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## **Series introduction**

Suppose, a person is living in an isolated island and he has tasted only bananas in his whole life. Although he has heard about other fruits like mangoes, apples and grapes but never tasted them. If he claims that bananas is the best fruit on this planet, yes, he can claim but his claim is not based on any logic or rational because he has never tasted other fruits in this world. In the same way, well is the whole world for a frog living in it. Similarly, people follow the religion of their parent and they consider that their religion is right and superior and all other religions are wrong and inferior, without having any knowledge about them. The purpose of this book is to create positive attitude about Islam and Sikhism. The verses from the Holy Quran, Hidiths and the Sacred Texts of Sikhism are put together so that readers can understand both the religions and also pursue righteousness to achieve the ultimate goal of Eternal life. Generally people are wasting their precious time in useless, unproductive and worthless issues. We should concentrate in improving our own spiritual life and try to fulfill various obligations and responsibilities which our own religion demands. Some scholars talk less in the favour of their own religion but talk more against other religions. No person has any right to criticize other's faith. Our words and actions

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should strengthen love not hatred in the society. If a person is hurting others by his words, then he should understand that his words are not from the Almighty God. May God give us wisdom and power to shed away all types of evil and wickedness in our lives and enable us to pursue holiness, goodness and purity which God demands from every human being.

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### **Astray**

**Islam:** Allah sends wrong-doers astray. 14:27

**Sikhism:** I have gone astray. Ramdas : Gauri

### **Belongs to the Lord**

**Islam:** Unto him belong whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. 2:255

**Sikhism:** Those who regard all things as belonging to God, even their own bodies, are heard by God and he answers their prayers. Amardas : Sri Rag ki War

### **Creator**

**Islam:** Allah is creator of all things. 39:62

**Sikhism:** There is one God; He is the maker of all things.

Nanak : Japji

Through his will God creates the forms of all things.

Nanak : Japji

You created all beings and all objects, giving each its own colour and form. Your handiwork is a visible testimony of your greatness. Nanak : Japji

Hail! Hail to God, the creator. Nanak : Japji

### **Comparison**

**Islam:** And there is none comparable unto Him. 112:4

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**Sikhism:** In God's arm there is strength, let him show me what He can do. In comparison with God no one is strong, because His strength overwhelms all human strength. Nanak : Japji

### **Children**

**Islam:** (Show) Kindness unto near kindred. 4:36

No father can give his children a better gift than good manners.

Tirmidhi, Birr (Piety), 33

**Sikhism:** If you regard your sons and daughters as your possessions they will be a source of sorrow, but if you entrust them to God they will bring you joy. Nanak : Ashtapadi

### **Deceit**

**Islam:** Whoever deceives is not one of us. Saheeh Muslim, 3383

**Sikhism:** Those whose hearts are full of deceit, cannot sleep in peace. Amardas : Sri Rag Ki War

### **Doing Good**

**Islam:** Spend your wealth for the cause of Allah, and be not cast by your own hands to ruin and do good. Lo! Allah love the beneficent. 2:195

**Sikhism:** As opportunity arises do good to other.

Amardas : Sri Rag

### **Eternal**

**Islam:** Allah! There is no God except Him, the Alive, the

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Eternal.

3:2

**Sikhism:** God is Infinite and Eternal. Nanak : Ashtapadi

He is pure Eternal and Indestructible. He is the same from one age to the next. Nanak : Japji

### **Forgiveness**

**Islam:** Allah, may He be blessed and exalted said: ‘O son of Adam, if you were to meet Me with an earthful of sins but not associating anything with Me, I would meet you with an earthful of forgiveness.

Saheeh Ibn Hibban, 1/462, hadeeth no. 226

**Sikhism:** Let God be your friend then he will forgive all your sins. Nanak : Ashtapadi

Forgive my sins for you are the fount of forgiveness.

Ramdas : Gauri

If, God pardons your sins, then those sins have been wiped away forever. Nanak : Ashtapadi

### **Friends**

**Islam:** A man will follow the way of his close friends so let one of you look to whom he takes as a close friend.”

Jami at Trimidhi, 2378

**Sikhism:** When you go out, seek the company of those who are good and wise. God is their wealth, they trade in God’s

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truth, his name is their merchandise (commodities). In each of their hearts, God has built a vast storehouse of blessings.

