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Proclamation Ceremony of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War

Powerful and Ground-Breaking Tool to Attain Humanity's Goal, Peace

A flurry of anticipation filled the room of over 1,000 internationally-renowned figures including heads of state, legal representatives, and media who convened at the Coex Auditorium in Seoul, Republic of Korea on March 14 for the Proclamation Ceremony of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War.

Since its official inauguration in September 2015, the HWPL International Law Peace Committee has contributed their expertise to develop the draft of the Declaration through in-depth discussions and conferences. The committee members, under the clear purpose of prohibiting war and war-like activities, have been tirelessly working to develop the draft of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War which was publicly presented only after 6 months the committee was inaugurated.

Chairman Man Hee Lee of HWPL who presented the articles of the Declaration said, "In order to accomplish the collective wishes of all humanity, we have gathered here today. This very moment at this very place will never be forgotten in the history of mankind for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War will be publicly proclaimed. All citizens of this globe will have to gather their hearts to acknowledge and urge this Declaration to embrace the new era and new life full of peace."



The core elements of the Declaration include prohibition of: the threat or use of force; obtaining war potential; and dispute settlement; freedom of religion; spreading a culture of peace. The Declaration is a powerful and ground-breaking tool to dispose of all means that initiate war and armed conflicts, thus further attaining humanity's fundamental goal, peace.

In the Preamble, it says, the Declaration aims to 'maintain international peace and security and (is) determined to pass on to successive generations an invaluable inheritance of a world free of wars' and to 'bear in mind the universal commitment of the world's religions to the promotion of peaceful coexistence, tolerance and mutual respect, and the common spirit that permeates all religious scriptures and holy texts.'

During the ceremony, congratulatory speeches were delivered by H.E. Ali Abu Diak, Minister of Justice of State of Palestine, H.E. Alice Chaptini, Minister of Justice in Lebanon, H.E. Lex Mpati, South Africa President of Supreme Court of Appeal etc.

IWPG Chairwoman Nam Hee Kim gave a keynote speech by saying, "Once the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War is proclaimed today, youth and women all around the world will quickly rise to urge the international community to support the Declaration...As stated in the Declaration, removing all potentials that cause conflicts is the most valuable work which will become the eternal legacy for the future generations."

Currently, members of the International Peace Youth Group (IPYG) and the International Women's Peace Group (IWPG) from all around the world are starting to inaugurate the HWPL Advocacy Peace Committees in each region to urge for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. Many religious leaders are also actively expressing their support by delivering messages to encourage leaders and heads of state to support and practice the statements of the Declaration for international peace and freedom of religion.

197 WARP OFFICE MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT 58 COUNTRIES BETWEEN 26 JANUARY ~ 24 MARCH

CIS 4	Asia 15	Europe 14	Oceania 3	Africa 12
Russia	Nepal	Netherlands	New Zealand	Ghana
Ukraine	Taiwan	Norway	Fiji	Namibia
Kazakhstan	Malaysia	Germany	Australia	Nigeria
Kyrgyzstan	Myanmar	Latvia		South Sudan
Middle East 7	Bangladesh	Malta	North and South Americas 3	Republic of South Africa
Lebanon	Sri Lanka	Sweden	United States of America	Lesotho
Bahrain	Singapore	Switzerland	Brazil	Rwanda
United Arab Emirates	India	Ireland	Canada	Botswana
Oman	Indonesia	United Kingdom		Swaziland
Jordan	Japan	Georgia		Kenya
Iraq	China	Kosovo		Egypt
Israel	Cambodia	France		Zimbabwe
	Thailand	Finland		
	Pakistan	Denmark		
	Philippines			

