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Ans 1: Judaism is one of the world’s oldest religions who serve to one God and is sometimes considered as the parent of both Islam and Christianity. Christianity too is the oldest monotheistic religion and the followers of Christianity in Jesus Christ. They are two different religions but have many similarities as in both are monotheistic religions means they both follow one God. The Bible is the Holy Book of Christians and the Hebrew Tanakh which is like the old testaments of Christians. Both have the same beliefs about life after death and the punishment one will get because of his/her wrong deeds or the concept of hell is the same for both the religions.

Ans 2: Abraham is the common and important figure of Islam and Christianity. In Islam he is the most loved person who offered his son as a devotion to God and set an example of huge sacrifice for the rest of human kind. According to Christianity, Abraham was the person who obeyed God unquestionably and left everything to find a new nation and a new land.

Ans 3: The city of Jerusalem is considered to the most sacred place to all the three religions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism because some of the most sacred places for all these three religions are in this city especially the Temple Mount which is shared by all three religions. The Al-Aqsa Mosque which is the holiest site for the Muslim and Christians consider this place as holy Jesus Christ walked here before Crucifixion. It is the spiritual homeland for Jews

Ans 4: Islam is the name of a religion while Islamic is something attached to it means when something is related to Islam it is called Islamic. Muslims on the hand are the followers of slam and Arabs are tribe who first started converting into Muslim. Islam became famous among Arabs but it is not necessary for every Arab to be Muslim.

Ans 5: Sufism is a major part of Islam but it cannot be called as a religion. Sufism is inside Islam and is different in way that it follows the path of spirituality. It has its own ways of believing in God and it mainly focus on the purification of soul. Spirituality is what makes it a little different from Islam.

Ans 6: Prayers are important in Islam because prayers are the only way to connect with God. Muslims pray because they want to build a connection with God and want to praise him, thank him for the unlimited blessing man has gotten from him. This ritual of prayer is over 1400 years old and is considered as spiritual for millions of people.

Ans 7: Muslims are considered a threat to the United States because of their religion and their belief system. There had been occasions when Muslims were blamed for spreading terrorism in America and after 9/11 the situation became even worse for the Muslims who were already living in America. Muslims are still not being treated fairly and now the President of America has banned the entry of Muslims in America.

Ans 8: All the three religion, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism believe in the ultimate power of God and consider God as the divine power. The one thing that is common among them is, all the three religions work for the betterment of human kind and work for the building a strong connection with god and human beings.

Ans 9: Church can fix its bad reputation by accepting all the people with different racial backgrounds. A total acceptance of people or radical acceptance of other people on a big level can save the good image of Church or other organized religions. Religion should not be limited to a group of people rather it is meant to be followed by as many people as possible.

Ans 10: African religions have diversity because of its vast continent and these religions can be mixed with other western religions only if they respect their belief system. By becoming more open to other religions and through open dialogues, African religions can join one of the World’s dominant religions which is Christianity.