Amardas : Sri Rag

The company of a saint will purify you.

Ramdas : Gauri Karhale

I meditate upon your name, O Lord. I keep the company of saints and sages (wise) in whose hearts your name resides and they have taught me how to keep your name in my own heart

Ramdas : Majh

### **Humble**

**Islam:** And seek help through patience and prayer, and without doubt prayer is an exacting discipline but not (hard) to those who are humble and God fearing. 2:45

**Sikhism:** Take pride only in winning God's approval and God approves a heart that is humble and true. Ramdas : Gauri ki War

### **Hypocrisy**

**Islam:** Allah has promised the hypocrites, men and women, and the disbelievers the fire of hell, abiding therein forever.

9:68

**Sikhism:** Abandon every kind of hypocrisy and greed.

Ramdas: Gauri Kar Hale

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God is not served by hypocrisy; he hates every kind of lie and pretence. Amardas : Sri Rag

### **Holy**

**Islam:** Allah loves the slave who is pious (holy), independent of means and hidden from the people. Saheeh Muslim, 2965

**Sikhism:** Those who become holy, enter the palace of the Lord. Nanak : Sri Rag

### **Impartial**

**Islam:** Take it for granted, that whether it be the followers of Islam or the Jews or the Christians or the Sabians-whosoever believe in Allah and the Last day and work righteous deeds - surely their reward is with their Lord; they shall have nothing to fear, nor shall they grieve. 2:62

**Sikhism:** God loves and honours all living beings, because all are made by his arm. Nanak : Japji

God looks upon his entire creation with love . Nanak:Japji

### **Love**

**Islam:** You will not enter Paradise until you (Truly) believe, and you will not (Truly) believe until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of something which, if you do it, you will love one another? Spread (The greetings) Salam amongst yourselves. Saheeh Muslim, 54

**Sikhism:** Until you learn to love God, love for other people is

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no more than sentiment. Without knowing God you cannot know other people as they truly are, so you cannot truly love them.

Amardas : Sri Rag ki War

### **Modesty**

**Islam:** And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and be modest. 24:31

**Sikhism:** Make contentment and modesty your earrings, self-respect your purse and meditation the ashes with which you smear, (rub) your body. Nanak : Japji

### **Morality**

**Islam:** Islam necessitates having good moral qualities.

Qanz Al-Ummal, 3/17, Hadith No: 5225

**Sikhism:** Make contentment and modesty your earrings, self-respect your purse and meditation the ashes with which you smear, (rub) your body. Nanak : Japji

### **One**

**Islam:** Your God is one God; there is no God except him, the beneficent, and the merciful. 2:163

So believe in Allah and His Apostles: and do not say: Three (Gods) Forbear from saying so: it is best for you verily Allah is only one God. 4:171

Certainly those are infidels who said: "Allah is the third of the three (Gods)." Whereas there is no God except the one God.

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And if they do not desist (from the blasphemy), then a painful torment will surely befall those who disbelieve from among them. 5:73

And when Allah will ask: O Jesus, son of Mary! Was it you who said to the people: take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?" He will submit: "Hallowed be you! How dare I say that to which I had no right. If I have said such a thing, you would indeed have known it." 5:116

Your God is one God. 16:22

Lo! Thy Lord is surely one. 37:4

He is Allah the one, the absolute. 39:4

He is Allah's the one, the Almighty. 40:16

Say: He is Allah, the one! 112:1

**Sikhism:** There is one God. Nanak : Japji Proem

### **Obedience**

**Islam:** Keep your duty to Allah and obey me. 3:50

**Sikhism:** There is no paper and no pen which can be used to express the effects of obedience when you obey God, his wisdom and understanding enters your mind, you are saved from all punishment. You are saved from death. Your path through life is cleared of obstacles. He guides you to the gate of salvation. Those who obey God know the pleasure of God within their hearts. Nanak : Japji

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## Path

**Islam:** Show us the straight path. 1:5

**Sikhism:** God's house is at the summit of a high mountain, the sides of the mountain are steep and rugged. But I have been shown the secret path ( of righteousness) which is smooth and easy. Nanak: Ashtapadi

## Prayers

**Islam:** Be guardians of your prayers and of the midmost prayer and stand up with devotion to Allah. 2:238

**Sikhism:** People pray for long life; no one wants to die. But pray instead for a happy life; pray for God to dwell in your heart, that he may fill you with joy. Nanak : Ashtapadi

