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LOVE PEACE
MY FAMILY

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End war!
Begin peace!

Join hands
in Peace
not violence

You have the
right to peace

END WAR! BEGIN PEACE!

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MAKE LOVE AND NOT WAR

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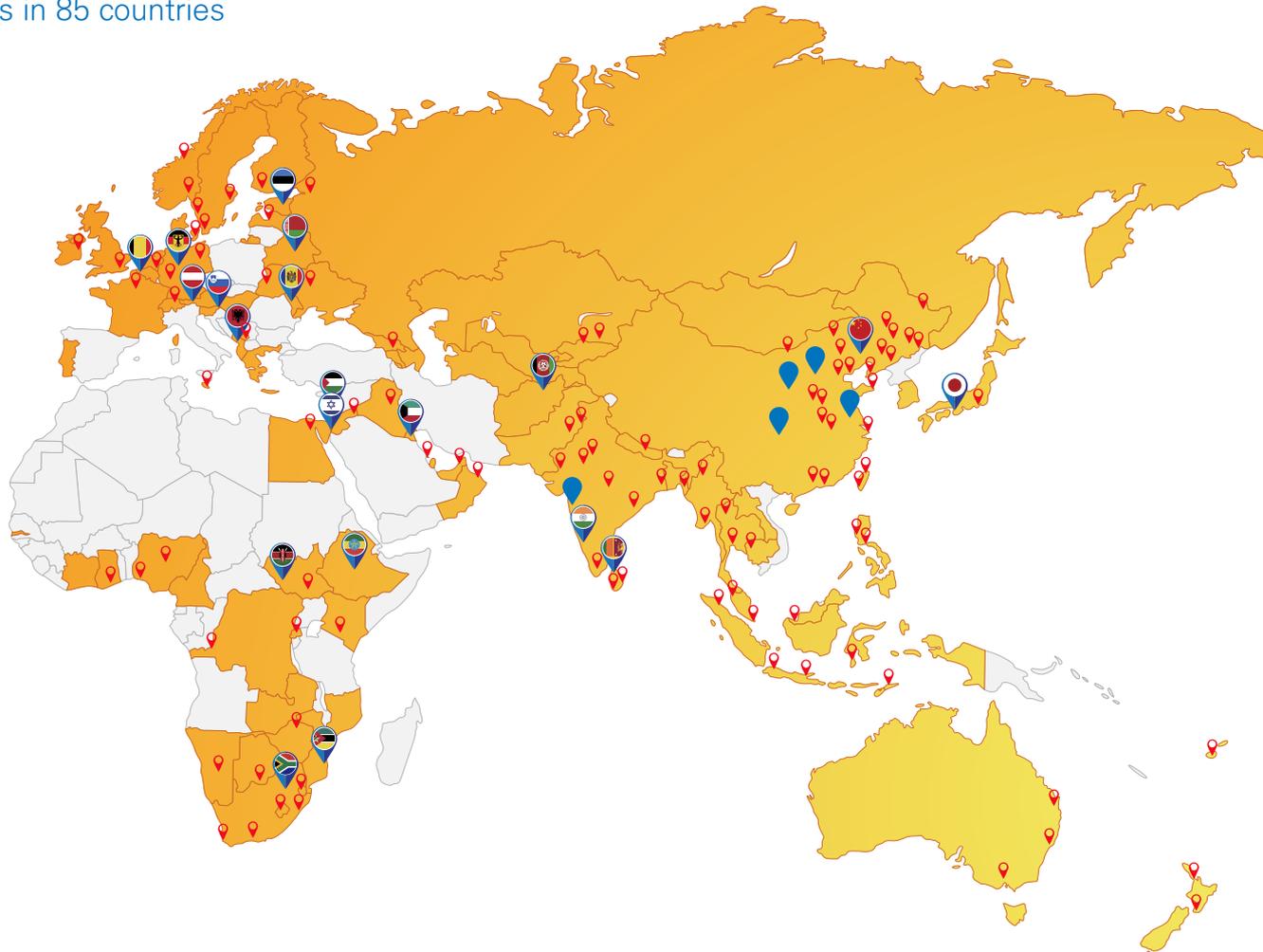
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Pakistan	East Timor	Latvia	Finland	Mozambique		Colombia	Palestine
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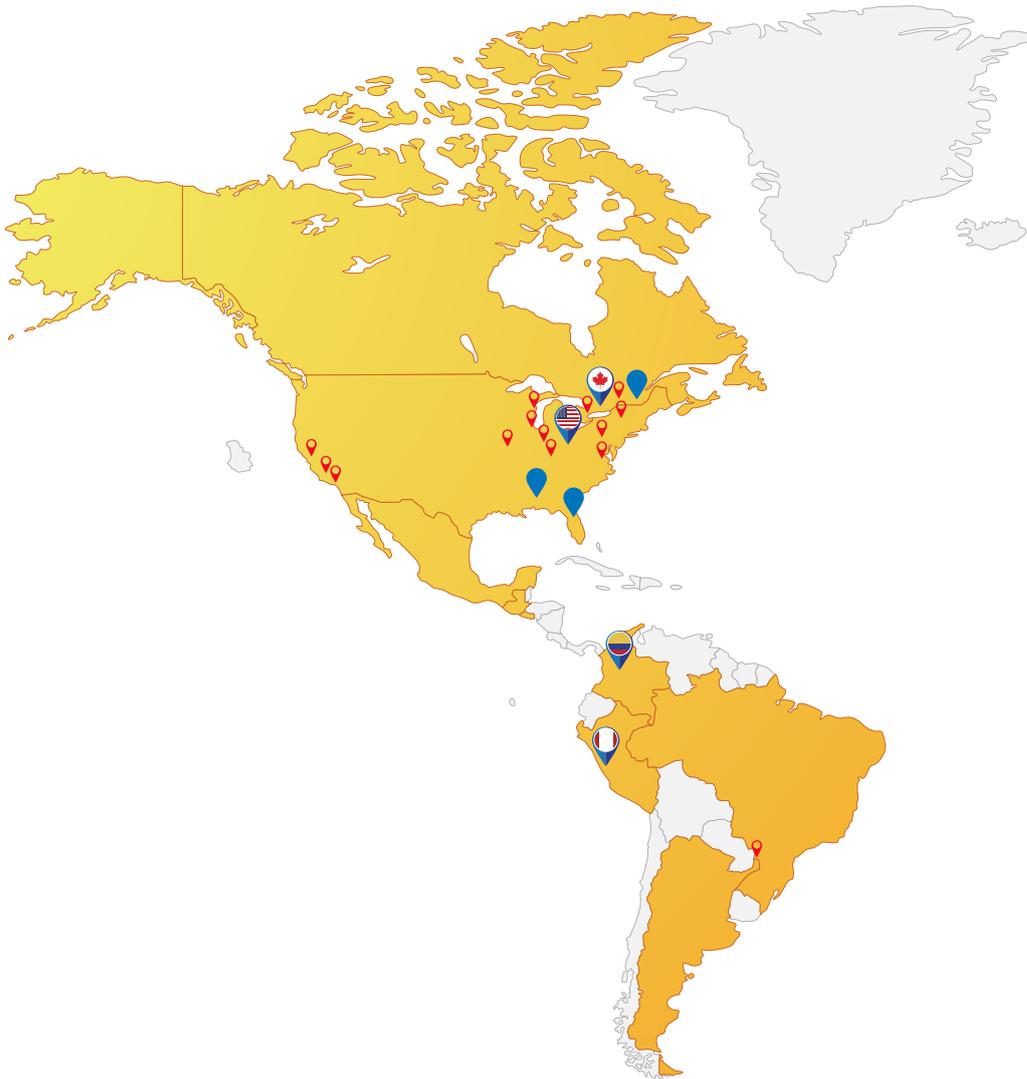
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175 offices in 85 countries



