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It is considered the interconnection of religion and xenophobia within the context of religious non passionate actualization. The specificity of religious xenophobia lies in the usage of confessional markers for the opposition of "close" and "alien" and is expressed in the construction of "alien phobia". The religious role as a key system forming factor of culture in the creation of "alien phobia" is revealed in two ways: by means of formation of a certain type of thinking and behavior norms through religious institutions, incorporated in this or that social instrument.

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