

## Looking to Mecca from Ponsonby



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While New Zealand is becoming less religious overall, there's greater diversity to the country's religious make-up, according to the latest census.

Most people who consider themselves religious identify as being Christian, however other religions are growing.

The three that saw the biggest increase in followers between 2006 and 2013 are Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism.

Meanwhile, the number of people who say they have no religion has jumped 26 per cent to 1.6 million.

In a four-part series, Ollie Neas talks to followers of New Zealand's fastest growing religions and people who don't identify with any religion.

In the first episode, we talk to Hisham Zaoui, 28, about Islam. *Continue reading* (<http://thewireless.co.nz/themes/hauora/a-little-faith-looking-to-mecca>).

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