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Apologetics:

Knowing its place



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Apologetics & Theology What's it for?



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<http://kissdustpictures.com>

A Dialoguing Discipline



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Seeks to understand

Current cultural climate



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Seeks to
Understand
the role of the



Holy
Spirit



<http://my.englishclub.com/profiles/blogs/power-of-prayer>



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Is concerned with ideas that unite all Christians



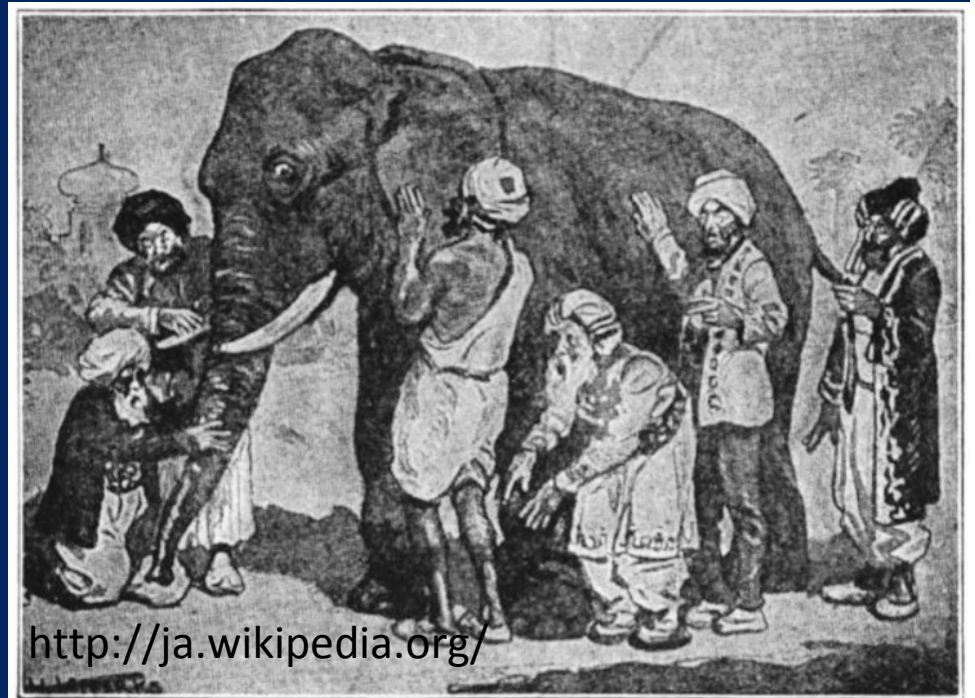
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Religious Pluralism



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Three Important Facts:

- 1) Nonchristian religions are not wholly false,*
- 2) Christianity is not the only “exclusivistic” faith,*
- 3) Christians can work with people of other faiths in many causes.*



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Acknowledge Christian teaching.



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This objection is self-defeating.



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*Let's articulate this
teaching carefully.*



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***RP distorts the teachings
of all faiths & forces them
into the RP framework.***



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*The influence of life
circumstances on faith
does not make faith false.*



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Religious violence



<http://www.september11news.com>



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Religion Breeds Violence: Mother of all New Atheist Charges



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Two Basic Facts:

1) Reaction of Religious People to “religious violence



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Fact #2

2) Common confusion between *Extremists & Mainstream*



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Two Key Questions

1) If religion were eradicated, would the violence end or be seriously diminished?



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Question #2

2) If we live out the teachings of Jesus, would it lead to violence?



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Religion's role in the violence:

Sometimes it's the "perfect"
tool to press people into the
service of violence.

This is *ABUSE*.



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