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Currently undergoing a dramatic renaissance, the subject of religion has been attracting considerable media attention. However, far too little is known about people's individual religiosity and the social effects and dynamics of religion. That which is known has become particularly important in a context of growing religious plurality and globalization, where interactions between societies with different cultural and religious backgrounds are increasing. To expand upon this knowledge, the Bertelsmann Stiftung – in cooperation with sociologists, psychologists, theologians and religious studies experts – has developed the most advanced instrument to date to examine the various dimensions of religiosity: the Religion Monitor.

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