

## PEACE ACCORDING TO THE HISTORICAL LITERATURE OF ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS: FOUR PRINCIPLES OR ALTERNATIVES IN THE SEARCH FOR COEXISTENCE

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**Abstract.** *The quest for peace among the Abrahamic religions is a complex and multifaceted endeavor. By nature, religions are intended to be forces of peace, and any deviation from this reflects a distortion of their essential purpose. This study, informed by historical literature, outlines several approaches to fostering interreligious harmony, articulated through four distinct models that emphasize tolerance. These models, exemplified through specific cases, include: (1) the avoidance of direct conflict by maintaining neutral or defensive postures; (2) engaging in constructive dialogue and fostering respectful, thoughtful consideration of other religious traditions, with an emphasis on shared values; (3) identifying direct links between religions through their common historical and ideological foundations; and (4) promoting a framework of collaboration and cooperation that transcends historical stereotypes, advocating instead for a culture of peace cultivated through education within religious communities.*

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### 1. Introduction

Discussing peace based on Abrahamic religions is both interesting and challenging. The challenge arises not merely from the difficulty of finding consensus among the diverse doctrines of these religions but from the complex historical context that reveals a multitude of scenarios and possibilities. These varied historical experiences make it difficult to fit them neatly into a few models of coexistence, peace, and tolerance that can be universally applied across different times and places.

My aim is to briefly outline a few models derived from historical religious literature. Religious culture frequently emphasizes and utilizes the concept of peace. In Christianity, the teachings of Jesus highlight peace and reconciliation as

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