

Common Values - verses

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Religion in the Czech Republic

- The Czech Republic is a country with a low number of people declaring affiliation to any church or religious society in Europe after Estonia has the second lowest percentage of citizens claiming to be religious or church members.
- In the period 1991-2001 the number of believers has fallen (**32.14% of the population**).
- During the 2011 census the total number of believers again fell to a total of 2,175,087 (20.6% of the population).
- In no region of the Czech Republic, 'believers' form the majority of local residents.





Ethics and morality principles

- an essential component of every moral principle is " do no harm to anyone", possibly prevent harm to others, often expressed as a number of simple prohibitions
- classical form of general moral principles is the so-called Golden Rule
- the Golden Rule is simple principle of reciprocity in dealings between people

In the Bible we can find for example e.g.here:

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them" (Bible, Matt 7:12)





The tolerance, racism and xenophobia in the Bible and the Quran

Common verses





Tolerance in the Bible

People are of one blood all nations

"And has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation"

New Testament, Acts 17:26





Tolerance in the Quran

All men were created by God and equal

"O mankind, We have created you all from a single (pair of a) male and female and made you nations and tribes so that you get to know one another; verily, the noblest of you in the sight of God is the one who is most mindful of Him. God is All-Knowing, All-Aware."

Quran: 49:13

"O mankind! We created you of a male and a female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may come to know one another. Verily the most honored of you, in the sight of God, is the most righteous."

Quran: 49:13





Tolerance in the Bible (2)

Do not judge

- "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.
- "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.... St. Matthew 7:1





Tolerance in the Quran (2)

Do not ridicule

• "O you who believe! No people shall ridicule other people, for they may be better than they. Nor shall any women ridicule other women, for they may be better than they. Nor shall you slander one another, nor shall you insult one another with names. Evil is the return to wickedness after having attained faith. Whoever does not repent-these are the wrongdoers."

Quran 49:11





Family in the Bible

Respect your parents

- 1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."
- 2 "Honor your father and mother" which is the first commandment with a promise
- 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth"
- 4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord".
 Ephesians 6:1-4





Family in the Quran

Speak to parents a noble word

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as] 'uff' [i.e., an expression of irritation or disapproval] and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say: 'My Lord! Have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.',
Quran 17:23-24





Racism and xenophobia in the Bible and in the Quran

Are we tolerant, antiracist and not xenophobic? Sometimes not ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yVMik5Mfwk

But some of us are trying to understand...

It is easy to criticise others and to give in to fear. But what is there to discover when you take a closer look and try to really get to know this "other"? Iskandar Ahmad Abdalla from Egypt and Yuval Ben-Ami from Israel both did so, diving into the world of the "other" and being enriched by it. Here they tell of their experiences, which both delighted and surprised them.

http://en.qantara.de/content/in-dialogue-iskandar-ahmad-abdalla-and-yuval-ben-ami-judaism-and-islam-the-beauty-of-the









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