Fertile Question:  *Being spiritual: What's in it for me?*

Core Content Area 3:  What’s in it for me?

**TOPIC 3.2: THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE**

**Extending Knowledge: Spirit of the Pacific**

In this lesson students will extend their knowledge about spirituality and the Asia Pacific region.

**Teachers: Before You Start!**

1. Familiarise yourself with [Edublogs](http://www.edublogs.org).

**For students to extend knowledge about spirituality and the Asia Pacific region select from the following activities:**

1. Familiarise yourself with the Asia Pacific region by examining a [map](http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/asia.htm).
2. Select a country (not Australia) and research the major religious beliefs and traditions of that country.
   a. Record your findings under the following headings: Major Religions currently practiced in the country, Founder/s of the tradition, Five key beliefs, One example of the impact of the tradition on daily life, One example of where/how the tradition adds to the religious diversity of Australia.
   b. Summarise your findings and add to the class blog or report to the class.

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

Useful Websites for starting points for research:

- [http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/asia.htm](http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/asia.htm)

Edublogs is a Web 2.0 tool that has many uses. See their [website](http://www.edublogs.org) for a comprehensive description of the tool and its use.

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