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NGK's out of step on religious freedom

IN reviewing its theological support for apartheid, the NGK Synod adopted a retrogressive resolution that other religions, and particularly Islam, are false. How unlike progressive steps taken by other Muslim and Christian scholars to bridge the gap.

The Vatican in 1974 met with leading scholars of Saudi Arabia and subsequently documented, inter alia that a sincere attempt was being made to understand Islam.

In seeking to redress past injustices perpetrated against it, the Vatican document expressed the Islamic belief of freedom of choice by quoting the Koran, thereby deploring the fallacious notions of "fatalism", "jihad" and "coercion" ascribed to Islam.

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If it is of any consolation to the Muslim community, it is supposed to be sacrilegious for any Calvinist to deprecate such creeds as Islam and Judaism that have their origins in the Old Testament. -
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