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15TH HWPL Nepal Kathmandu WARP Office

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Nepal

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs⟩

Capital	Kathmandu
Population	Approx. 31,000,000 (2015 est.)
Language	Nepali
Religion	Hindu(87%), Buddhist(8%), Muslim(4%)

Nepal is a country of religion where Buddha was born and 87 percent of the population have faith in Hinduism. The 15th HWPL Nepal Kathmandu WARP Office Dialogue of Scriptures meeting was held on 30 April 2016, on the topic of ‘Understanding Religion.’ With the participants from Buddhism, Islamism, Hinduism and Protestantism, there was an in-depth discussion on the questions provided.

What Is the Origin and When Was It Founded?

Deva Shakya (Buddhism)	Seema Khan (Islam)	Keshav Chaulagain (Hinduism)	Sarah Moon (Christianity)
Founder: Shakyamuni Origin: birthplace of founder (Nepal Lumbini)	Founder: Allah	Founder: no single founder, it is not clear	Founder: God Origin: Garden of Eden, approx. 6000 years ago

Deva Shakya (Buddhism / BLIA Nepal Chapter President)

“Buddha, founder of Buddhism, had a name ‘Siddhartha Gautam’ before he found enlightenment. The fourth Buddha Dipankara prophesied about Gautam that a Brahman youth saint named Sumedha would become a Buddha in the distant future. In Lalitvistara Sutra (Scripture), Mahabrahma and other deities prayed that Swetaketu Boddhisattva would appear in the world as the future Shakyamuni Buddha, for the wellbeing and the benefit of the whole universe. Their prayers were responded and he was born as the son of King Suddhodana and Queen Maya Devi in the year 563 BC. In my opinion, the origin of Buddhism actually started with the birth of Siddhartha, the originator or propounder of Buddhism. The historical back-drop specifies the details on the process of development of Buddhism including His Birth at Lumbini, Nepal, Enlightenment at Gaya, India, the Turning of Wheels of Dharma at Sarnatha and His Sublime Passing away at Kushinagar. All these are recorded facts.”

Seema Khan (Islam / Nepal Women Welfare Society President)

“People have misconception that Muhammad (PBUH) is a founder of Islam, but it is not true. The founder of Islam is Allah and the prophets from the first one, Adam up to the prophet Muhammad and all the other prophets including Moses, Jesus, David, Solomon and Isaac are just priests and messengers of Islam. As Allah said in Quran 18:110, Say (O Muhammad SAW): "I am only a man like you. It has been revealed to me that your Allah (God) is One Allah. So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord." So Allah is only one and people who submit to the will of Allah are given the title "Muslim."”

Keshav Chaulagain (Hinduism / Nepal Interfaith Council Secretary)

“There is no single founder in Hinduism. Hindu scriptures are from the gods, not from men. But then who is the only God? Philosophically, it is not clear. There are many Gods: Brahman, Vishnu, Krishna. But we cannot know which God is the originator of Hinduism. It was Vishnu who created men first, but it was Brahman who created women. That is why it is not clear.”

Sarah Moon (Pentecostal / Grace Church Pastor)

“Religion in Chinese character has the meaning of ‘the highest teaching,’ and in detail it means ‘to show heavenly things and to teach filial piety for our spiritual father, God the Creator.’ Thus, Religion is the teaching from heaven. Since religion is to show and teach heavenly things to the people on the earth, the originator of religion is God, who is the only one who can show heavenly things. Then when and where was it started? We can find it in Genesis which is the first book of the Bible. There is genealogy in the Bible so we can measure the period of each era. And we can find that the time when God created Adam was approximately 6,000 years ago from now. And the place where Adam lived was the Garden of Eden. I will explain how religion started in Question 3.”

Through What Event, Did Your Religion Start and Will It Become Complete (End)?

