

PROGRAMS: The Foundation for Pluralism has taken the initiative to showcase all the religious communities. The goal is to bring people of different faiths together, and provide a platform for them to share what is common, while expanding the comfort zone of each group. "The event is a tribute to those who have reached out and expressed commonalities, and who think beyond the box."

RADIO : From July 2003 to June 2005, we ran a daily radio program called "Wisdom of Religion- All religions." We hope to resume the program soon, and it will be updated on the website.

EVENTS:

10th Annual Thanksgiving Celebrations & Awards Night – Sunday, November 25th, 2006. following actual Thanksgiving day on 23rd.

2nd Annual Unity Day Observance – Monday, September 11 2006

Holocaust Memorial Day – in 2006 it will be on Jan 26th. However if Jan 27th falls either on Friday or Saturday, it will be on Thursday, all other times, it will be on the day designated i.e., Jan 27th.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

The website is being enhanced to incorporate the discussion where we can exchange information with the public about Pluralism www.FoundationforPluralism.com

We will strive to align our agenda of caring for each other and leading a pious life without the ego, which is the root of all evil. Let God lead us from ignorance to enlightenment, from prejudices to embracement and from negativity to positive-ness. Amen!

THE FOUNDATION FOR PLURALISM

www.FoundationforPluralism.com
www.WisdomofReligion.com



This logo is meant to be all inclusive, when all the Religions /Spiritual Symbols are available, it will be updated.

Our mission is to encourage individuals to develop an open mind and an open heart toward their fellow beings, and look to individual's God given uniqueness and make efforts to remove prejudices based on religious, racial, nationalistic, linguistic, social, and cultural or any other affiliations.

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What Is Pluralism?

Pluralism is an attitude of accepting and respecting every beautiful way people have come to worship the divine, including but not limited to the Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jewish, Sikh, Zoroastrian and other systems of belief. We further challenge the faithful, "the moment you believe yours is the only way, the ego takes over and kills the spirituality and the piety in you" and add, "And riddance of ego for ones peace and tranquility is the summation of all religions." Ego is the mother of all evil.

A Pluralist will look to the essence of the words rather than the words themselves. Ex; a pluralist will have no problem accepting greetings in any form; he or she will look beyond the words. You can greet her/him with Shalom, Namaste, As-Salaamu Aliakum, Gød Bless, Sat Sri Akal or whatever you are accustomed to, they all mean the same to him/her; that you wish them well. He or She has no qualms returning the greeting in the same format.

A pluralist will never look down upon any form of worship, he looks to the devotion an individual has towards the divine and not the method.

A pluralist firmly believes in his faith, and believes in the path he follows and understands that it will give him the salvation and takes him closer to God. He or she understands and believes that all traditions offer the salvation to the believer.

The Foundation for Pluralism believes that God does not practice preferential treatment towards any faith or a group; and we don't either. All of us are HIS creation and HE belongs to us all. No one owns HIM, nor does anyone have any exclusive influence over him. Who would want a God that will not give equal access to all?

We honor, cherish and respect every way people have come to praise and worship the divine. We revere every one of the spiritual awakeners, to name a few: Krishna, Zarthusra, Moses, Mahavir, Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad, Nanak, Bahauallah, and every Great Spirit that people have to come respect.

We believe that each one of us is created by the same divine system, and respecting each one of his creations is the best form of honoring that divinity. Knowledge leads to understanding and understanding to acceptance and appreciation of people with different points of view. If we can learn to accept and respect the God given uniqueness to each one of the 7 billion of us, then conflicts fade and solutions emerge.

The Seven Commandments Of Pluralism

1. We shall not ridicule anyone that God has created. It amounts to ridiculing the creator God himself, herself or itself.
2. We shall not attempt to undermine the divinity of other faiths that amounts to arrogance, a quality to get rid of, and become a righteous person. Ego is the root cause of all evil.
3. We shall not contaminate the purity of our hearts with negative (ill) thoughts about other religions of God. We will not build our castles

on some one else's "perceived" weaknesses, which would be a poor foundation to build our faith on.

4. We shall not commit another sin in attempting to enforce that one religion is better than another by claiming that we have the best solutions, or hinting any superiority.
5. We shall not blame any religion or a group for the acts of the individuals just because they belong to that faith or group. Let's learn to differentiate the wrong doers from the religion, while appreciate the goodness of each religion.
6. We shall strive to rid ourselves of greed, anger, hate, haughtiness, ill-will, pettiness, malice, and ignorance to achieve spirituality.
7. Our salvation, our peace of mind, our nirvana, our Moksha, our mukti, our freedom and our joining the kingdom of God is directly dependent on living a prejudice free life and a life as described in the 6th commandment.

Every religion frees us from the negative engagements. When we truly believe in the oneness of God and the oneness of mankind, we have accepted God's greatness and parity of human beings.

The world is a better place today because of spirituality, without which there would be chaos. All the religions are on the same side; that of goodness for mankind.

The Foundation is committed to providing the media and world leaders with insights, and policy solutions to effectively managing the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural societies. We are committed to developing solutions for pluralistic governance of diverse people.

We believe that the purpose of all faiths is to bring peace and happiness to each individual and connect humans with the divine. We strongly defend the goodness of each religion. We believe that political motivations have deliberately blamed the wrongs of the world on religion. It is our commitment to identify and ascribe the wrongs to individuals responsible for it and uphold the honor of each faith.

Membership is open to all those who subscribe to the idea of a pluralistic society, a society where people are treated with full dignity without regard to race, color, gender, religion, social status or any other distinctiveness.

Points to Ponder

God is omniscient, omnipotent, eternal, boundless, and genderless and he is everything, and every atom is created by him. And yet a few of us insist that we can invoke God only with certain names. Isn't that confining God?

The Revelation:

All religions are founded on the basis of Pluralism, meaning inclusiveness of all human beings. If you are a Good Jew, Muslim, Christianor a Hindu, you are indeed a pluralist. When Jesus says follow me, Krishna says surrender to me and Allah says, submit to my will; they are all saying the same thing. "Be like God who loves and belongs to all." And, when you do become like God, all the distinctions fade; everything belongs to you and you belong to all. That is salvation and that is, eternal peace.