ABSTRACT

CHRISTIANITY AS EMPOWERMENT?
THE IDENTITY OF CHRISTIAN GIRLS

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The interface between Christianity and 13 to 15 year old girls in the United Kingdom is explored through the girls’ expression of values. The values of 9,447 Christian affiliated girls and 7185 girls of no religious affiliation are explored over the six value areas of: myself; my worries; school; religion and society; moral issues; and societal and world concerns. The data demonstrate that the Christian affiliated girls are more positive in their outlook on life, yet also generally more anxious, and more conservative in their values than the girls of no religious affiliation. The findings are interpreted with reference to the question of whether Christian affiliation is empowering for girls in the United Kingdom at such a formative stage in their lives.