

UNITY THROUGH RELIGION

HOW COMMON RELIGIOUS VALUES
UNITE A MULTIRACIAL RELIGION NATION

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Opening Remarks

1. Religion in general shares a very definitive world view (beliefs):
 - a. Existence of God
 - b. Man and the universe created by God
 - c. Temporary life on Earth
 - d. Eternal life after death
 - e. Rewards and Punishment
 - f. Man's role in fulfilling God's command, in harmony with nature

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2. Such beliefs create an upright and moral man;
 - a. God-consciousness
 - b. live in accordance with religion
 - c. high sense of responsibility
 - d. selflessness

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3. If we keep to religion, we become a great citizen of the universe; at peace with the universe and with each other.

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4. The issue is less the religion but more the state!
 - a. “nation state” where:
 - i. omni-presence and over-powering government,
 - ii. no total freedom of religion
 - iii. something for everybody

Opening Remarks

4. The issue is less the religion but more the state!
 - b. embracing a Western political ideology:
 - i. pursuit of wealth and happiness
 - ii. autonomous individual
 - iii. a system based on the here-and-now
 - c. casting aside of religious values

Concluding Remarks

5. Religious differences will always exist but the similarities are far greater than many realised.
6. Keeping to religion makes us better person, under any system
7. The better system would be the one closer to religion; not just in the sense of guaranteeing religious rights.

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