

## **World Religions Thoughts on Religion**

Mohandas K. Gandhi:

It is the duty of every cultured man or woman to read sympathetically the scriptures of the world. If we are to respect others' religions as we would have them respect our own, a friendly study of the world's religions is a sacred duty.

Voltaire:

If God did not exist it would be necessary for us to invent Him.

Ralph Waldo Emerson:

Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it is to be humble.

Sigmund Freud:

Religion is comparable to a childhood neurosis.

Susan B. Anthony:

I always distrust people who know so much about what God wants them to do to their fellows.

T.S. Eliot:

Any religion...is for ever in danger of petrification into mere ritual and habit, though ritual and habit be essential to religion.

Thomas Jefferson:

The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus by the Supreme Being in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter.

Abraham Lincoln:

When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.

Albert Einstein:

True religion is real living; living with all one's soul, with all one's goodness and righteousness.

Anne Frank:

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature.

Benjamin Franklin:

Lighthouses are more helpful than churches.

Bill Gates:

Just in terms of allocation of time resources, religion is not very efficient. There's a lot more I could be doing on a Sunday morning.

Blaise Pascal:

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

Carl Jung:

Among all my patients in the second half of life ... there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life.

Galileo Galilei:

I do not feel obligated to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reasons, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

H. L. Mencken:

Puritanism: the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.

the Dalai Lama:

This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness.

Isaac Bashevis Singer:

Doubt is part of all religion. All the religious thinkers were doubters.

Karl Marx:

Religious suffering is at one and the same time the expression of real suffering and a protest against real suffering. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.

Mark Twain:

Man is the religious animal. He is the only religious animal. He is the only animal that has the True Religion — several of them. He is the only animal that loves his neighbor as himself and cuts his throat, if his theology isn't straight. He has made a graveyard of the globe in trying his honest best to smooth his brother's path to happiness and heaven.

Seneca:

Religion is regarded by the common people as true, by the wise as false, and by the rulers as useful.