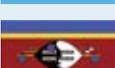
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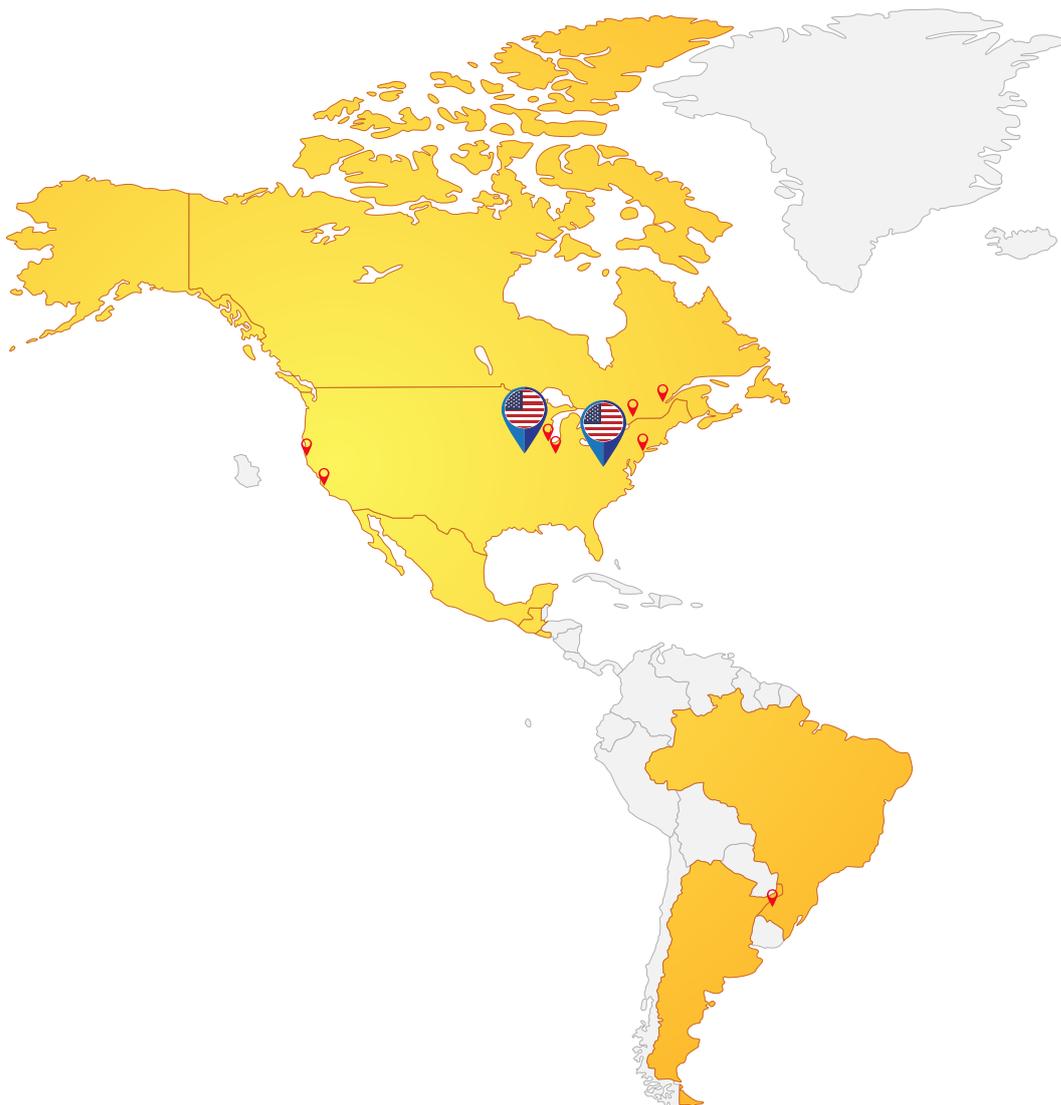
Current Status of HWPL WARP Office (as of 24 March 2016)

145 offices in 71 countries



Newly Established Offices in March & April

 CIS Ukraine	 Asia China	 Africa Zimbabwe
 Americas USA	 Asia Philippines	 Oceania New Zealand
 Asia Taiwan	 Africa Namibia	 Europe Norway
 Asia Bangladesh	 Africa Republic of South Africa	 Europe Denmark
 Asia Singapore	 Africa Lesotho	 Europe Ireland
 Asia India	 Africa Botswana	 Europe France
 Asia Japan	 Africa Swaziland	 Middle East Lebanon
	 Africa Egypt	 Middle East Oman





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1ST HWPL REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA PIETERMARITZBURG WARP Office

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Kwazi Ngobese

Protestantism/
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Bhai Bijay

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**Moulana Faheem
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Islam/Jamiat Ul Ulama
Midlands Executive
Committee



Republic of South Africa

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015)⟩

Capital

Pretoria, Cape Town,
Bloemfontein

Population

53,675,563 (July 2015 est.)

Language

Afrikaans, English, Zulu (11
official languages)

Religion

Protestant (36%), Catholic (7%),
Muslim (1.5%), Hindu, other
Christian (36%)

The popularity of the current WARP Office meeting held in Cape Town, the capital city of the Republic of South Africa, has spread to successfully hold the 1st WARP Office meeting at the UKZN Principal Dining Hall in Pietermaritzburg on the 25th of February, 2016. Pietermaritzburg is known as the city of flowers, abundant in flowers, such as azalea and roses. It won't be long before the most beautiful flower, peace, blooms in Pietermaritzburg when religious leaders become one. Religious leaders from Hinduism, Protestantism and Islam discussed on the topic, 'Why Were Men Created to Experience the Process of Birth, Aging, Sickness, and Death?' based on their respective scriptures.

How Is a Person Born?

Kwazi Ngobese

(Protestantism/
New Rock Ministry Pastor)

A man is not only flesh that is seen, but inside there is spirit that God created. Since men consist of both flesh and spirit, they have their own origins of birth. Flesh is the outer being and physical. As human beings, we have physical fathers who have created us through their seed/DNA. Flesh is also a house for the spirit it has been made from the dust of the earth. We are also born because of our mother giving birth after receiving the seed from our physical fathers. The birth of the spirit is an inner being (invisible). Where does it come from? The spirit is from heaven just like its creator, God, who is in heaven. God is spirit and He is also the Word. Therefore to have God's spirit we must have the Word. A man is born in two ways, either through the Word or through the flesh.

