



The concepts of World and Inner peace is evict through the sacred texts of Christianity which is the New testament and through Islamic sacred texts such as the Quran and the Hadith. Through ~~Christianity~~ Christianity peace is expressed through the four Gospels and through Pax Christi which is Jesus' peace through this analysis a greater understanding of inner and world ~~for~~ peace is achieved. Through the study of the Hadith and the Quran a greater insight into world and inner peace can be achieved.

The principal beliefs of Christianity can be viewed through the analysis of the Gospels. In Matthew's Beatitudes Jesus says with the sermon on the mountain "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are the children of God." Through this quote Christians begin to understand that through implementation of peace in their lives then they will be called the children of God, & so they



will be invited into the kingdom of heaven. In Mark's Gospel Jesus heals a woman with a hemorrhage and says "your faith has ~~restored~~ ~~you~~ made you well, go in peace". This reference to peace shows that it was Jesus' will for people to live in peace. Finally in John's Gospel he says "My peace I give you, my peace I leave you". This quote refers to the fact that God sent Jesus, his only son to ~~die~~ earth to die for mankind. What John is telling followers is that as Jesus left us his peace let us use that peace. This is how directly the sacred texts teach followers about peace.

Through the Quran and the Hadith different aspects of peace are evident everywhere. In surah 62: "the meek and merciful will be shown mercy by the all merciful." This point is



telling us that those who make peace<sup>or mercy</sup> will be shown mercy by Allah. "Do not let your aggression of others create violence." This is directly from the Quran so it is evident that Allah is directly trying to tell the people that violence is not an answer to war. It must be understood when studying Islam that the word Islam comes from the word Salam which ~~is~~ is translated into 'peace'. Through this it is evident that the ~~the~~ one of the ~~primary~~ primary goals for Islam is peace.

The golden rule for Christians is "love one another, as I have loved you." This golden rule can be exemplified into ~~the~~ Christ's Peace. Christ is the peace of Christ that he left followers. By leaving followers his peace God wanted to save mankind by leaving them his peace.



For Muslims the primary goal is the Submission to the will of Allah or Tawhid. For Allah & is great and all knowing to achieve the will of Allah one must follow the five precepts. The third precept which is Zakat. Zakat is the giving of 2.5% of ones income to charity. By achieving this Zakat one is sharing peace to those around him or her.

Now that it is evident how peace is understood in Christianity it must be understood how Muslims are going about achieving ~~peace~~ peace. There are two types of peace. Firstly, inner peace which is ~~the~~ the inner peace that manifests within the individual. This peace must be achieved before world peace which is an ideology of everyone at peace with each other. Individual peace is the <sup>is</sup> the constituent of peace within the individual person. In Johns Gospel



"have salt within yourself" This quote refers to the fact that ~~unless~~ <sup>if</sup> you <sup>don't</sup> have peace how can you give it?

~~Programs~~ Christian programs such as 'Decade to overcome violence' and ~~TE~~ TEAR are both programs that are helping Christians achieve peace. 'Decade to overcome violence' is an initiative to eradicate all the violence and disruption within Christian lives. TEAR is a program that helps impoverished, marginalised people by helping feed them and trying to "get their lives back on the rails". These two programs are fulfilling the two principle beliefs of Christianity which are peace and love.

In the Islamic faith there is a simple philosophy for achieving peace. Allah's will ~~is~~ was for there to be peace on the earth as evident



is in the Islamic references to the Quran previously.  
The main rule is to submit to Allah's will.  
So by submitting to the will of Allah  
one is effectively achieving peace.

Muslims follow a word called Jihad for  
peace. Jihad means struggle. There is lesser  
and greater struggle. The greater struggle or  
greater Jihad is the struggle against inner evil.  
To achieve inner peace is the greater Jihad. The  
lesser Jihad is to achieve world peace.  
By achieving these Jihads one is effectively  
ridding evil within himself and achieving peace.

The Christian sacred texts the New Testament  
clearly shows the necessity for an  
understanding of peace within Christianity. "It  
is not the absence of darkness it is  
the presence of light. This you see by



It is Pope John ~~of~~ XXIII in Pacem in Terris  
shows the Catholic/Christian standpoint for  
peace on earth. The Quran also shows  
this necessity for peace on earth and  
it is through the peace taught  
that advances improve the inner and  
world peace.