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Thematic Written Report

As we have journeyed throughout the semester we have focused our studies on identifying major themes and different teachings of the religions of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. We have either directly or indirectly focused on developing a deeper understanding of each religions' theology, sacred scriptures, code of ethics, prayer and worship rituals, and a brief history of the religion. For the most part, we have looked at each of these religions independently, but now as we begin to wrap up our course we will revisit these religions and begin to examine them critically and ask the intriguing question: What similarities (and differences) do these religions share amongst each other regarding their teachings of a specific topic?

For your final written report, you will select a theme, from the list below, and recapitulate each religion's teaching on that particular theme. You will then complete a comparative analysis on the significant similarities that each religion has with Catholicism specifically – not just Christianity in light of the topic as well as delineate their distinct differences. Once you have completed the comparative analysis, you will reflect on the following question:

- How can (or how has) the knowledge gleaned in this report and in this course change(d) your perspective/outlook on dialogue with people of other faiths?
 - o You can share a personal experience that you have had with someone of a different faith background or how you think having a better understanding of these different teachings will help shape your future interactions with people of different faiths.

List of Selected Themes

- Religion's Understanding of God
 - o The Divine
 - o Metaphysical and Supernatural Beings
- Soteriology
 - o How is salvation achieved?
- Eschatology – End Times
 - o Death and the Afterlife
 - o Final Judgement
- Creation
 - o Of the Universe
 - o Humanity
- Pain and Suffering
- Freedom and Free Will
- Virtues
- Sin and Forgiveness
- Treatment of Women or the Marginalized in Society
- Prayer and Worship Practices
- Celebrations of Life Events
 - o Birth
 - o Adulthood
 - o Marriage
 - o Funerals
- Initiations into the Religion

This written report will be divided into different sections and you must follow the specific guidelines listed below.

Formatting Guidelines

When completing this written report, the following guidelines must be followed. *Failure to do so will result in points being deducted from your grade:*

- a. This report must be typed in 12pt. font, double-spaced, & Times New Roman
- b. Each section of the report must:
 - a. Include Section Title on a separate line
 - i. Ex: Islamic Symbols, Beliefs and Practices, etc.
 - b. Adhere to the page length for each section as outlined below
 - c. Incorporate at least 2 direct quotations with appropriate footnotes from the course text (*World RELG⁴: Introduction to World Religions*) or an additional source
 - You may also find it beneficial to refer to the resources posted on Canvas or the databases/encyclopedias available through St. Thomas University Library
 - i. When citing your sources, you must use *Chicago Manuel Style*

1. **Introduction of the Selected Theme – ¼ – ½ page**

- a. Identify the selected theme
- b. Describe the theme is in general – not related to a specific religion
- c. Explain why you selected the specific theme
 - i. Ex. You find the theme intriguing and you wanted to learn more about it

2. **Explanation of the Theme in Catholicism – ½ page**

3. **Explanation of the Theme in Judaism – ½ page**

4. **Explanation of the Theme in Islam – ½ page**

5. **Explanation of the Theme in Hinduism – ½ page**

6. **Explanation of the Theme in Buddhism – ½ page**

7. **Similarities with Catholicism – 1 page**

- a. Identify and describe at least one similarity that each religion (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) has to Catholicism in the context of the selected theme
 - i. These similarities can be vague or extremely specific as long as it relates back to the selected theme

8. **Differences with Catholicism – 1 page**

- a. Characterize at least one difference that each religion (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) has to Catholicism in the context of the selected theme
 - i. These differences can be vague or extremely specific as long as it relates back to the selected theme

9. **Concluding Reflection – ½ page**

- a. Answer the following question: How can (or how has) the knowledge gleaned in this report and in this course change(d) your perspective/outlook on dialogue with people of other faiths?
 - i. No citations needed for this section



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