Moulana Faheem Mohamed

(Islam/Jamiat Ul Ulama
Midlands Executive
Committee)

The Bhagavad Gita is the song from heaven, God is the supreme being and we are all part of the supreme being. Within each of us there is a supreme. We have the divinity of God within us. We can liberate ourselves from the cycle of birth, aging, sickness and death. Sacred knowledge that comes from the scriptures and they will tell us on how to live. The Lord preserves what he created.

**Moulana Faheem
Mohamed**

(Islam/Jamiat Ul Ulama
Midlands Executive
Committee)

Why were men created firstly? Allah created men to worship Lord Almighty to see how we can act in this world and the primary factor is men must obey the creator. God wants us to fulfill our purpose in this life and gives all the avenues to utilize from birth to see how we can acknowledge.

Why Does a Person Age and Become Sick?

Kwazi Ngobese

(Protestantism/
New Rock Ministry Pastor)

God created man in his image and likeness and He gave man the authority to rule over creation. But because man was deceived by Satan, man was ruled by death, and God left. Man was ruled by death so pain and suffering came about as a result of man's sin, and men experienced the process of aging. Since God left earth, all his creation, Satan took over and ruled with death, pain and suffering. Man becomes sick because of sin, and also because man is no longer clothed with the spirit of God.

Bhai Bijay

(Hinduism/Pietermaritzburg
Sanathan Executive
Committee)

The action of how to live is found in the Hindu scriptures as the knowledge is sacred. The actions of a person directs them to the path that they should follow in life. We are born in the divine image of our supreme God. Devotion and performing certain rituals can connect us to God. We are the masters of our own fate. The Lord preserves what he creates and if we don't lead a healthy lifestyle then we bring disaster upon our bodies in pain and suffering and we are likely to get sick.

**Moulana Faheem
Mohamed**

(Islam/Jamiat Ul Ulama
Midlands Executive
Committee)

We are prone to sickness. The Almighty wants to test how we can fulfill the will of the supreme. Why we get sick is because to fulfill the supreme object so we can turn to Him, when we get sick we rely more on God for mercy and grace.

Why Must a Person Die?

Kwazi Ngobese

(Protestantism/
New Rock Ministry Pastor)

Man didn't keep the covenant, which he made with God and this led to death. (Gn2:17, Gn3:22-24) Man who had eternal life with God became one with the devil who is the father of sin and death. (Ps 107:10-11),(Rom 6:23)

Bhai Bijay

(Hinduism/Pietermaritzburg
Sanathan Executive
Committee)

Because of our fleshly desires we get sick over indulging in the wrong type of unhealthy foods. Our karma catches on with us as people, and when we die, we face our fate. What happens then is designed by our lifestyles that we lead.

**Moulana Faheem
Mohamed**

(Islam/Jamiat Ul Ulama
Midlands Executive
Committee)

We will all die eventually and no one can be exempt from death no matter who you are. Death is our end boat. When you get sick you seek God more and when you die God will reward you according to your deeds. We all will face fate and we won't live for eternity.



Through the 1st Pietermaritzburg WARP Office meeting in Republic of South Africa, we were able to find out about the causes of Birth, Aging, Sickness, and Death recorded in each scripture of Hinduism, Protestantism and Islam. In such a short period of time, we barely scratched the surface on the topic within each scripture. However, through subsequent sessions on comparing religious scriptures, the truth we have been searching for, will one day prevail in front of our eyes. Just as Bhai Bijay (Hinduism/Pietermaritzburg Sanathan Executive Committee) once confessed, "I really hope that these dialogues can really unite us as people of religion," We imagine living in the peaceful world where religions are united through the WARP Offices. If all religious leaders in the world work together with the same heart, peace will surely not be a difficult task to achieve.



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2ND HWPL INDONESIA MAKASSAR WARP Office

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- 3 **Erfan Sutono**
Confucianism/MATAKIN Member



- 4 **John Liku Ada**
Catholic/Diocese of Makassar Archbishop
- 5 **Zakaria Ngelow**
Protestantism/PGI Member
- 6 **Edward Kwak**
(HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)



Indonesia

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015)⟩

Capital Jakarta

Population 255,993,674 (July 2015 est.)

Language Indonesian (official), English

Religion Muslim (87%), Protestant (7%), Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian

On February 26th 2016, the 2nd WARP Office meeting was successfully held in Makassar, Indonesia. The event was divided into two parts: the first part consisted of a pledge ceremony, during which the participating religious leaders promised to take seriously their responsibility in attending WARP Office meetings. They all pledged this out of their sincere heart for attaining inter-religious understanding through the WARP Offices. The second part of the event provided religious leaders, representing six different religions, a time for heated discussions on “Do Religious People Need the Holy Scriptures?” All responses were made based on their respective religious scriptures.

