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Moral living in an immoral world

The Christian and other religions

What is a “*RELIGION*”?

OPPRESSION:

In what ways has the Christian church oppressed other faiths?

Have there been undesirable results of Britain being a “Christian” country for so many centuries?

Have we, as Christians, got unrealistic expectations of our society?

TOLERATION:

Pluralism

“I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”
[Voltaire]

Should all religions be equal before the law? Are they in Britain? In other countries?

Are all religions equally valid? Aren't the claims of Christianity arrogant? (Jn.14:6; Act.4:12)

Blasphemy

What is “*BLASPHEMY*”?

Who did the blasphemy laws in the bible apply to?
(Ex.20:7; Lev.24:13-16; Lk.5:21)

Is there a blasphemy law in the UK today? Should there be? Should it be extended to all religions?
(1Pet.4:4; Rom.1:29-32)

Are other religions dangerous? Why? Or why not?
(2Tim.4:3-5; 2Pet.2:1-2; Jude 4)

What should we think about R.E. in schools in our pluralist society? (Dt.6:6-7; 2Tim.3:14-15)

There is a proposal to convert a disused church in your neighbourhood into a mosque or a Sikh temple. What should your reaction be?

PROCLAMATION:

What makes us, as Christians, so sure *WE*'re right?

What does the bible have to say about the millions of believers in other faiths?

- Act.16:31; Rom.10:13
- 1Jn.5:11-12; 2Thess.1:8-9
- Mt.28:18-20

How should we treat people of other religions?
(1Pet.3:15-16)

How can we distinguish religion from culture? For example, how much of Hinduism is cultural, and how much religious? Do we put up unnecessary obstacles?