**ABSTRACT**

The aim of the study is to find out what is our state of knowledge about the importance of religion for the activity of family businesses. The lit­erature review on the impact of four major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam on the family business development has been made. The issues as business development, resource allocations, risk taking, succession and business ethics in family business under the influence of religion have been discussed. The synthesis effect of the study is the picture of a specific research field. And, as a result of the study the important niches in our knowledge, main barriers of research development and most inspiring directions for future stud­ies have been identified.