Does Your Scripture Have Records About Why God Provided the Scriptures?

Hasyim Aidid

(Islam/Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Professor)

The reasons why God gave us the Holy Scripture can be classified two ways. First is for the ‘guidance’ of mankind. (Quran Al-Baqarah 2) And secondly for clear judgement between right and wrong. (Quran Al-Baqarah 185)

Ngakan Putu Oka

(Hinduism/
Indonesian Hindu Scientist
Association (ICHI) Member)

Through Yayur Veda XXX 7, God is Almighty and offers numerous kinds of Yadnya and scriptures derived from there to mankind. And also, in Manava Dharmaśāstra XII sloka 99, the teachings of the Veda supports all these creatures. Therefore, the scriptures must be upheld to bring happiness to all beings.

Erfan Sutono

(Confucianism/
MATAKIN Member)

Through the doctrine of Zhong Yong, the Word of God (God Almighty) is named ‘True Character.’ A life following the True Character is called taking the ‘Holy Way’. Taking the guidance of the Holy Way is called religion. Religion leads mankind to follow the path of the sacred character of the Truth according to the ‘Word of Tian’. Tian/God sent a ‘Prophet’ to convey the teachings and the ‘word of Tian’ through revelation.

John Liku Ada

(Catholic/Diocese of Makassar Archbishop)

In Hebrew 1:1~2, God has spoken to us by a Son, Jesus, through whom also He created the world. And in John 1:1~3, in the 'beginning' was 'the Word', and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through him, and further, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, it is the Only Son. And also the same Gospel of John tells us why God gave us His Word, who became a living person: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16~17)

Zakaria Ngelow

(Protestantism/PGI Member)

The Bible is given to teach us the love of God in Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem our sins, and lead us by the Holy Spirit to live according to God's will. The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor, to forgive and make peace in conflict, to carry out justice for the oppressed and the marginalized, and to care for God's creation. In short, the Bible is given to know the truth of the Gospel and to be the compass for our life. (2 Timothy 3:15, Romans 15:4, James 2:8, Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18, Psalm 85:8)

Edward Kwak

(HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)

Scripture is a record of God's will, and getting to know the scripture is Theology. Within the Holy Bible of Protestantism and Catholic, Isaiah 55:8~9 says there are differences between God's thought and people's thought. So we can't know the thought of God with people's effort, but we can know God's thought and what God wants through the scripture that God gave us.

Does Your Scripture Explain About the Result of a Faith That Has Knowledge of the Scriptures?

Hasyim Aidid

(Islam/Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Professor)

That those who follow the guidance of the Quran, it is those people who will prosper. And the prosperity must be taken as referring to all kinds of bounty. (Quran Al-Baqarah 2, Al-A'raf 181, 206)

Ngakan Putu Oka

(Hinduism/ Indonesian Hindu Scientist Association (ICHI) Member)

In Bagavad Gita IX Sloka 22, to those who pray only to God, without thinking of others, God gives them all they don't have and protects all they do have. And also in Bagavad Gita IV Sloka 11, whatever the way mankind chooses to approach God, he will be thankful. And humans will follow the path of God any way.

John Liku Ada

(Catholic/Diocese of Makassar Archbishop)

Every Catholic is expected to do his/her utmost to have a full knowledge of the Scripture. But what is decisive for someone's salvation is FAITH. (Romans 3:28) It could be that a person has the full knowledge of the Scripture, but he/she does not believe it; then such a knowledge is of no use for his/her salvation. (John 3:18~21) And also, true faith should be lived out in deeds. (James 2:14, 17~20, 26)

Zakaria Ngelow

(Protestantism/PGI Member)

We, believers, should have a good knowledge of the Words of God. And that means we know and acknowledge the truth of God's love in Jesus Christ and live according to the will of God, as revealed in the Bible. Faith based on a good understanding of Biblical truth leads believers to love God and live in peace with fellow humans and all of God's creation as well. (Micah 6:8, John 8:32, Romans 12:18)

Edward Kwak

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

The final destination of faith is described as deliverance, paradise, utopia, heaven and salvation. In Matthew 7:21, people who act according to God's will go to Heaven. It means knowing the Bible that contains God's will and acting according to it will lead them to Heaven. Knowing their own scripture will let them do as much as they know. If their action is right according to God, then God will bless them.

Does Your Scripture Explain About the Result of a Faith That Has No Knowledge of the Scriptures?

