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***Zhukovets O.Ju. Western neoreligions within the context of social life of post-Soviet Russia***

It is discussed the spread of Western neoreligion in Russia in the late 80s - early 90s. The author analyzes the reasons why Russian society has become fertile ground for missionary work of many new religious movements, and describes the methods used by propagating their doctrines. As an example, the article contains two neoreligion - "Unification Church" (Moonies), and "The Russian Society for Krishna Consciousness" (Hare Krishnas). The author shows that the main way to influence the social life of Russia was the Moonies to establish contacts with the political elite of the country and the introduction of a system of secondary and higher education. Russian Society for Krishna Consciousness has been active in charitable activities, primarily distributing free food to needy segments of the population. At the end of the article, the author draws attention to the negative effects of some neoreligion and the danger of their fusion with the political and social structures of the country.

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