



Jews, Christians and Moslems believe in one God, the almighty. All world religions teach us the impact of prayer, fasting, sacrificing, almsgiving and know places of strength and special blessings where they go on pilgrimages.

You should know this

“All world religions are a way to God”, Matthäus said repeatedly. This insight should let us rejoice. All men are God’s children – thus brothers and sisters, just as Jesus addressed everybody. It is written in the Book of Revelation: “I saw a great multitude from every nation and tribe...”

Abraham founded monotheism (belief in the existence of one God) and Judaism originated from it, which knows the law of revenge. Jesus was a Jew and brought the law of love of enemies, of forgiveness of mercy. At the end of the 6th century, Mohammed received revelations from the Archangel Gabriel and founded Islam with its five fundamental pillars: declaring there is no god except God, daily prayer, fasting, giving to the poor, pilgrimage to Mecca. 500 years before Christ, the Chinese wisdom teacher Confucius lived and founded the Chinese social- and religious science. Hinduism is around 3’000 years old. We know Buddhism mainly from the current Dalai Lama who is a shining faith model.

The commandment of love of neighbour is similar in every world religion

Christianity: Do to others what you would have them do to you.

Judaism: Don’t do to others what you don’t want them to do to you.

Islam: None of you is a believer as long as he does not wish his brother whatever he wishes for himself.

Hinduism: One should not behave in a certain way towards others that is unpleasant for himself.

Buddhism: A condition that is unpleasant or not enjoyable for me, shouldn’t be for others either. A condition that is unpleasant or not enjoyable for me, how can I expect others to put up with it?

We believe that according to the spiritual laws, a soul is born into a certain faith and into the circumstances appropriate for him, circumstances that are necessary for his development.



Christian teaching is universal

Jesus has set an example by obeying to all commandments. We experience his unconditional love towards all men and towards God’s creation in his miracles and in the deepest form in his martyrdom. Dying on the cross, he prayed for his tormentors: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” At Holy Communion, Christ wants to enter our hearts. “I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world.” “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

With the law of forgiveness and mercy, Christ breaks the spiral of revenge. Love can only be brought forth by loving. Love alone can overcome all bad things. It comes from God and leads back to God. In the parables (see insert from October 2000) Christ has shown how love befriends the weak. In the Christian mysticism and the teaching of the sacraments we find the most direct pathway to heaven.

We regard other religions also as an equally reasonable way to God and respect the freedom of each person. We may undertake Jesus’ missionary task: “Go into the world and preach the gospel to all creation”, as long as we are doing it out of Christian love of neighbour, without coercion and violence and more in exemplary manners than in many words.

“Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

Write this sentence from the Bible in your best handwriting in your faith book.

Try to put this wisdom into practice at all times. Check your successes every night before falling asleep and don’t ever be discouraged by failings.

Talking about others...

Very often others are being talked about. How do we act in these situations? If someone is talked about, then I mention his good aspects, everybody has them!

Supporting someone else...

I try to help a person that is rejected by others. I support him with positive thoughts, prayers, conversations, games, maybe even a little gift, without wanting to lecture him.

Living love in the family...

How fast do disputes arise? If we all lived with God, we would have peace among us. In the mornings, make time for God and HE will be with you so that your day will be filled with joy.

Prayer for world peace...

In recent years, sad occurrences have caused great tensions between Moslems and Christians. A vivid faith is deeply rooted in our hearts. We can understand the great insults in the hearts of the people, but not their violent acts. Pray for peace among all peoples.

Being informed about other religions...

Do you want to know more about the world religions? Together with your parents, search for special features, mindsets etc. of the world religions in good information media (libraries, encyclopaedias, internet etc.)