

Points of Common Agreement in World Religions

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1. The World Religions bear witness to the Ultimate Reality, to which they give various names.
2. Ultimate Reality cannot be limited by any name or concept.
3. Ultimate Reality is the ground of infinite potentiality and actualization.
4. Faith is opening, responding and accepting Ultimate Reality. Faith in this sense precedes every belief system.
5. The potential for human wholeness-or in other frames of reference-enlightenment, salvation, transcendence, transformation, blessedness-is present in every human being.
6. Ultimate Reality may be experienced not only through religious practices, but also through nature, art, human relationships and service to others.
7. As long as the human condition is experienced as separate from Ultimate Reality, it is subject to ignorance and illusion, weakness and suffering.
8. Disciplined practice is essential to the spiritual life; yet spiritual attainment is not the result of one's own efforts, but the result of the experience of oneness with Ultimate Reality.