Hasyim Aidid

(Islam/Universitas Islam
Negeri (UIN) Professor)

Those who say we hear, but do not listen, are just the worst sort of beast on the side of Allah. Those who do not understand are the deaf and dumb, the worst sort of beast. (Quran Al-Anfal 21~22)

Ngakan Putu Oka

(Hinduism/
Indonesian Hindu Scientist
Association (ICHI) Member)

In Bagavad gita XVI Sloka 23, when a person has done contrary to the teachings of Veda, he will not attain perfection and happiness or the highest goal. And also, in Bagavad Gita III Sloka 16, for people seeking to satisfy with their sense (the five senses) then his life will be in vain.

Erfan Sutono

(Confucianism/
MATAKIN Member)

In Li Ji XXIII 1, it says as follows. "People who failed to receive an education, Book of Odes (Shi Jing), would be a fool. People who failed to receive an education, Book of History (Shu Jing), will be among the gossipy/hypocritical. People who failed to receive an education, Book of Music (Yue Jing), will be a spendthrift. People who failed to receive an education, Book of Change (Yi Jing), will be the ones who lack common sense. People who failed to receive an education on the Classic of Rites (Li Jing), will be a fussy person. And people who fail to receive an education on Spring and Autumn Annals (Chun Qiu Jing) will become disruptive."

John Liku Ada

(Catholic/Diocese of Makasar
Archbishop)

As already stated above, what is decisive is to believe in God. And also, the Pastoral Constitution 'Gaudium et Spes' on the Church in the Modern World (abbreviated: GS) in the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The Second Vatican Council clearly sets forth a teaching on the universality of salvation in Christ. After speaking of the "first fruits of the Spirit" (Romans 8:23), GS.22

John Liku Ada

(Catholic/Diocese of
Makassar Archbishop)

continues with that all this holds true not for Christians only but also for all men of good will in whose hearts grace is active invisibly. Namely, the possibility of salvation must not be restricted to an explicit recognition of God. Nor is God remote from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, since he gives to all men life and breath and all things (Acts 17:25~28), and since the Saviour wills all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4).

Zakaria Ngelow

(Protestantism/PGI Member)

In the Bible, Saint Paul wrote a description of believers with his less than perfect understanding of the truth for example that believers are like children that live on milk, not solid food. This means that they are still in the early phase of faith. In Christianity's long history, eventually various interpretations of Biblical truth manifested as thousands of church denominations. In ecumenical movements different denominations try to formulate a common ground of basic truth despite their differences. Some Christians memorize Bible verses, but do not understand the substance of the Biblical witness to the truth of God's love. Some others develop their own interpretation deviating from basic truth and eventually going astray as an unrecognized Christian sect.

Edward Kwak

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

In Romans 10:2-3, if people don't know God's will even with their zeal, it is to establish their own, and they don't submit to God's righteousness. So faith without knowing the scripture and faith with misunderstanding of the scripture can only be one-way faith, not true faith with God.



Through the 2nd Makassar WARP Office meeting in Indonesia, participants were able to find out about 'the reasons for God to provide humanity with the scriptures' and the 'differences in life of faith between knowing and not knowing the scriptures', within the context of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholic and Protestantism. Each scripture mentions that abundance, salvation, peace, and heaven lie only in the hands of those who know and keep to the Will of God. Therefore, walking the life of faith with the understanding of scriptures is the path to bring our hope into reality as believers. This meeting proved to be a valuable time to attain insights to the question 'Do Religious People Need the Holy Scriptures?' We look forward to attain the true will of God in the scriptures through the Scripture Dialogue meetings and to renew HWPL WARP Offices and religious leaders' commitment to leave positive impacts in the world.

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5TH
HWPL INDIA DELHI WARP
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S. R. Bhatt

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Buddhism / Asoka Mission President

Ted Choi

HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist



India

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015)⟩

Capital	New Delhi
Population	1,251,695,584 (July 2015 est.)
Language	Hindi, English
Religion	Hindu (80%), Muslim (14%), Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain

For two days, February 27th and 28th, the 5th India Delhi WARP Office meeting was held as an online meeting to discuss the topic, 'Afterlife: Heaven and Hell.' Religious leaders from various faiths such as Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, and Buddhism, graced the meeting with their participation, as their passion to achieve peace invigorated the atmosphere. We hope this passion will not dissipate and instead continue on to bear peace and harmony in religions through the Scripture Dialogue. Now, through the speech delivered by the religious leaders let's find out what is recorded in each scripture in regards to 'Heaven and Hell', a topic many people are curious about.

Is There Heaven and Hell in My Scripture?

Shashi Tiwari

(Hinduism/
Wider Association for Vedic
Studies (WAVES) General
Secretary)

YES. In the texts of Hinduism, the views about heaven and hell are not always the same. It can be said undoubtedly that in these texts, emphasis is given always on good conduct and right actions. Accordingly, it is sure that one has to enjoy the fruits of his actions. His actions and intentions are important. In simple words, man's actions are responsible for his good or bad future statuses, which are named as heaven and hell respectively. If man's status is good and he is happy then it is regarded that he has done good actions and he is in heaven. If man's status is painful or bad it is considered that he is enjoying hell due to his bad actions.

