

Believers

APPENDIX 1: Norm cards

Cards

We have a special ceremony to initiate children into our life stance.	We have specific ceremonies and norms for burials and funerals.
Men and women have distinct functions and roles in our life stance, for example in leading ceremonies.	We have specific times in the calendar for fasting.
Crimes and discrimination have been, or are being, committed in the name of my life stance.	We are taught to help the needy and poor.
We have a specific view on homosexuality.	We wear symbols or special clothing.
Our life stance has specific moral norms and commands regarding marriage and sexuality.	We have a specific view on abortion.
Our life stance is based on sacred books or writings.	We believe in the value of life as the most important thing to preserve.
Our life stance teaches tolerance of other religions and faiths.	Our life stance has been profoundly shaped by prophets, who are recognised as carriers of divine messages.
We believe in life after death and in a final judgment.	We have important festivals that are observed as holidays in our countries.
We pay tribute to the dead at least once a year and visit cemeteries.	We have our own calendar, often different from the civil one. Our New Year is not on the 1st January.
We organise schools and classes where children are taught about our life stance.	We believe that life is not only about material things, but has an essential spiritual dimension.
We have our own stories about how the world was created.	We have certain views about who we should or should not marry.
Our life stance teaches not only about spiritual matters about also about how society should function.	We are often misunderstood and sometimes discriminated against.
We are expected to pray several times a day.	We have a day in the week when we should not work, but should attend a special ceremony to celebrate our beliefs.
We believe that we have a special relationship with a creator.	We are in control of our own lives.
We believe that the meaning and purpose of life is an ongoing creative quest.	Love is an essential teaching in our life stance.
Our life stance provides an ethical framework, and moral values are clearly laid down.	Spirituality, the sense of wonderment at being part of something greater than ourselves, is found through the rituals of our life stance.