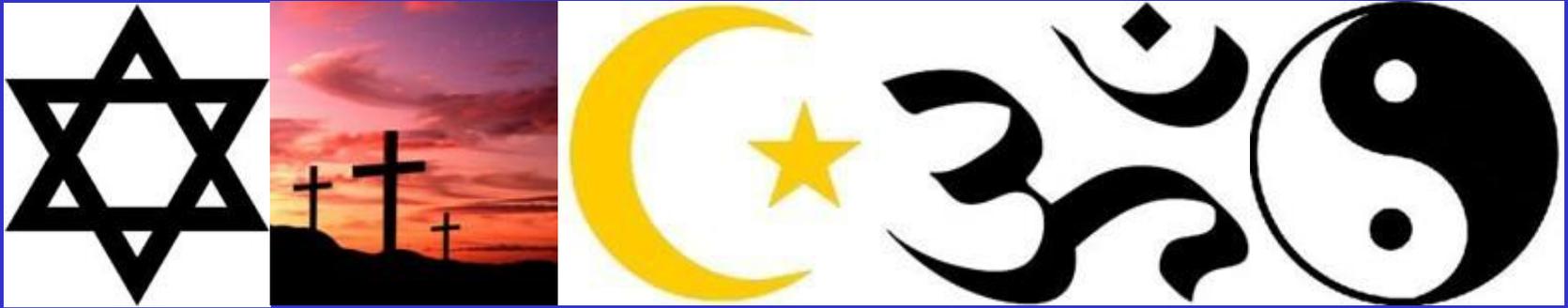


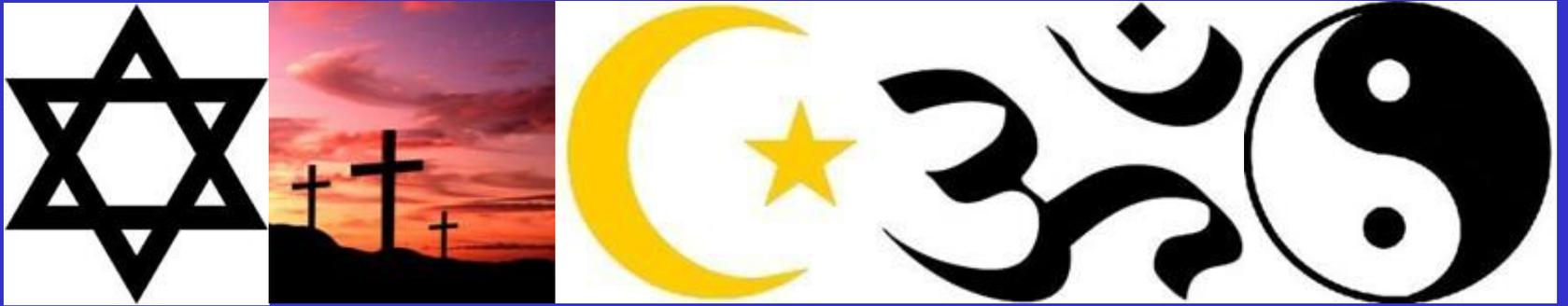
God's Word on Religion:
How Should We Respond
to Other Religions?



