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Division of Corporations
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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Re: Articles of Incorporation for Religious Trend, A Research Group, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Religious Trend, A Research Group, Inc., and of the Certificate of Registered Agent, as well as a check for the \$87.50 filing, certified copy, and certificate fees. I appreciate your filing the Articles on behalf of this non-profit corporation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

GIBBS LAW FIRM, P.A.

Charlotte Cover

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Enclosures: Articles of Incorporation
Filing Fee Check

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RELIGIOUS TRENDS, A RESEARCH GROUP, INC.

(A Florida Nonprofit Corporation)

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The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- (1) The name of the corporation is RELIGIOUS TRENDS, A RESEARCH GROUP, INC.
- (2) This corporation is a Non-Profit Corporation.
- (3) The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- (4) The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Florida is George Washburn, 2331 Belleair Road Lot 910, Clearwater, Florida 33764.
- (5) The name and address of the incorporator is:

George Washburn
2331 Belleair Road Lot 910
Clearwater, Florida 33764
- (6) The corporation's principal office and/or mailing address are George Washburn, 2331 Belleair Road Lot 910, Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida 33764
- (7) The corporation shall not have members.
- (8) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization or organizations exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- (9) The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, for such purposes, but not limited to researching and educating believers about religious trends through the publication and distribution of a periodic religious trends newsletter, and any other lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit and not specifically prohibited to corporations under the laws of the State of Florida.

- (10) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in Article 9 hereof.
- (11) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- (12) The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (13) The corporation shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against any trustee, employee, student, or other individual on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin. The corporation shall support or operate only schools that admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and shall be racially nondiscriminatory in the administration of all of its policies and programs.
- (14) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (15) The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Florida.
- (16) The directors shall be selected in accord with the bylaws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

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| George W. Washburn | Robert C. Witte | Vern Goheen |
| 2331 Belleair Road Lot 910 | 8931 Beeler Drive | 19135 US Hwy 19 N, Apt. G-7 |
| Clearwater, Florida 33764 | Tampa, Florida 33626 | Clearwater, 34624 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

4/6/01
Date

George Washburn
George Washburn, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: **Religious Trends, A Research Group, Inc.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

George Washburn
2331 Belleair Road Lot 910
Clearwater, Florida 33764

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY.

George Washburn
George Washburn

Date 4/6/01