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Editorial

Anthony Giddens has described one of the changes occurring in contemporary societies as 'the expansion of social reflexivity'. In a post-traditional world, little can be taken for granted. People make decisions in the context of an awareness of a great range of possibilities. In such a world, many social themes previously hidden come to light.

This issue of the *Review* reflects such changes. Giddens describes one of the responses to this expansion of social reflexivity as fundamentalism - the theme of the first article, and, in some respects, the article on the image of Mary at Yankalilla.

Other issues of religion in relation to the post-traditional world are tackled in other articles on the transforming power of the media, patriarchy, homosexuality, and xenophobia, and personal abuse. Questions of the significance of the ancient religions of northern Europe for modern Australia arises in Asbjørn Jøn's article on the Ásatrú faith.

There is no lack of issues for students of religion in contemporary Australian society. We hope the following articles provoke much thought and debate.

Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes

Erratum:

We wish to apologise to both the author of the book and to readers of the AASR for the incorrect details in the table of contents for the last edition of the *Review* which presented the reviewer as the author.

The book by William E. Shepard, *Sayyid Qutb and Islamic Activism: a Translation and Critical Analysis of "Social Justice in Islam"* was reviewed by Hugh Goddard on p.154 of the AASR Review vol.11, no.2.