

Explain → cause and effect.

- sacred texts.

Christianity.

- NT - Prince of Peace

- world; (give you peace.

- do everything possible

- mner - relationship.

↳ prayer meditation. etc. } reconciled with God.

- Sermon on Mount / Beatitudes.

- relationship with others → relationship with God.

- Examples.

Judaism

- Prophetic vision.

Talmud is for the purpose
genitut chasidim.

Examples

- Shalom - (law) covenant
↳ inner.

↳ reconciled with God.



Peace is a fundamental concern in today's contemporary society. The Christian Tradition and Jewish tradition both acknowledge peace to not be of this world but a transcendent presence. An understanding of peace is fundamentally shaped through each tradition's sacred texts. Christianity relies on the Bible, primarily the New Testament; the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes to shape an adherent's understanding. Judaism gives authority to the Talmud, Torah and Mishnah to a ~~hand~~ specifically the Prophetic vision of Peace on Earth. These sacred texts are essential as they demonstrate and express the inner peace each individual can gain and their responsibility in achieving world peace.

Within the New Testament, Christ is described as the Prince of Peace; a model for Christian living. He was said to have acted in perfect righteousness and obedience, hence obtaining complete peace. Inner Peace is gained by each individual as Jesus brought peace to the world; "I bring you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give as the world gives." Through his teaching,



it is evident that peace is a gift that can only be obtained through relationship with God. As the Bible suggests Jesus to be Prince of Peace ~~is~~ the importance of peace in a Christian's life is represented as an integral element. Christians take on the responsibility of achieving world peace as taught by the Apostle Paul, "do everything possible to bring about peace" (Rom 12v18). However only through the obtainment of inner peace is world peace achievable.

Inner peace is sought after by all Christian adherents as it is a gift from God. In order to achieve inner peace, a peace of mind and satisfaction, practices such as prayer and meditation are ~~be~~ essential. Meditation causes the believer to focus only on the presence of God and separate themselves from the troubles of the world.

Prayer plays a largely significant role in achieving inner peace as it causes the adherent to intimately connect with God, strengthening ~~the~~ their relationship, ~~there~~ thus creating a state of peace; as inner peace is achieved through being reconciled to God.



Jesus' radical teachings express the importance of creating an environment of harmony. ~~These~~ ^{This} teaching is predominant in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes; a ~~an~~ essential fundamental element of the sacred text.

~~Jesus teaches~~ ~~adherants~~ the Bible teaches adherants that peace, ~~to~~ ~~be~~ both inner and world are achieved through relationships with God through Christ. God made peace possible with everyone as "he sent [his] son to die on the cross..." (10/1/27). Relationship with others is crucial to an adherants relationship with God.

Jesus' teaches that a Christian must "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you", "turn your cheek" as oppose to seeking revenge.

These are key teachings found in the Sermon on the Mount that shape an adherants understanding of their role in achieving peace.

~~It is evident~~ Evidence of Christian's taking on this responsibility is seen through many peace initiatives.

Many individual churches pray for international peace, contributing locally to an international cause. TEAR



Australia plays a significant role in achieving world peace as they work primarily in relief development, promoting international peace; working for a "just and compassionate world." National Council of Churches simultaneously works to achieve global peace as they are involved in a "seeds for peace" project.

In the Jewish tradition the Talmud states "The main purpose of the Torah is peace", highlighting the immense importance of peace to Jewish adherents. Jews seek peace based on the Prophetic vision of Peace on Earth. This concept is expressed through the Prophet Isaiah "He will end international disputes Nations will turn their swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks." The prophecy declares Jesus, the coming Messiah to be the deliverer of absolute peace, not until his return will this be achieved. This vision states Jesus will deliver the Jews back to Israel and thus result in a return to a peaceful world. A similar Chasidim is also expressed in Jewish sacred text highlighting an adherents responsibility to in achieving world peace as it refers to loving your



neighbour. It provides the belief that peace will come between ~~through~~ those from different backgrounds and beliefs. This is evident as Jewish peace initiatives such as Jewish Voice for Peace work towards this goal. This particular organisation works towards an end to suffering and gaining of self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Shalom, a Hebrew word, refers not only to relationships with God but with others. Shalom is considered a state of perfect peace. It will bring prosperity, security, harmony and joy. Shalom is only achieved through eternal fulfilment of God's covenant. In order a Jewish adherent to achieve this they must fulfil the 613 Mitzvot. The 613 Mitzvot outlines actions that must be performed or abstained from. Only through obedience, with adherents achieve righteousness, this resulting in being reconciled to God and hence creating a presence of inner peace in their lives and the ability to work towards world peace. Meditation is also essential in achieving



inner peace as it expressed the believer