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**Part 1:**

My faith, as discussed in the personal essay, is to be compassionate, to be kind and make this world a better place for as long as I am here. It could be a small change in this big place, but it is worth it. One person, one soul, one less problem for someone is all I need to practice my faith. I do not inquire or try to know the religious beliefs of the people before lending a hand of help. I believe that human beings need kindness and compassion to make this world a better place for living and I try to play my role in this regard.

The class has not changed my faith or philosophy; however, it has provided me insight to value human beings as they have all been created by the god. My original writing was not incorrect due to the lack of my knowledge, but it appreciated my faith and philosophy of spreading compassion and kindness among human beings irrespective of their religious or cultural beliefs. I had specified my religion to be Christianity in the personal essay and I still believe that it is one of the most important religions of the world which provides support for my faith and philosophy. It provides me with the teachings about the conduct of Jesus highlighting the fact that he sacrificed his life for the sake of his believers. He did not want his people to get hurt in this worldly life or even in the life hereafter, therefore, he has compensated for all of our wrongdoings by sacrificing his life. It is our most important responsibility at the moment to change our code of conduct, behavior, faith and philosophy according to the teachings of the Jesus Christ. Instead of fighting with each other or developing conflicts, we need to live our lives in peace and harmony by collaborating and cooperating with each, in addition to taking care of the needs of the poor. Only then we would be able to confidently face Jesus and the god on the day of resurrection.

**Part 2:**

Hinduism is one of the most practiced religions of the world and a greater number of its followers are settled in South Asia, apart from being dispersed in different parts of the world. It is not just any newly established religion but it is being practised for almost five thousand years now. One of the most important points about the religion of Hinduism is that the followers start their day by praying to their gods and goddesses. Another important point about Hinduism is that the followers of the religion also preach some animal figures and the most important out of them is the cow. The Hindus celebrate a number of festivals around the years, which are associated with their different gods and goddesses and are celebrated in distinctive parts of India, which can be said as the homeland of the Hindus. The Hindus treat their places of worship which is the temple in the highest regard and do not go in the temple with shoes on or bare heads. Another important practice of the Hindus is that they regard the rivers as highly revered and useful, due to which they are given the status of mothers and the believers take bath in the rivers to purify themselves (Knott, 2016).

One of the most important philosophical differences between Christianity and Hinduism is that the Hindus pray to a number of gods, goddesses, animals and rivers as they consider all of these are different forms of god. However, Christianity believes that the god is the only figure who is liable to be worshipped and there is no other figure which represents him. Another philosophical difference is that christens do not have the restrictions of not going into the church while wearing shoes. The difference between the personal belief of Hinduism and Christianity is that animals are not deemed as the representation of god and this worship in Christianity, but in Hinduism only.

Islam is another most important religion, which is also among the second most fastly spreading religions of the world. The believers of Islam worship the only god, which is the supreme figure and does not have any companion. In addition to it, the believers of Islam follow the teachings of the last prophet, Mohammad (SAW). Muslims pray five times a day and offer a special prayer on Friday, which is called Jumna. They fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan and perform pilgrimage to Makah, which is the house of God. After fasting or the when month of Ramadan, the Muslims celebrate the festival of Eid. Another festival of Eid is celebrated with a difference of almost two and a half month, in which the Muslims sacrifice the animals in the way of god and distribute the meat among the friend, family and the poor communities of the society, in order to promote brotherhood and share the pleasures provided by the god. Muslims are also among those communities of the world which do not hesitate from giving alms and doing charity, as it is a part of the religion to share a specific amount of their property with the poor, in order to provide them with the opportunity of living their lives in a better manner. Other common practices of the Muslims include the fact that the women are ordered to cover themselves with large shawls and do not reveal their head to the strangers. In addition to it, Muslims are not allowed to drink or eat pork (Walls, 2017).

The philosophical difference between Islam and Christianity is that the two religions have their own holy books, which are considered being the words of God. Muslims have only one book, but Christians follow the teachings of five books. Another philosophical difference is that Christians do not need to visit some place to perform the pilgrimage. The difference between personal beliefs is that Christians also fast, but it is not mandatory, as in the case of the Muslims (Johns, Mansouri, & Lobo, 2015).

Judaism is another renowned religion in the world. One of the most important points about Judaism and Jews is that their place of worship is called synagogue and not temple, church or mosque. They can also not go into the place of their worship with their shoes on. Another important point about Jews is that they believe in only one god and share the beliefs that he has existed forever in the past, present and future as well (Sanders, 2016). The Jews also believe that Israel is the home of god and major events of the world have taken place from this point and it is their responsibility to get the hold of this place and follow, as well as preach the message of the god to the whole world. One of the most important philosophical differences between Christianity and Judaism is the holy books of the two religions which share a number of similarities as well as differences. The personal belief about the religion is that the people born to the Jewish mothers are automatically considered as Jews and do not have the choice of changing their religion as in the case of the Christians (Goldberg, 2015).

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