Deva Shakya (Buddhism)	Seema Khan (Islam)	Keshav Chaulagain (Hinduism)	Sarah Moon (Christianity)
<p>Beginning: Searching for the truth after witnessing sickness and death</p> <p>End: There is no end, it is a continuous process of nature</p>	<p>Beginning: Even before the first man, Adam</p> <p>End: Already completed in Prophet Muhammad’s lifetime</p>	<p>Beginning: Through fire</p> <p>End: No end</p>	<p>Beginning: As God left mankind due to Adam’s sin</p> <p>End: Completed when God returns again with mankind</p>

Deva Shakya (Buddhism / BLIA Nepal Chapter President)

“Siddhartha witnessed the sights of a sick man with a frail body, an old man with gray hair walking with the support of a stick, people carrying a dead body on the shoulders and weeping, and a serene saint. The scenes left a deep impact on him and inspired him to move ahead to discover the truth about why such things happen to make people suffer. Buddha renounced the world to search for the ways to liberate people from sufferings by undergoing deep insight meditation under a tree. As a result, he found out four absolute, everlasting, timeless truths. First, there is suffering in the world. Second, there are the causes of sufferings. Third, there is eradication of sufferings. Lastly, there are ways to put an end to sufferings. These are the events of how Shakyamuni, the Buddha, came forward with the start of a new school of philosophy, Buddhism, which we regard as a religion. At the very start of life from birth to last moments of death, one comes under the impact of Dharma. Dharma starts at birth but never ends and it should perpetually guide us throughout life. We will not be able to know when Dharma started and when it completes or ends. It is not necessary to know the start and end of Dharma as the question does not relate to peace and happiness of human life.”

Seema Khan (Islam / Nepal Women Welfare Society President)

“As I mentioned in the previous response, Allah is the founder of Islam. So its origin is even further than the first man, Adam. Regarding its completion (end), Islam is already a completed religion with Allah and He reveals it to His prophets. Regarding His revelation to prophet Muhammad (PBUH), it was completed in his lifetime when Allah revealed in Quran 5:3, “This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion.”

Keshav Chaulagain (Hinduism / Nepal Interfaith Council Secretary)

“Through the fire our scriptures started. Fire stands for knowledge. In Hinduism, we complete our ritual with fire, starting from birth to death ceremony. There are 16 ceremonies which we need to complete in our lives, and all ceremonies are based on fire. And there is no end, which is why Hinduism is also named as ‘Sanatana’(never ending).”

Sarah Moon (Pentecostal / Grace Church Pastor)

“The period of Creation in the Bible is 7 days, but the important thing is the result of the covenant. What was the covenant? God commanded Adam not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. However, Adam broke the covenant and ate the fruit because Satan tempted him. This ended up placing Adam and all creation under Satan’s rule. Therefore, God had to leave His creation. But since God loves His creation, God wanted to come back and be with them. So God, in each era, let people know through His chosen pastor about what had happened. This is precisely the beginning of religion. As God started religion in order to be with His creation, there is the end when He is with His creation again. It is written in the book of Revelation that those who are atoned of their sins live with God forever. To reconnect God and men by resolving the sin is the purpose of religion. This is the end and completion.”

Felicity Choi (HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)

“Today’s topic was ‘Religion’ and it was a good time to understand the beginning and end, and the founder of each religion through the speeches. I believe, it is very important for religious leaders to teach to their congregation, who are hoping to live a life of faith according to the creator’s will, the origin of

religion. Knowing the beginning of religion is like knowing the purpose of that particular religion. It gives ideas and thoughts about why I am believing in a religion and also finding the ultimate answer to why people believe in religion. The religious leaders have the responsibility to guide the people's spiritual path. Therefore, the teachings of religion is not like tradition, which is just kept generation after generation, but religion is a teaching to understand the will of heaven. Then we must have a desire to understand the ultimate will of the creator in the heavens. I'm not trying to say that I have doubt in religion. It is logical that if you don't know your own parents, you want to find out."