Pray to God, begging him to look upon you with favour, and save you. Ramdas : Gauri Karhale

Save us, Lord, foolish and weak as we are. Make us do whatever is necessary to win your approval. Ramdas : Gauri

## Pride

**Islam:** Lo! Allah love not such as are proud and boastful. 4:36

**Sikhism:** Those who are aware of the supremacy of God's will are never guilty of pride. Nanak : Japji

Servants of God clasp God to their hearts; they entrust themselves entirely to God's care, they root out from their hearts all pride. Amardas : Sir Rag

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## **Ruler**

**Islam:** His is the command, and unto Him you will be brought back. 28:88

**Sikhism:** Remember that God rules the world, allocating pleasure and pain according to his will. Nanak : Japji

## **Self-Control**

**Islam:** The strong man is not the one who can overpower others (in wrestling); rather, the strong man is the one who controls himself when he gets angry. Saheeh al-Bukhari, 6114

**Sikhism:** Make self-control your coat, faith your staff and wisdom the path on which you walk. Nanak:Japji

Learn to control yourself. Amardas:Sri Rag

## **Speech**

**Islam:** Allah loveth not the utterance of harsh speech. 4:148

**Sikhism:** Think the truth, and speak the truth. Amardas:Sri Rag

## **Serve the Lord**

**Islam:** O my people! Serve Allah, ye have no other God save Him. 11:84

**Sikhism:** To serve God is to love him. Amardas : Sri Rag

## **Sin**

**Islam:** Avoid the seven great destructive sins.” The Muslims

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enquired, “ O Messenger of Allah! What are they? “He said, to join others in worship along with Allah (shirk), to practice sorcery (magic), to kill the life which Allah has forbidden except for a just cause (according to Islamic law) (murder), to eat up Ribah (usury) (interest), to eat up orphan’s wealth (usurp), to give back to the enemy and fleeing from the battlefield at the time of fighting (cowardness), and to accuse chaste women, who has never thought of anything touching her chastity and are good believers (false accusation). Bukhari, Wasayah,23; Tibb (Medicine), 48; Muslim, Iman (Faith), 144

**Sikhism:** Stubborn heart, break free from the net of sin in which you are trapped. Cut through the net by repeating God’s name. Ramdas : Gauri Karhale

### **Throne**

**Islam:** There is no God except Him. In Him have I put my trust and He is Lord of the Tremendous Throne. 9:129

**Sikhism:** His throne is secure. Nanak : Sri Rag

### **Virtue**

**Islam:** And whoever hopes for meeting with the Lord let him do righteous work. 18:110

Allah is a Lord a kindness to righteous. 3:152

Righteousness (virtue) is a good attitude and sin is that which wavers in your heart and you do not want the people to find out about it. Saheeh Muslim 2553

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**Sikhism:** Lead me to the path of righteousness.

Ramdas : Gauri

### **Wise**

**Islam:** There is no God save Him, the Almighty, the wise. 3:18

**Sikhism:** The Lord is wise.

Nanak : Sri Rag

### **Worship**

**Islam:** And your Lord has commanded that you should worship none but Him alone. 17:23

You alone we worship and you alone we ask for help. 1:4

**Sikhism:** God has implanted in every heart the desire to worship him.

Ramdas : Gauri ki War

### **Wisdom**

**Islam:** He bestows wisdom upon whom He will, and whosoever is granted wisdom he is indeed granted abundant good, and none accepts admonition except of understanding.

