

IGLYO Keep the Faith: Keys to Inter-Religious Dialogue

What is Inter-Religious Dialogue?

...cooperative and positive interaction between people of different religious traditions (i.e., "faiths") and spiritual or humanistic beliefs, at both the individual and institutional levels, with the aim of deriving a common ground in belief through a concentration on similarities between faiths, understanding of values, and commitment to the world. It is ... dialogue [that] often involves promoting understanding between different religions to increase acceptance of others... (abridged from IGLYO's ICIRD PP).

Interfaith Youth Core Model:

Voice your religious/non-religious values, experiences, and identities;

Engage across lines of religious difference in meaningful conversation about those values; and

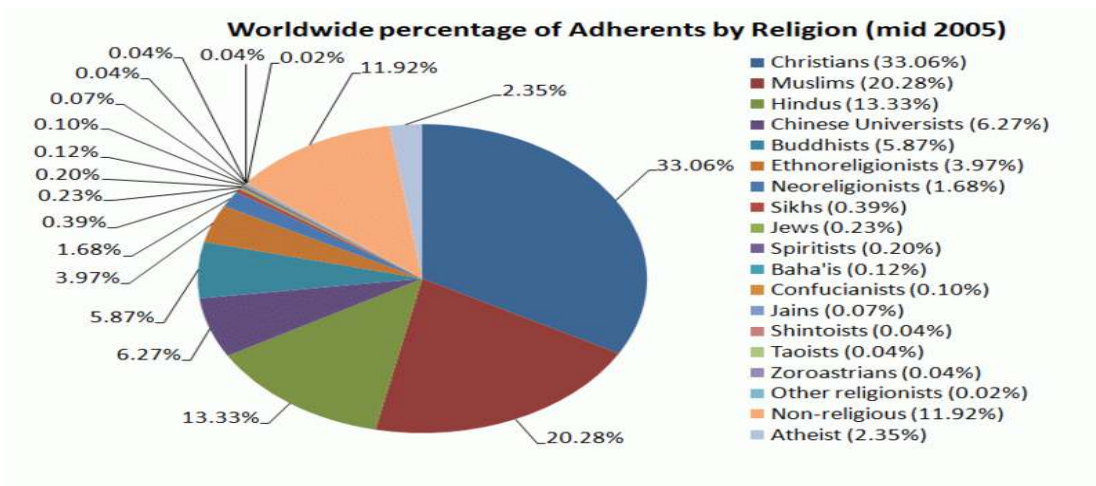
Act together on shared values to make a positive impact on issues important you.

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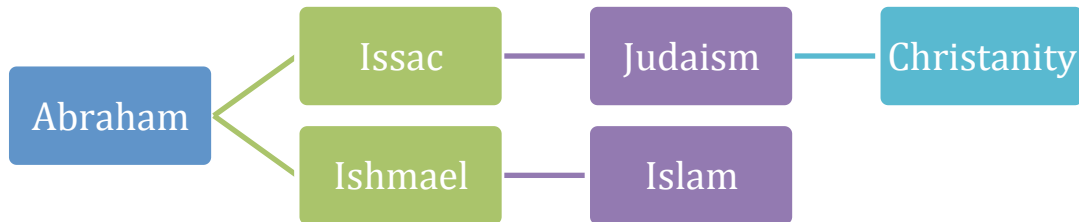
- The point is not to change or convert but to learn and understand.
- Consider visiting the worship opportunities of other traditions and participate with an open mind.
- Build trust by engaging in honest, open, respectful conversation. Listen and Share.
- Accept that there will likely be places of similarity and difference.
- Be respectful of religious practices and observances.
- Use "I" statements and remember each person can only share their individual experiences and do not represent a whole faith tradition.
- Remember that the Religious beliefs of others are just as important and sacred as yours are to you.

Abrahamic Crash Course... but WHY???

A total of 53.57% adhere to a Abrahamic Faith Tradition (Christianity, Islam, Judaism):



Abrahamic Faiths Crash Course



While a few religious communities accept LGBTQ People and support them, most authoritative bodies and doctrines of the world's largest religions generally view them negatively. (IGLYO ICIRD PP).

- For example:
 - Evangelical Christians and the “Kill the Gay” Bill in Uganda
 - Sharia Law punishes homosexual behavior, which results in imprisonment and the death penalty in some Arabic countries.
- Judaism
 - Monotheistic Religion (typically) of the Jewish people
 - Based on the laws given to Moses and recorded in the Torah
 - Religious Leaders: Rabbi's (or Teachers)
 - Worship Spaces: Synagogues / Temples
 - Primary Weekly Time of Observance: Shabbat: Sundown Friday until Sundown Saturday
 - Primary Text: Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament)
- Christianity
 - Monotheistic Religion
 - Based on the teachings of Jesus, Baptism, and Salvation
 - Trinity: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit
 - Religious Leaders: Bishops, Reverends, Pastors, Elders
 - Worship Spaces: Churches
 - Primary Weekly Time of Observance: Sunday Mornings
 - Primary Text: Both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament
- Islam
 - Monotheistic Religion
 - Based on revelations of the Prophet Muhammad
 - Muslims (adherents) must love and serve God
 - Religious Leader: Imam
 - Worship Spaces: Mosque
 - Primary Weekly Time of Observance: Friday at Noon
 - Primary Text: Qu'ran