

## **Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project**

### **Religion Background**

**Root variable:** Religion

#### **Synopsis of code set construction:**

This code set was constructed using the expected responses from the Enumerator Guides and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (DBS) code books, and by consulting the microdata for imputed values DBS did not expect or did not distinguish. Any imputed value that was a sensible response was given a code. The Religion codes from the Canadian Families Project (CFP) were also consulted. However, unlike CFP and DBS code sets, the CCRI Primary Religion Codes categorize religious faiths based on their theological differences, not their geographic “origin.”

Parent codes were used so that researchers will be able to aggregate the data, and also so that new codes could be added to the code set as the responses became increasingly distinct and numerous in subsequent censuses.

#### **Understanding the numeric code:**

The first digit indicates the Worldview.

- 1 = Christian Worldview
- 2 = Islamic Worldview
- 3 = Judaic Worldview
- 4 = Dharmic Worldview
- 5 = Polytheist and Animist Worldview
- 6 = Ba’hai Faith
- 7 = Zoroastrianism
- 8 = Ethical or Philosophical Worldview
- 9 = General Non-Christian Terms

The second and third digits indicate different sects or variations of worldview.

The fourth and fifth digits refer to different denominations within sects.

#### **Code set application notes:**

- Those that appeared to be Christian, but whose denominational origins could not be determined, y were mapped to “Other Christian Groups n.e.c.”
- Similarly, if it was clear they were not Christian, they were mapped to “General Non-Christian Terms, n.e.c.”
- If the value was clearly non-religious, it was mapped to “Uncodeable.”
- If the religious value was clearly a denomination, but too general for that parent code, it would be mapped to the n.s. parent code for that category. For example, “English” was mapped

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to “Anglican Tradition, n.s.”

- If the value had too low a frequency to warrant its own code, but could still be mapped to a certain religious family, it was given an n.e.c. code. For example, “Danish Lutheran” was mapped to “Lutheran Family, n.e.c.”