Shugan Chand Jain

(Jainism/ International
School for Jain Studies
Chairman)

YES. There is detailed description of heavens and hells, their classifications, ways to land there and the pains and pleasures one experiences in those existences (heaven or hell).

Prabhjot Kaur

(Sikhism/ Institute of Sikh
Studies Former General
President)

YES. Our Scripture does talk about heaven and hell.

S. R. Bhatt

(Hinduism/
Indian Philosophical
Congress and Akhil Former
General President)

NO. Heaven and hell are believed as temporary sojourn for meeting out good and bad Karmas. After exhaustion of this process the soul returns back to earth in some birth, human or sub-human, depending upon the nature of the karmas. The ultimate destiny is a state of liberation, which is different from heaven and hell.

**L. Ashvaghosh
MahanayakMahathera**

(Buddhism/Asoka Mission
President)

NO. There is no Heaven or Hell in our Scriptures. We have the principle of Nirvana.

Ted Choi

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

To begin with the conclusion of my research, every religion has the concept of eternal paradise and eternal punishment. The mutually shared feature from Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism is that they all think life itself is full of pain, but they can get salvation and get into heaven, paradise, or utopia through resolving Karma and entering into Nirvana. However, according to Islam and Christianity there is no concept of an eternal cycle of birth, death and rebirth. There is only the matter of the forgiveness of sins. It is a similar concept to Karma in Hinduism and Buddhism. Getting into heaven through resolving the matter of forgiveness of sins is the same process. The sin has to be removed, or else punishment is the result of the sin. They think of heaven and hell as different places. The final destination of salvation is heaven, and if you don't get salvation, you will be in hell and will be judged for eternity. In conclusion, the processes are different, however, every religion has the goal of reaching Utopia and deals with this matter.

Is There a Clear Explanation of How to Get into Heaven in My Scripture?

Shashi Tiwari

(Hinduism/
Wider Association for Vedic
Studies (WAVES) General
Secretary)

YES. It is quite clear that through sacrifices, through prayers, through devotion, through knowledge one can achieve heaven.

Shugan Chand Jain

(Jainism/ International
School for Jain Studies
Chairman)

YES. Actions called 'auspicious' performed by embodied soul result in heaven and actions called 'inauspicious' result in hell. The main criterion for auspicious and inauspicious is the level of 'Ahimsa' (non violence) one practices.

Prabhjot Kaur

(Sikhism/ Institute of Sikh
Studies Former General
President)

YES. Heaven, as per my scripture (Sri Guru Granth Sahib), is living life as per the Supreme Will of the Lord. No joy is considered as Supreme as the joy of submitting oneself to His ways. According to the scripture, the real heaven is being in the company of the truly holy men who ever remain absorbed in His remembrance. Similarly living a life in forgetfulness of the Lord, living devoid of any Divine Love and Divine Fear is like living in a million hells. There is no concept of any heaven or hell in any other world beyond this physical existence. Living in remembrance and in the Love of the Supreme is the real blissful heavenly life.

S. R. Bhatt

(Hinduism/
Indian Philosophical
Congress and Akhil Former
General President)

YES. One can go to heaven to enjoy the fruits of Karma by being virtuous, lawful and pious. If one does evil deeds he or she has to go to hell. But this is a temporary state.

L. Ashvaghosh MahanayakMahathera

(Buddhism/Asoka Mission
President)

YES. There is a clear explanation of Nirvana in our scriptures.

Ted Choi

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

According to Hinduism (Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 2, Verse 27), they can cut off the cycle and reach the state of Nirvana through continuous meditation. Although Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, criticized Hinduism, Buddhism like Hinduism mentions that we can get salvation after breaking the cycle and reaching Nirvana through practicing asceticism. Sikhism also mentions the method of getting salvation is practicing asceticism to break the cycle.

Islam believes that the way to get salvation is believing and acting according to the Will of Allah through the Quran. The verses of the Quran 3:16-17 and the Quran 51:16-19 mention the characteristics of heavenly people and the conditions to get into heaven. In Christianity, people have sinned continuously, starting from Adam's original sin (Genesis chapter 3) to inherited sins in Genesis chapter 6, where it talks about inherited sin gradually causing the shrinking of the lifespan of human beings. Humans born from the genes of Adam also made personal sins by themselves, and adding all this sin together is why humans can't attain salvation for themselves. They say the Messiah sent from God resolved this problem of sins by the atonement. According to Revelations 1:5-6, they can get salvation through Jesus' blood. and they say there is a specific time to get salvation. After that they can get into heaven according to Revelations chapter 21.

Is There Proof That My Scripture's Explanation of Heaven and Hell Is Credible?

Shashi Tiwari

(Hinduism/
Wider Association for Vedic
Studies (WAVES) General
Secretary)

YES. It is convincing what is written in Hindu texts about one's future course after life. Good and holy actions lead to heaven, while bad and unholy actions lead to hell. This concept has a hidden meaning that human beings should always be religious, pious, dutiful and well behaved in their lives.

