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### 4.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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After going through this unit you will be able to:

- Define Consciousness in philosophy
- Describe what is religious consciousness
- Identify the fundamentals of religious consciousness
- Identify the difference between religion, consciousness and religious consciousness.

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### 4.2 INTRODUCTION

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This unit will introduce to you the general concept of consciousness with special reference to religious consciousness. Religious awareness arises due to the consciousness of religion. There is something which makes everyone feel that one is not absolute and there must be someone who is absolute, omnipotent and omniscient etc. The incompleteness of one person implies that there should be something which is above all these and this feeling of completeness would be realized. The nature of this 'beyond' has

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