



This is brief summary of speeches from WARP Office participants in Toronto and New Delhi (Kyeongbuk Branch hosted recently) under same subject “The Relationship between Religion and Scriptures”.

Through meetings we, HWPL hope that many religious leaders could understand each other and make heart for promoting world peace together. Discussing topic based on the scripture is the main idea of WARP Office therefore; we hope this material could be one way to understand other religion for you.

Based on below detail idea, WARP Office was processed.

Topic: The Relationship between Religion and Scriptures

Detailed Topic

- The meaning and purpose of religion
- An introduction of your scripture(s)
 - The author(s) and recorder(s) of your scripture(s)
 - The types of writing found in your scripture(s)
 - (history, poetry, moral instructions, prophecy, fulfillment of prophecy)
 - The reason your scripture was recorded
 - (The objective or ultimate purpose of putting this information in written form)
- The importance/weight/significance your religion places on scripture(s)

Among these, we send you speeches of **Meaning and Purpose of Religion**.

| Religion | Answers from Speech |
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| Hinduism • New Delhi, India • Dr. Chand Bhardwaj | Meaning of Religion: The meaning of religion is to align with the source. The purpose is to live in peace and harmony with fellow beings. |
| Islam • Toronto, Canada • Ayatollah Seyed Reza Hosseini Nassab | Meaning of Religion: The religion is a way that leads the human being to reach the highest status of perfection which is God Almighty. It is also, the path of life which teaches us to know how to deal with each other in our family and our society, with peace and tolerance. The Glorious Quran says: يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ O mankind, indeed, you are striving to your Lord, and you will meet him. (84, 6) This Holy Scripture also says: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ O you who have believed, respond to God Almighty and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which will give you life. (8, 24) Purpose of Religion: The main purpose of religion is to maintain Justice. The Holy Quran says: لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ We have already sent our messengers with clear evidences and sent down with them the Scripture and the balance that the mankind may maintain in justice. (57, 25) |
| Christianity • Toronto, Canada • Peter Smith | Meaning of Religion: The meaning of religion in Chinese character is ‘the highest education’ and ‘highest teaching.’ In the other words, religion is teaching from heaven, teaching of God, and people can truly understand the will of Creator |

God through the religion and people may become one with God as they are forgiven. (Is 55:8-9, Jn 3:31-34)

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

John 3:31-34 "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.

The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

Purpose of Religion: According to Genesis, the first book of the Bible, man was originally connected with the Creator God, but he became disconnected from God. What was the reason that God and man became disconnected? It was sin. Because of sin, man broke off from God, who is life, and as a result, death entered into the world. However, God has been working to restore the world that has been corrupted. It was not His will to leave mankind, who are like His, children in death. Therefore, the aim and the purpose of religion are to reconnect the God and man who were separated from each other because of man's sin. (Genesis ch.1-3, ch.6, Revelation ch.21)

Genesis 3:17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

Revelation 21:4-7 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.