Shugan Chand Jain

(Jainism/ International
School for Jain Studies
Chairman)

YES. To a large extent experience in the present life give inference of heavens and hells in the future life.

Prabhjot Kaur

(Sikhism/ Institute of Sikh
Studies Former General
President)

YES. I believe that the concept of heaven and hell as per the scripture is a credible and practical one as it enables man to live a blissful life even against heavy

Prabhjot Kaur

(Sikhism/ Institute of Sikh Studies Former General President)

odds. This explains how the Sikhs could create a history of countless martyrdoms facing all kinds of extreme tortures with a blissful smile and supreme joy in their hearts. Giving away their lives for the sake of their ideals remaining absorbed in His remembrance and without submitting to the unjust demands of the powerful rulers was nothing short of heaven for them. Living a life in His forgetfulness devoid of their ideals is like living in hell for the True Ones.

S. R. Bhatt

(Hinduism/ Indian Philosophical Congress and Akhil Former General President)

NO. Belief in heaven and hell is a matter of faith. It cannot be proved scientifically or by arguments. It is a dogma which one may or may not accept. I do not believe in it.

**L. Ashvaghosh
MahanayakMahathera**

(Buddhism/Asoka Mission President)

NO. There is no heaven.

Ted Choi

(HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)

From my point of view, if the religion is true, we have to check the prophecy and the fulfillment that the God of that religion or the founder of that religion made. We haven't experienced death so we don't know what will happen in the afterlife. Just like in the human world where we can believe in people who are trustworthy and who keep their promises, we can also assess the credibility of God or the founder according to how they make, keep and fulfill their promises. The scripture of the Christian Bible includes the Old Testament and New Testament, and there are prophecies in Christianity that have their exact fulfillments even hundreds of years later.



Examining the speech of religious leaders gave the understanding that not all religions speak of heaven and hell. It was, however, a meaningful time to hold truthful discussion among religious leaders, who have the duty to teach the truth and lead their followers on the correct path. Just as there's a saying, 'well begun is half done', we look forward to meet the day when truth prevails after subsequent discussions. We sincerely ask religious leaders from all over the world to actively participate in scripture dialogue and unite their efforts in achieving peace, the long awaited wish of all humanity.



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8TH HWPL CANADA OTTAWA WARP Office

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- 1 Pedro Arana**
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- 2 Salroem Savath**
Buddhism/Boshikatam Temple Monk
- 3 Hachemi**
Islam/Islam Care Centre Imam
- 4 Manjit Singh**
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Canada

〈Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015)〉

Capital	Ottawa
Population	35,099,836 (July 2015 est.)
Language	English, French
Religion	Catholic (40%), Protestant (20%), Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain

On February 23, 2016, religious leaders from five different faiths gathered at the Richmond Highschool in Canada and held the Dialogue of Scriptures meeting on the topic, 'End of Time'. This 8th WARP Office meeting has made the most successful progress so far. The End Times in each scripture was clearly compared and contrasted. Each spekaer paid great attention to messged conveyed in other religious scriptures. Is the era we are living in now, close to the End Times? If so, let's find out what each religious scripture says in regards to what we must do to prepare for this time.

Why Will the End of Time Come?

Pedro Arana
(Catholic/Community of
Ottawa Immigrant Parish
Priest)

According to the Bible, it says that GOD will recreate New heaven and Earth. That is the reason why the time of end will come.

Salroeum Savath
(Buddhism/Boshikatam
Temple Monk)

In Buddha's teaching, we say it is through the bad deed of man. Man will become corrupted worse than ever. So that will bring this world to the end. At that time, 7 suns will raise up and burn everything of this world.

Hachemi
(Islam/Islam Care
Centre Imam)

There will be the day of judgement. At that time, Allah will judge this world and separate people in two groups; people side of Allah, or not side of Allah. Allah is waiting for the day to judge people.

Manjit Singh
(Sikhism/Sikh Community
Services Ottawa Executive
Member)

In Sikhism scripture, there is nothing about the end time. So we don't know when, how, and why this world ends. But I was interested in what Prof. Kevin said about the signs of the Bible.

Kevin Kang

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

If you read Luke 17:26~30. It says the end time will be just like the days of Noah. In that time, Man was corrupt and wicked. So God, creator, punished them with the flood. But God gave them a way to attain salvation from the flood. Just like at the time of Noah, at the end times, because we are full of sin, there will be judgment, however, like the Noah's Ark, there is Mt. Zion, which will be a shelter where you could flee and be saved.

Each scripture mentions about the judgement at the End Times, but there is difference within each scripture about the reason why this time comes. The End Times will be something that is a common interest to all people of the world. Let's find out whether this era is close to the End Times, and what the way to salvation is at the End Times.