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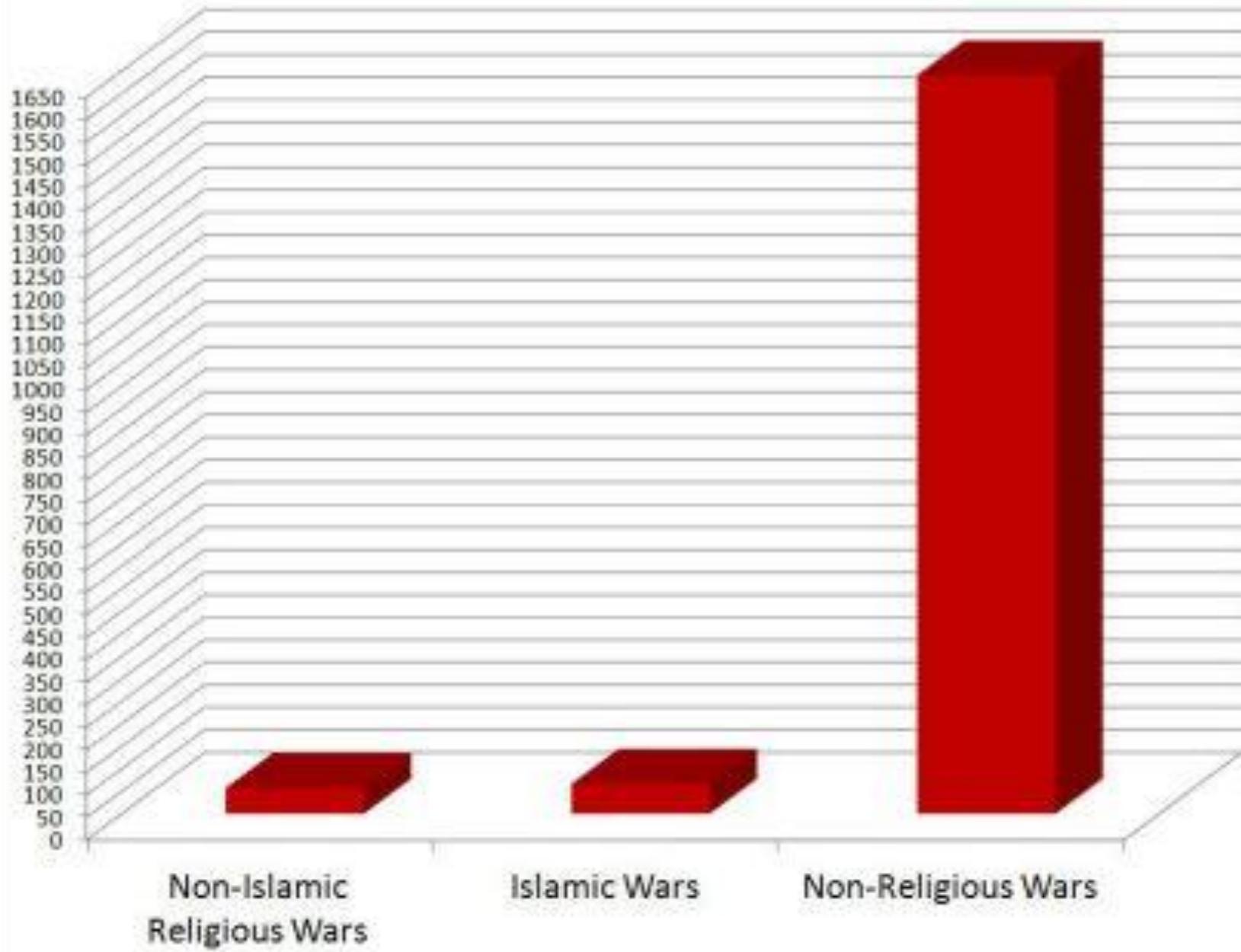
Are different religions
simply different pathways
to get to the same God?



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Sam Harris, says in his book *The End of Faith* that faith and religion are “the most prolific source of violence in our history.”

Religious/Non-Religious Wars



How does Jesus respond to people of other religions?

- *Jesus demonstrates care by reaching out to a stranger*

Because of Christ, we can have deep and real love for someone who is a complete stranger.



How does Jesus respond to people of other religions?



- *Jesus focuses on the gift of God:
The greatness and closeness of God to her.*

Jesus does not see her as a ministry project, but as a woman who is thirsty for real love and life. Jesus loves her enough to die for her, so she can receive His gift of eternal life.

How does Jesus respond to people of other religions?



- *Jesus reveals Himself to her*

Jesus was not trying to expose who she was, but rather reveal himself to her as the Messiah. As Jesus reveals Himself to her He is also revealing the closeness of God to her.

How does Jesus respond to people of other religions?



- *Jesus demonstrates truth*

Jesus answers her questions with the truth about salvation. Salvation comes from the Jews.



How does Paul respond to people of other religions?

- *Paul observes*

He does not make ignorant statements about what they believe or how they practice their faith.



How does Paul respond to people of other religions?

- *Paul finds common ground*

He found a common starting point in the human desire to worship.



Paul presents the greatest
and closeness of God

*God did this so that men would seek him
and perhaps reach out for him and find him,
though he is not far from each one of us.
“For in him we live and move and have our
being.” As some of your own poets have
said, “We are his offspring.”*



Paul tells them about Jesus

*...He has given proof of this to
all men by raising him from the
dead.*

Biblical Principles of Responding to people of other religions

- *Allow Christ's love to fill you so you reach across the barriers*
- *Find the common ground you have as people made in the image of God*
- *As the Spirit leads share the greatness and closeness of God (Your testimony)*
- *Share about Jesus*