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IS ALL RELIGION THE SAME?

SESSION 2

Teaching

Is religion the cause of most wars? The crusades are not exactly a badge of honour for Christianity, and are often cited as proof, with up to 3 million deaths spread over 200 years. The encyclopaedia of wars charts 1,763 wars spanning 10,000 years. Yet a maximum of 7% are attributed to religion, accounting for 2% of all war related deaths. The secular World War 1 was like packing more than 10 crusades into 4 years, and that was dwarfed by the killing under communism and genocides in the 20th century. Author Marc Pearse argues that “irreligion has proved far more lethal than religion ever was.”

Metaphor

If you were stuck at the O2 arena and needed to get to Buckingham Palace to meet a friend, are you hailing a Black Cab Driver or grabbing an Uber?

Sat Nav is getting almost unbeatable. With congestion and traffic translated into estimated delays, offering savings of a few minutes here and there. But in almost every test, when they put the latest navigation tech against a black cab driver, they have to settle for second place. Why? I mean, technological change is exponential, and the latest phone can be the old model within a few weeks.

Simply put, the black cab driver has “the knowledge”. It’s been mandatory since 1865. You’ve got to sweat it through 7 stages and pass, and most people take 3 or 4 years. At the end, you will know every street and side alley, the cut throughs, the feel of the road, the time of the day. You will have insight that the tech just cannot access.

Sometimes, the real thing just can't be beaten.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God-breathed. Inspired. They are not just human words, and the authority is claimed as God's alone. It's one thing to read something that a really wise

human being has said. It's another to read what is claimed to be divinely authored. Over 35 human writers, spread over more than 1,500 years. Yet it holds together, weaving the story of God's grace to humanity through every page. The bible is a collection of books, and not just that, it is composed of different genres – poetry, narrative, prophecy, history – sometimes multiple genres in the same book. It's unique in so many ways.

QUESTIONS



1. What issues do you have with The Bible?
2. Do you think there is any truth in other religions?
3. Is there anything that surprised you from this session?



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