

# **LaHurd Part I An Introduction to Religious Pluralism**

## **Lutherans and Religious Pluralism**

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### **I. An Introduction to Religious Pluralism**

#### **A. Religious Diversity in the United States and Europe**

#### **B. Comparing the American and European Contexts**

1. population statistics
2. cultural factors in Europe
3. mitigating factors for integration in the U.S.

#### **C. Islam in the U.S.**

1. history
2. current population

#### **D. Changing Attitudes in the U.S.**

1. increasing negativity toward Islam and Muslims
2. mosque construction controversies
3. role of the Internet
4. reaction to fear

#### **E. Diversity and Pluralism**