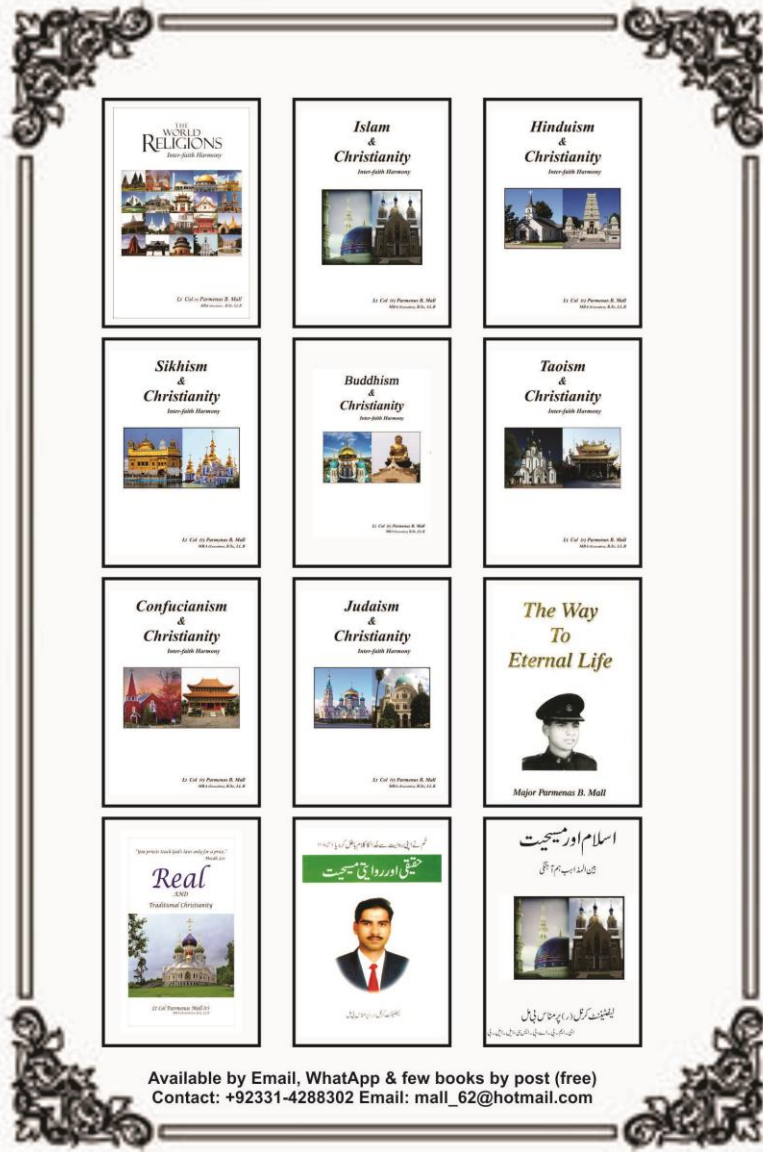
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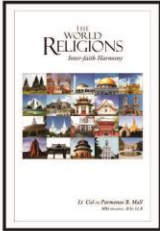
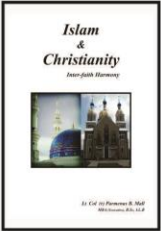
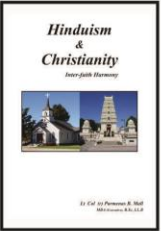
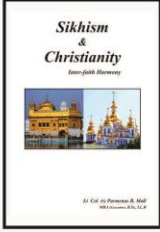
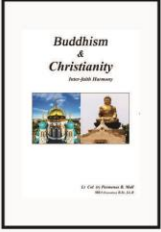
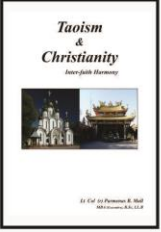
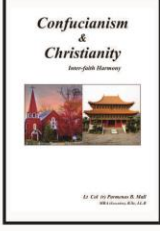
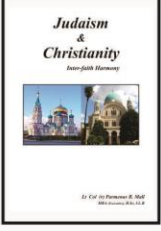
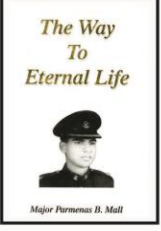
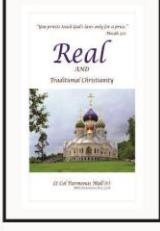
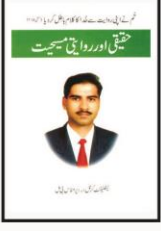
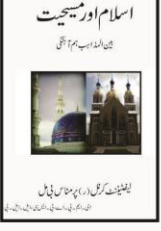
**Sikhism:** I am a silly child; give me wisdom. Ramdas : Gauri  
If you conquer your heart with wisdom, your home will become God's palace.

Amardas : Sri Rag

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Irrespective of our religious background, we should try to act upon the teachings of Sacred Texts to improve our conduct, rather than wasting time in finding faults and errors in other religions. We can learn valuable and important lessons from every religion of this world. Let us pray to God that he may forgive our sins and give us wisdom and power to live according to his will. May! God bless all of us.



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