Hopi tribes. .  
Released 1916. Running Time 29 minutes

### PROGRAM #2 - RODMAN WANAMAKER EXPEDITION OF CITIZENSHIP TO THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN

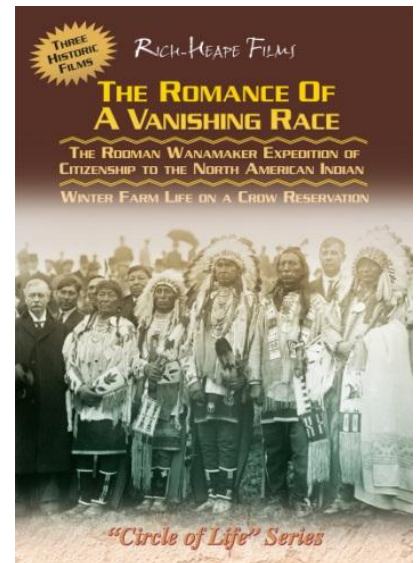
Carrying the Flag and a Message of Hope to a Vanishing Race - Dr. Joseph Dixon explains the symbolism of the flag to numerous Indian tribes. Released 1913. Running Time 26 minutes

### PROGRAM #3 - WINTER FARM LIFE ON A CROW RESERVATION

Shows reservation life including butchering a cow, raising a teepee, and ceremonies.

Released 1921. Running Time 8 minutes

#12421/1830 Three programs 2008 \$239.95 \*CC



## THE MUSLIMS I KNOW

A far cry from media depictions of extremist militants, America's small community of Muslims longs to be heard and understood. This documentary attempts to bridge the cultural chasm between mainstream U.S. society and Muslim Americans whose hopes and dreams are no different than those of previous immigrant generations. Focusing on Pakistani-born citizens and their families, the film highlights similarities between Islam and the other Abrahamic faiths, celebrates cultural richness and diversity, and dispels stereotypes by addressing questions from non-Muslim Americans in candid interviews. Pakistani-born director and narrator Mara Ahmed guides viewers on this refreshing journey of discovery. #13818/0635 55 minutes 2008 \$199.95



## COVERED GIRLS

***\*Winner of many awards and featured at Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival***

"By depicting the girls in their full-length dresses and hijabs behaving just like teens in western clothing, the film gently reminds us to observe the adage about not judging a book by its cover. The voices we hear are casual, straightforward and heartfelt. The background rap music fits well into the black and white urban scene. This short film is an excellent choice for a discussion about bigotry amongst teenagers. Recommended"

*Homa Naficy, Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT for EMRO*

COVERED GIRLS opens a window into the lives of a colorful and startling group of Muslim-American teenage girls and challenges the stereotypes about this culture.

#15586/0605 22 minutes 2003 \$219.95

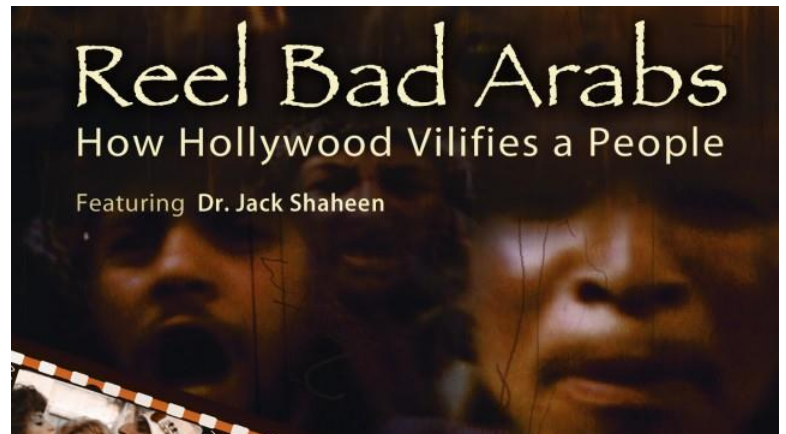


## REEL BAD ARABS: How Hollywood Vilifies a People

This groundbreaking documentary dissects a slanderous aspect of cinematic history that has run virtually unchallenged from the earliest days of silent film to today's biggest Hollywood blockbusters. Featuring acclaimed author Dr. Jack Shaheen, the film explores a long line of degrading images of Arabs; Bedouin bandits and submissive maidens to sinister sheikhs and gun-wielding "terrorists". It provides insights into the origin of these stereotypic images, their development at key points in U.S. history, and why they matter so much today. Shows how the persistence of these images over time has served to naturalize prejudicial attitudes toward Arabs and Arab culture. In the process this has reinforced a narrow view of individual Arabs and the effects of specific U.S. domestic and international policies on their lives. By inspiring critical thinking about the social, political, and basic human consequences of leaving these Hollywood caricatures unexamined, the film challenges viewers to recognize the urgent need for counter-narratives that do justice to the diversity and humanity of Arab people and the reality and richness of Arab history and culture.

#10396/0685 60 minutes 2006 \$179.95

(Colleges & Universities \$289.95)



## NEW MUSLIM COOL - Special Education Edition

***"Almost single-handedly, NEW MUSLIM COOL challenges the distortions, stereotypes, and misunderstandings around Islam"***  
***Professor Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University***

***"I look forward to showing it in my classroom in years to come and can hardly wait to hear what students might say about the intersections of race, class, gender, and religion that are highlighted in every frame."***

***Sylvia Chan-Malik, Department of Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley***

***"A riveting film that not only captures the complexity of contemporary American Muslim life, culture, and music, but also explores and disrupts our notions of Hip Hop Culture, Latino and Black communities in the U.S., and the current state of interfaith relations."*** ***Professor H. Samy Alim, Department of Anthropology, UCLA***

Puerto Rican American rapper Hamza Pérez left drug dealing 12 years ago, and started down a new path as a young Muslim. Now he's moved to Pittsburgh's tough North Side to start a new religious community for African American and Latino Muslims, rebuild his shattered family, and take his message of faith to the streets through his uncompromising hip-hop music. Raising his two kids as a single dad and longing for companionship, Hamza finds love on a Muslim networking website and seizes the chance for happiness in a second marriage. But when the FBI raids his mosque, Hamza must confront the realities of the post-9/11 world, and challenge himself. He starts reaching for a deeper understanding of his faith, discovering new connections with people from Christian and Jewish communities. NEW MUSLIM COOL takes viewers on Hamza's ride through the streets, projects and jail cells of urban America, following his spiritual journey to some surprising places - where we can all see ourselves reflected in a world that never stops changing. \*This Special Edition includes the original feature-length version of the film (83 minutes) as well as the abridged version (56 minutes). #12934/1897 Four modules with Lesson Plans and Classroom Activities 83 minutes 2009 \$389.95