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<p><b>Summary of Dissertation Contents</b></p>	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction Background, Problem Statement and Objectives of the Study The Project Structure of the Thesis</p> <p>Chapter 2: Sōka Gakkai: An Overview of its History, Doctrines and Practices Nichiren Buddhism “Value Creation Society”: The Development of Sōka Gakkai Elements of the Doctrines and Practices of Sōka Gakkai Cultural globalization and religion Research on Religious Conversion</p> <p>Chapter 3: Theoretical Framework of the Study: Integration of the dual global field model and the conversion careers approach</p> <p>Chapter 4: Methodology of the Study</p> <p>Chapter 5: Sōka Gakkai in Cuba: Stages and Modes of Glocalization Stages of Glocalization of Sōka Gakkai in Cuba Glocalization modes of Sōka Gakkai in Cuba</p> <p>Chapter 6: “Awakening to the Law”: Joining Sōka Gakkai in Cuba Affiliation patterns and micro-level factors Sociocultural factors influencing religious affiliation</p> <p>Chapter 7: “Lotus Blooming”: The Conversion Level in Sōka Gakkai in Cuba Reformulation of affiliation patterns Explaining conversion through interaction rituals “Delayed Blossoms” or Failed conversion? On Religious Hybridizations in Sōka Gakkai in Cuba</p> <p>Chapter 8: Conclusions Limitations and Recommendations for Further Study</p>
<p><b>Summary of Dissertation Screening Results</b></p>	<p>Mr. Placencia successfully defended his thesis on Tuesday 22 July. Beginning with a brief overview of the work, he then addressed a number of questions from the committee. Questions included those on the contents of the thesis as well as those on the methodology employed and the future prospects for the work. The committee unanimously agreed that Mr. Placencia masterfully handled the material and addressed all the questions in a scholarly and confident manner. In addition to the question and answer format, we also had engaging discussions branching out from the questions. It was clear from the defence that Mr. Placencia is blossoming into a scholar. The committee was impressed with the depth and rigor of his work, and congratulated him on the impending publication of two chapters in top tier refereed academic journals.</p>
<p><b>Summary of Exam Result or Academic Skills</b></p>	<p>Mr. Placencia is a fine writer and a thoughtful speaker, as evidenced from the dissertation and the manner in which he addressed the committee’s questions.</p>