

Acting on Faith

Women's New Religious Activism in America

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Acting on Faith: Women's New Religious Activism in America is a documentary film that offers an intimate look at the lives and work of three American women - one Buddhist, one Hindu, and one Muslim - for whom faith, activism, and identity are deeply intertwined.

In **Acting on Faith**, we see these women at work, with their families, and at play. We hear them reflect on their experiences, and tell us in their own voices what kinds of identities they seek to build, for themselves and for their communities. Their stories help us to consider the compatibility of feminism and religion, and the tension of being a voice of critique without alienating one's community or inviting outside prejudice.

This film offers insight into, and encourages dialogue on, the powerful streams of thought and action that are being created by women activists of different religious and cultural traditions in the United States. **Acting on Faith** offers a face-to-face encounter with three women who are pioneers of a new religious activism.

Acting on Faith was made possible by a grant from The Pluralism Project at Harvard University, a research organization dedicated to helping Americans engage with the realities of religious diversity through research, outreach, and the active dissemination of resources. More information about the film, including preview clips, order forms, biographies and a study guide, is available at: www.pluralism.org/actingonfaith



Muslim Ikeda-Nash integrates the uniquely relational experiences of women into the American Buddhist practice.



Laila Al-Marayati (in) illustrates how the Muslim principle of 'zakat' served as the inspiration for the first free clinic in South Central Los Angeles.



Shamita Das Dasgupta uses strong female figures in Hindu myth to provide encouragement to battered women to leave abusive husbands.

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