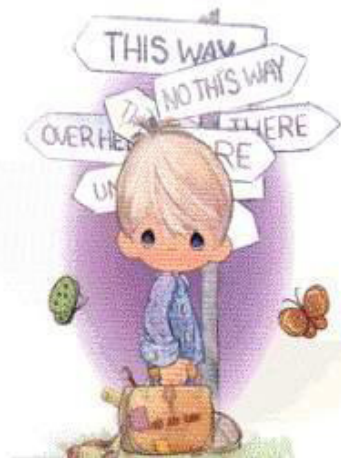


THE CORE OF RELIGIONS

Conventional religions are powerless to check the modern religion of materialism. The goal of the Core of Religions is to recognize the tremendous living fountain of insight at the center of wisdom traditions.

Wisdom should not be hoarded. Religions are our birthright, and belong equally to everyone. They are the common storehouses of wisdom, from which we may draw our own portion.

An Invitation is waiting for you inside...



Jesus
is the
only way ?

Principle: Have knowledge and respect for all religions

“This messenger of peace must have equal regard for all the principal religions of the earth. Thus, if he is a Hindu, he will respect the other faiths current in India. He must, therefore, possess a knowledge of the general principles of the different faiths professed in the country.” Gandhi

“It is no easy matter to live a life that is modeled on Christ’s, but it is unspeakably harder to live one’s own life as truly as Christ lived his.” Carl Jung

Not the core

The language in which it was written is irrelevant. So is the person who discovered it, and the place where it happened. The treasures inside are blocked by authority, ritual, idolatry, and rewards.

Authority is the suppression of thought. Arbitrary claims to knowledge are irrelevant, even if they are true. Truth must validate itself and stand on its own.

Ritual is repetition. Though it may provide a reminder, it is not the thing itself.

Idolatry is reverence for people, places or things.

Rewards divert attention and corrupt motivation. Your reward is in not heaven, but at the moment you act.

We do not need these crutches. Identify the superfluous husk and throw it away.

“The meaning of man’s life lies in his perfecting the universe. He has to distinguish, gather, and redeem the sparks of holiness scattered throughout the darkness of the world.” Abraham Heschel

What is your sensitivity level?

Personal character

Arrogance, greed

Humility, gentleness

Compassion

Yourself (your family, religion, or nation)

What restores and elevates

Truth

Accumulate knowledge

Enter into the heart of another

Beauty

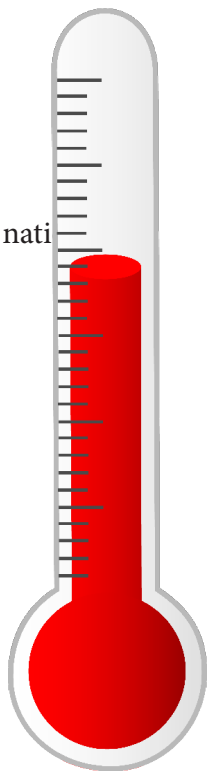
Surfaces

Intentions

Good

Give from your excess

Give until it hurts



Invite your religion to participate in The Core of Religions

Focus on the central truths of your faith

Direct knowledge or experience is needed

Tradition or dogma is of secondary importance

Reject unthinking obedience to leaders or traditions

Relationship to other religions

Promote respect for and knowledge of other religions

Collaborate with them in sharing your unique insights

Cultivate personal identity

Expand one's identity beyond age, gender, race, nationality, and religion

Cultivate the 'rare senses' for seeing beauty, courage, truth, and relationship

Bring spirituality into everyday life

Work for just conditions, not just relief of needs

Encourage followers to express this in their practical life, including work and leisure

Create a place for Implications

Create a physical place for customers to explore the Implications of this business.

Collaborate with other religious groups

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If you are not a member of a spiritual community...

PRAYER

“The primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose of prayer is to praise, to sing, to chant...Prayer may not save us, but prayer may make us worthy of being saved. Prayer is not requesting. “

Abraham Heschel

INVITATION

Follow only that which I understand directly
Learn the basic truths of other religious traditions
Join with all spiritual efforts
Become a person capable of spirituality
Bring spirituality into my work and leisure
Offer The Core of Religions to my church

Use at least half of your personal resources - time,
money, energy, and skills - for good that is beyond the
scope of your own personal interests.

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