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South East Asia is home to many different religious traditions. It is a region where Hindu, Chinese, Buddhist, Muslim and Christian communities have intermingled for centuries. Since ancient times, it has been the meeting ground for the civilisations of India and China. Its religious and cultural territory spans Confucian Singapore, Buddhist Thailand, Muslim Malaysia and Indonesia, and the Catholic Philippines. Each of these countries contain a significant number of Taoists, Hindus and Christians from a wide variety of different denominations. It is therefore fitting that a Singapore Baha'i Studies

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