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**Introduction**

Religion is defined as a set of rules, regulations, principles, and instructions that guide an individual or a group of people about various aspects of life. Religion sets the boundaries and limits for people, it sets the framework of life for its believers (Zinnbauer, et. al, 2015). In short, religion acts as a guiding light or a path to follow for masses. There are approximately 4200 religions or codes of life in the world currently, and every religion teaches peace, humanity, humbleness, and piety to its followers but sometimes the same religion can become a curse for its followers or the other people living with the believers of some specific religion. The religious beliefs give rise to the fundamentalist approach and the followers start thinking that only the teaching provided by their own religion is right and every other religion or doctrine is wrong. One the basis of this fundamentalist thinking, people start inflicting violence among the believers of other religions, making it hard for them to live (Sacks, 2017). *Although there are different religions in the world, and every religion has its own teachings, it should not be a reason for conflict or violence on the other people. Every religion teaches humanity and it should be kept in mind that every individual has the equal right to live their life according to their own set of beliefs.*

**Problem**

It can be seen in this case that the difference of opinion or the uniqueness of teachings in different religions is proving to be the reason of conflict among the people living and sharing the space in a similar geographical location (Koesel, 2014). People living in different parts of the world are becoming a victim of the violence, created due to the rigidity in the beliefs and teachings of different religions. This rigidity in the beliefs creates a sense of extremism in the believers, which makes them believe that only the guidance provided by their own religion is the right one and the person or group of people denying to accept those teachings has no right to live.

**Solution**

The best solution to this issue is that every individual should be made to believe that every religion has its own set of teachings and beliefs which need to be respected. There should be developed a sense of mutual respect and an environment of peace among people so that this culture of violence can be discouraged. People should learn to respect the teachings and guidance provided by other religions to learn to live in peace with them.

 Moreover, it is the also responsibility of religious leaders to propagate positive thinking among the believers of any specific religion. They need to inculcate a peaceful approach to resolve the conflicts arising due to the difference of opinion among the believers of the different religions (Neuberg, et. al, 2014).

**Evaluation of Evidence**

The evidence of religious conflict and violence can be seen in various parts of the world. This religious violence was carried on either the basis of difference in religion or sectarian violence (Selengut, 2017). According to reports, more than one-quarter of the world's countries experienced religious violence in various forms in 2018. It was either in the form of mob violence, domestic violence based on religious beliefs, terrorism and harassment on women on the violation of religious codes.

**Conclusions**

In a nutshell, it can be seen that religious conflict is a sad reality of the world and this harsh reality is being used as a tool to make people suffer and even die. Religious conflict gives rise to religious violence and it can be seen in the different parts of the world today, but it can be controlled by proper training and mindset building.

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