Beliefs in society

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* Bruce,
* Wallis
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* Wallis,
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* age.
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* Davie
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* practice and
* organisations.
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| **Global context of debate including** * fundamentalism and
* the growth of religion.
* Berger,
* Davie,
* Norris and Inglehart
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