Is There Anything That We Have to Prepare in That Time?

Pedro Arana

(Catholic/Community of
Ottawa Immigrant Parish
Priest)

We should keep putting our effort to live for what Jesus said. So we have to pray and keep working. He is merciful, and loves us, even though we are weak and defective, he always tolerates us and helps.

Salroem Savath

(Buddhism/Boshikatam
Temple Monk)

The Buddha predicted this end of world because he wanted to remind all beings to do good deed and avoid doing bad deeds. Only good deeds can help us to be free from this kind of disaster.

Hachemi

(Islam/Islam Care Centre
Imam)

We must believe Allah and be taught by the Quran, which is the truth.

Manjit Singh

(Sikhism/Sikh Community
Services Ottawa Executive
Member)

We must purify our hearts to merge with God. By Guru's teaching, we can make it perfectly. That is the teaching of Sikhism.

Kevin Kang

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

The reason why the Bible tells us the signs and disaster at the end of time is to let us know about that specific time. When the time comes, we must flee to Mt. Zion to avoid those sort of disasters. The war at the end of time is related to false prophets, so that is not a war of this world, but religious war. Especially in Revelations chapter 12, they will win the last battle against Satan through the Word of Testimony. Thus, we have to attain truth to win the last battle. The other is finding Mt. Zion where we have to flee to. Physical Mt. Zion is located in Israel. However Mt. Zion in Revelations chapter 14 is not referring to the real mountain of Israel, it is a spiritual mountain and is a symbol of God's organization. In order to find this Mt. Zion, we need to have the right and enough knowledge. Those are some of the teachings of Jesus for us to prepare in that time. Without preparing those things, no one will attain salvation from the destruction.

Is This Generation Close to the End of Time?

Pedro Arana

(Catholic/Community of
Ottawa Immigrant Parish
Priest)

Since Jesus went to the Heaven, we have been in the end of time. Because we are waiting for Jesus's second coming.

Salroem Savath

(Buddhism/Boshikatam
Temple Monk)

We don't know about the end time because Buddha didn't mention about the exact time. It might be million times million later.

Hachemi

(Islam/Islam Care Centre
Imam)

"There will be signs before the time comes". Prophet Muhammad said that, so we believe that is prophecies. However, those prophecies has not been fulfilled yet. That's why this generation is not the end of time.

Manjit Singh

(Sikhism/Sikh Community
Services Ottawa Executive
Member)

Trying to find out how this world begins and ends is timeless. Because we don't have much time to recognize even us, Guru said that think of yourself and find how we can purify our hearts. That is the main goal of Sikhism.

Kevin Kang

(HWPL WARP Office
Research Specialist)

The prophecies in regard to the end of times are written detail in Matthew chapter 24 and Revelations. So we are able to recognize the time of end when those things are accomplished in reality. Without any fulfillment of the prophecies mentioned before it happens, we cannot say it is the time of the end.

What we must do to prepare for the End Times, to attain salvation, is to do according to the Will of God as recorded in each scripture. To the question, "Is This Generation Close to the End of Time?" only religious leaders from Christianity said that 'now' was that time. Especially since the prophecies for the End Times in the Bible is being fulfilled it is said that now is the End Times.



The 8th Canada WARP Office provided a meaningful time for religious leaders to become one in harmony, more than any other time. Also, participants presented a special performance on peace which they voluntarily prepared for two weeks. We look forward to see more people walking the life of faith attend and actively use WARP Office Scripture Dialogue meetings in Canada as channels to communicate and act as pioneers in uniting their efforts to achieve peace. The Canada Ottawa WARP Office meeting will continue to be held every month.

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160206 / 1st / Communication and Understanding Between Religions



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160218 / 6th / Prophecy and Fulfillment



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160225 / 1st / Religion



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160129 / 4th / Where Have Men Come from and Where Are They Heading to?



Myanmar / Yangon



160206 / 10th / What Makes Your Holy Scripture Trustworthy?



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160130 / 14th / What Are the Blessings Promise in Your Scriptures?

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United States of America / Saint Louis



160219 / 1st / What is Religion?



United States of America / San Francisco



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England / London



160225 / 6th / Interfaith Role in Achieving Peace and Justice



Switzerland / Zürich



160208 / 4th / Why God Gave Us the Scripture



Republic of South Africa / Durban



160205 / 1st / What Does Your Holy Scripture Say regarding What Events Will Occur at the End of Age and about the Work of Re-Creation?



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160219 / 14th / Who Gives Judgment and to Whom? Why and How Is Judgment Cast?



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160217 / 1st / Who Is God According to Your Scriptures?

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160219 / 1st / Who Is God According to Your Scriptures?



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160206 / 2nd / Purpose of Creation



Germany / Frankfurt



160212 / 9th / Prophecy and Fulfillment



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160215 / 1st / The Mission of Religion and Religious Leaders for the World of Peace



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