

The Shap working party on World Religions in Education



The Last Word – JUBILATE !

Once we Shappies have been and gone,
our written words will linger on;
When we all have passed away,
our books and Journals still will stay;
For our words and our documents enshrine the ideas
Shap Members developed through fifty rich years.
These ideas were creative, evocative, new;
Fresh thinking abounded, controversies too;
Insights to stimulate; freedom of choice;
Young minds to inspire; that's why we **REJOICE!**

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Education? – our focus; Evangelism? – NO;
Courses and Conferences? - set minds aglow.
Data, phenomena, history? - sure;
Travel and visits? – the memories endure;
Meetings and Minutes, planning to do;
Books to be written, bibliographies too;
Calendars of festivals, on line and printed,
The work load's enormous but labour's unstinted.
Archives, Awards and Web Site as well,
Sub groups and Glossary, the end who can tell?
Visits and Photos, Artefacts and Stories,
Journals and Handbooks - these are Shap's glories;
Friendships and figureheads, these we remember,
REJOICING at meetings - July and December.

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So Conference, Calendar, Handbook and Journal –
of the essence of Shappery these form the kernel;
They all bear the imprint of Shap's early years,
and laid firm foundations for later ideas:
Ideas about Truth and Values and Meaning,
Life here and hereafter, and Death's cruel sting;
For Shap now includes with its Faiths and Traditions
Reflections on topics and themes and descriptions,
Where insights are welcomed with heart, soul and voice –
So - fifty years on now - **It's Time to REJOICE.**

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