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The Integration of Religions in Victoria's Chinatown from 1858-1930

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Christianity and Chinese folk religion have both influenced the Chinese community in Victoria. Their joint impact upon Victoria's Chinese between 1858 and 1930 is reflected in many customs of daily life. The Chinese community gradually adapted some aspects of mainstream Western lifestyle, such as clothing and hairstyle, when missionaries added Chinese decorations to Chinese churches and used Chinese classics to elaborate on their gospels. The integration of Chinese folk religion and Christianity occurred gradually and in a variety of ways, eventually producing a unique culture in Victoria's Chinatown.

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