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Preface

It is a privilege to edit this work honouring the contributions of my colleague and friend Vic Hayes. I wish to thank all those who have written articles for this volume as a testimony to their appreciation and respect for the work of Vic over the years. I especially appreciate the way they have focused their research on the broad theme of Multiculturalism and Religion in Australia. Those of you familiar with volumes of this kind will realise that sustaining a consistent theme is extremely difficult for academics.

By focusing on this theme, taking into account theoretical considerations, particular traditions and social systems, it is hoped that this volume will make a contribution to our understanding of multiculturalism in Australia and especially its religious dimensions. While most of the relevant areas were covered in this book, it is unfortunate that several articles could not be completed due to illness and similar unforeseen factors.

We are very grateful to those who supported this volume financially including the Charles Strong Memorial Trust and the Australian Association for the Study of Religions. The Charles Strong Trust has been a major promoter of the study of religion in Australia for more than 30 years. The articles by Max Charlesworth, Robert Crotty and Vic Hayes are, in fact, Charles Strong Trust lectures for the years 1990 and 1991.

My personal thanks go to Margaret Bolton, my research assistant, who transformed the articles submitted into a consistent volume. My thanks also to Religion Studies staff at the University of South Australia who assisted in the planning and editing of the volume in various ways. I also want to acknowledge the generosity of the University of South Australia who provided research monies to fund the salary of our research assistant in connection with this project.

Norman Habel
January 1992

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Victor Hayes: A Tribute

I have worked with Victor Hayes as a friend and a colleague since 1975, soon after he returned from America to live again in Australia. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to edit this volume honouring Vic as one of the outstanding leaders in Religion Studies in Australia. I am delighted also to pen this opening tribute which represents the sentiment of a wide range of scholars with whom I have spoken about Vic's contribution to Religion Studies in this country and beyond.

I remember vividly those heady days in 1975 and 1976 when our plan to launch the Australian Association for the Study of Religion was being formed. Vic was one of the founding members of the Association and influenced greatly the direction we took. He was responsible for the precise formulation of the Association constitution and has served as the publications editor of the Association from its very inception to this day - a 16 year record which few associations can match.

Vic has been pivotal in promoting and implementing the decision to publish one or more books a year for our members rather than produce a scholarly journal. A series of fine publications, which have the possibility of continuing sales, meant that the Association has always been solvent. This state of affairs is very largely due to the dedication of Vic in the generation, selection and promotion of texts which have already served the Australian market well and enabled a steady income.

As an editor Vic is painstaking and exceedingly patient. Each contributor is treated with due respect and each volume prepared in a way which serves the Association rather than Vic's own ambitions. These publications are a reflection of Vic's commitment to promoting Religion Studies as a vital discipline in Australia and their success is due to both his own scholarship and his distinctive ability to enhance the scholarship of others. Vic's selflessness in this context is rare and should not be forgotten. All Australian scholars of Religion owe Vic a great debt of gratitude.

The many volumes Vic has edited in person or whose publication he has supervised are listed in his *curriculum vitae*. Among these, volumes like *Towards a Theology in the Australian Context*, *Identity Issues in World Religions*, and *Aboriginal Australians and Christian Missions* by Swain and

Rose are noteworthy examples of the range of his expertise. Glowing comments by scholars like Colin Brown of the University of Canterbury highlight the gratitude which New Zealand academics in Religion Studies feel towards Vic. The Association provides them with another arena for scholarly debate. One significant volume from New Zealand written under Vic's editorial guidance is the study of Maori Religion by James Irwin.

International recognition of Vic's scholarship and contribution to Religion Studies is evident in the invitations he has received to lecture in the USA. Especially significant was his appointment as Visiting Scholar in the History of Religions at Harvard Divinity School in 1982-83.

Vic is a philosopher-theologian with a sharp analytical mind. His studies in the philosophy of religion are testimony to his acute intellect and critical faith. As an academic Vic has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to accommodate to changing circumstances and make Religion Studies a valuable liberal studies offering for a wide range of students. His high reputation among humanities, education and nursing students is testimony to his capacity to develop both critical skills and social awareness in his students. Vic is well known for enabling his classes to feel the existential force of his subject.

Vic is for so many of us a true colleague, a compassionate friend and a great gift to the religious community. For the members of the AASR, however, Vic is much more. Without break since 1975 Vic has promoted, supported and nurtured the Association in spite of heavy teaching responsibilities and periodic ill health. As general editor, Vic, more than any others, I believe, is the person responsible for the stability, character and strength of the AASR today.

Over the years one of Vic's special areas of interest has been religious pluralism. This interest is illustrated by his Charles Strong Memorial Trust Lecture on Faithful Syncretism included in this volume. It is appropriate then, that this volume should be entitled *Religion and Multiculturalism in Australia*.

We wish Vic Hayes well in his future academic ventures and we thank him sincerely for his superb contribution to Religion Studies in Australia.

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- 1978 *Central Australian Religion: Personal Monototemism in a Polytotemic Community*, by T.G.H. Strehlow.
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- 1982 *High Calling, High Stress: The Vocational Needs of Ministers. An Overview and Bibliography*, by Robin J. Pryor.
- 1982 *Religion in Australian Life: A Bibliography of Social Research*, compiled by G. Fitzpatrick and edited by Michael Mason.
- 1984 *An Introduction to Maori Religion*, by James Irwin.
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