

An Islamic Perspective of the Interfaith Dialogue amidst Current Inter-religious Tensions Worldwide

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Abstract

The call for interfaith dialogues is sine qua non with the diversity of world religions and multi-ethnicity. The world has witnessed unaccountable important and tragic historical events. The September 11 attacks, Arab-Israel conflict, invasion of Iraq, aggression against the Afghans, clashes between Muslims and Buddhists in Southern Thailand and other incidents have set a new pace on the socio-political development in the world. The objective of this paper is to identify how the Muslim's contributions toward a civilized society and play a significant role in fostering good relationship among the world community. The Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and other world religions have experienced by leaps and bounds the struggle for their religious destiny according to their own connotations and interpretations. This article highlighted and discussed the very pertinent issues concerning the call for interfaith dialogues among world religions. It also highlighted some of the important facts and its implications which surround the dialogue especially the socio-religious factor. As far as interrelationship with other faiths is concerned, Muslims are not left in the lurch without any divine guidance. The Muslims have certain unique approaches and methodologies based on the Quranic teachings and the prophet's traditions in dealing with multi-ethnicity and multi-religious background.

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