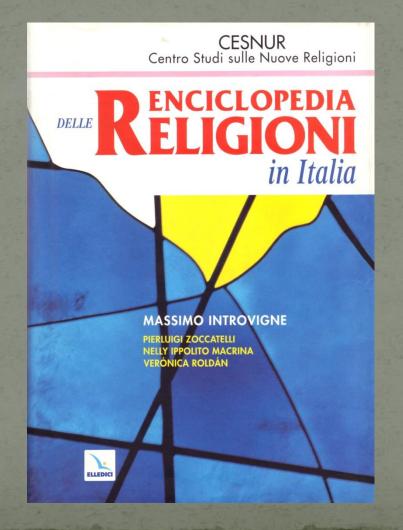
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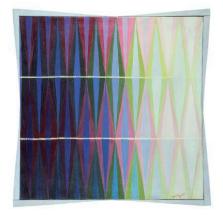
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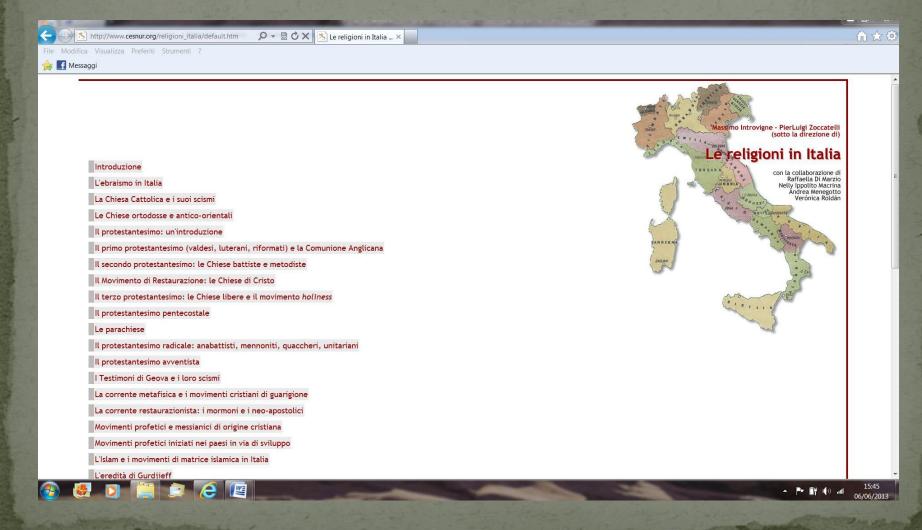
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### Italy 2013 — An overview

- Italian citizens = 55,961,764
- Italian resident population = 60,820,764
- Immigrants = 4,859,000 (8.0%)
- Religious minorities among Italian citizens = 1,417,000 (2.5%)
- Religious minorities including immigrants = 4,635,400 (7.6%)
  Religious and spiritual minorities = 836

### **Religious minorities among Italian citizens** (CESNUR estimate 2013)

Jewish	36,000 (2.5%)	Buddhists	135,000 (9.5%)
Fringe and dissident Catholics	25,000 (1.8%)	Osho movements and similar	4,000 (0.3%)
Eastern Orthodox	110,000 (7.8%)	Sikh and Radhasoami	6,000 (0.4%)
Protestants	435,000 (30.7%)	Other groups of Eastern origin	2,000 (0.1%)
Jehovah's Witnesses (and similar)	415,000 (29.3%)	Japanese New Religions	3,000 (0.2%)
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	25,000 (1.8%)	Esotericism / "Ancient Wisdom"	15,000 (1.1%)
Other groups of Christian origin	5,000 (0.4%)	Human Potential movements	30,000 (2.1%)
Islam	115,000 (8.1%)	New Age and Next Age	20,000 (1.4%)
Bahá'í and other from Islam	4,000 (0.3%)	Other	6,000 (0.4%)
Hinduists and Neo-Hinduists	26,000 (1.8%)	Total	1,417,000 (100.0%)

### **Distribution of Protestant Italian citizens** (CESNUR estimate 2013)

"Historical" Protestantism		14.9%
Restoration Movement	5,000	1.1%
Brethren Assemblies	21,000	4.8%
Free Churches and other Evangelical independent Churches	9,000	2.1%
Pentecostal churches	313,000	72.0%
Seventh-day Adventists	20,000	4.6%
Other	2,000	0.5%
Total	435,000	100.0%

### **Esotericism and "Ancient Wisdom"** (CESNUR estimate 2013)

Neo-Paganism, Neo-Shamanism, Wicca	3,000	20.0%
Rosicrucianism	2,000	13.3%
Martinism, Kremmerzians, Ceremonial Magic	900	6.0%
Neo-Templars	800	5.3%
Theosophical movements and derivations	3,000	20.0%
Universal Brotherhoods	700	4.7%
Organized Spiritualism	1,000	6.7%
UFO movements	1,000	6.7%
Gnostic churches and movements	1,500	10.0%
Organized Satanism	300	2.0%
Other	800	5.3%
Total	15,000	100.0%

### **Immigrants religious affiliations** (Caritas-Migrantes estimate 2012)

Eastern Orthodox	1,482,648	29.6%
Catholics	960,359	19.2%
Protestants	222,960	4.4%
Other Christians	36,107	0.7%
Islam	1,650,902	32.9%
Jewish	7,300	0.1%
Hinduists	131,254	2.6%
Buddhists	97,362	1.9%
Other Eastern religions	69,215	1.4%
Atheists and agnostics	215,135	4.3%
"Traditional" religions	50,498	1.0%
Other	87,567	1.9%
Total	5,011,307	100.0%

### **Immigrants main religious minorities in Italy** (CESNUR estimate 2013)

Islam	1,360,000	42.3%
Eastern Orthodox	1,294,700	40.2%
Protestants	212,200	6.6%
Hinduists	114,200	3.5%
Buddhists	103,400	3.2%
Sikh and Radhasoami	60,000	1.9%
Other groups of Eastern and African origin	43,500	1.4%
Jehovah's Witnesses	17,400	0.5%
Jewish	7,600	0.2%
Other	5,400	0.2%
Total	3,218,400	100.0%

#### Many thanks for your kind attention

