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practices and ethics. Their recognisability and authenticity shall – when

combined with a due lack of obtrusion – be of great influence for the ongoing acceptance of religion(s) in the public domain.