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have deepened, yet challenged, not only prevailing views of the Western

construction of the category 'religion' but also understandings of how marginalised communities use collective historical imagination to inspire self-identification through the discourse of religion. In conclusion, this book argues for a re-evaluation of the way in which multi-religious traditions interact to reshape identities and belongings."--Bloomsbury Publishing.