



## **Religious stereotypes**

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Religion has always been a very important point of reference in our daily life, because many people rely on it and put their belief in its cause. Religion is, as the dictionary itself suggests, the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods.

As it is universally acknowledged, religion and politics are the two subjects to be avoided in a friendly talk, because it can cause controversy and arguments. The main cause is that, as in politics, some people find it hard to understand other points of view and to accept that not everyone has to believe in the same concept or deity. In addition to this, many wars, battles and civilian or military conflicts started due to the wrong concept of religion that they had. For example, there have been 13 Crusades from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, in which the Europeans tried to conquer Jerusalem just because they couldn't accept the dominion of the Muslim people.

For many years, and even today, the religious stereotypes that rule over our society have put their fingerprint upon us and how things work. For some people, it's unacceptable to hire Muslim people in a Christian dominant institute, or to accept that both Catholics and Orthodox are believers in God.

There are so many unfair events that take place daily due to this difference in religion, and the worst disadvantage is that there are collateral victims as well. Because of the terrorists that have frightened the whole world, the Muslims and Hindus are believed to be the same way unfairly. Unfortunately, if there is one thing that people should hate religion for, is the fact that it categorizes people.

To conclude, religion, in my view, is just a set of rules and examples, both moral and ethical, that should teach each individual how he or she shall act in order to be good and pure of heart. Religion`s role is to make people become perfect, and in the moment when humanity will reach perfection, religion will not be needed anymore.

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