

World Religions

Is Pluralism a Pathway to Peace?

Acts 17:16-34

Religious Pluralism is the belief that every religion is true. Each provides a genuine encounter with the Ultimate. One may be better than the others, but all are adequate.

- 1) All religions do not believe the same thing.

- 2) Religion's truth claims can be evaluated as both true and good for humanity.

- 3) People can maintain their religious differences and still work together.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Are you a proponent of religious pluralism (the belief that every religion is true)? What are some examples of religious pluralism that you experience in your daily life?
2. How much do you know about world religions? What are some of the major/minor differences between these religions?
3. Read Acts 17:18-34. What are some of your observations and insights about how the people in Athens related and how Paul shared the Gospel?
4. Describe a conversation you had with someone about their beliefs. Why is love and listening so important to God in these conversations?

Memory Verse

“For he has set a day when we will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising them from the dead.”

Acts 17:31