Feelings and Thoughts After Participating in the Dialogue of Scriptures Meeting

Deva Shakya (Buddhism / BLIA Nepal Chapter President)

"I noticed that religion emphasizes spiritual beings and happiness. Our duty as a religious leader is to make the purpose be fulfilled in reality. Peace is always related to our mind. And the mind pursues purification. All religious faiths seek purification, and we all must make efforts to achieve it."

Seema Khan (Islam / Nepal Women Welfare Society President)

"Generally, many people know and believe that Christianity is a religion of Christ and it was originated from Jesus. But through the presentation of Dr. Sarah, I have learned that Christianity started not from Jesus but from the time of Adam, and God is the originator of Christianity. This fact is exactly the same as Islam. The presentation of the religious expert was also perfect. I do always appreciate the effort which you are making for the WARP office."

Keshav Chaulagain (Hinduism / Pietermaritzburg Sanathan Executive Committee)

"There was nothing which goes against the presentations of each religious leader. Because all presentations are based on the scriptures. It is important to learn new things and understand others through this meeting."

Sarah Moon (Pentecostal / Grace Church Pastor)

"It was interesting to learn that Hinduism started from many and not just one. And for Buddhism, which originated from Shakyamuni, I found out that they are making efforts to reach the eternal stage with the truth called 'Dharma.' This is quite similar to Christianity."

Felicity Choi (HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)

"When Knowing the beginning of religion and history of religion, one will also be able to know the future direction. I realized from today's presentation that we, as religious leaders, have a special duty of letting people know the path to find out the complete way to reach God, and to also know, through the scriptures and not through just human thought, the path guided by God."



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13TH HWPL Australia Sydney WARP Office

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Christianity / Scripture Researcher



Australia

<Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs>

Capital	Canberra
Population	Approx. 23,000,000 (2015 est.)
Language	English(official), native language(regional)
Religion	Catholic(25%), Anglican(17%), Buddhist(2.5%), Muslim(2%)

The 13th HWPL Australia Sydney WARP Office Dialogue of Scriptures meeting was held at Shepherds Bay Meadowbank Community Hall, Sydney, on the topic “Good and Evil in the Scriptures” on 18 May 2016. Prior to the discussion, a detailed introduction on HWPL’s peace activities was presented by the MC. It was a time to be able to feel how many members of HWPL, despite being in different parts of the world, are endlessly cooperating and working together as one for the cause of peace. The two religious leaders for their first time participating in the Dialogue of Scriptures meeting, promised to continuously attend the WARP Office and prayed that there would be more meetings like this, which aims to fulfil peace.

Let’s find out about what each speaker said about today’s topic, “Good and Evil in the Scriptures.”

Does Your Scripture Mention About What Is Good? If So, What Is It?

Peter Lee (Christianity)	Churlya Wuerfel (Scientology)	Prem Misra (Hinduism)	Neil El-Kadomi (Islam)
God and His words	Dianetics (8 aspects of life)	The word “good” is a subjective word. Good is something that is good for others and bad for others	The word “Good” in Quran refers to 21 different meanings. An action with “good” or means it is opposite of “evil”

Peter Lee (Christianity / Scripture Researcher)

“In Luke chapter 18 Jesus said, “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.” In other words, no one is good—except God. Therefore the Word of God is also good. There is life and truth in the Word of God, therefore with his words there is salvation for the world by making the world peaceful with love, forgiveness and grace.”

Churlya Wuerfel (Scientology / Sydney Scientology Church Executive Director of external affairs)

“According to the Dianetics, the family is good. Thinking of family or friends before yourself is considered good. But if you do things and think about yourself that is not according to the dianetics, this is considered not good.”

Prem Misra (Hinduism / Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir Temple President)

“When a baby is born, it is born with nothing. Good thing is when you do something good for others and also if someone else is doing good and you help, that is also good.”

Neil El-Kadomi (Islam / Parramatta Mosque President)

“God guides and shows us either to a good or bad life. If God gives us the blessings, for example, of wealth, and we share that wealth among other people who are poor, this is a good thing. Everything a person does that makes a good impact on the people around them (community, society, country, or nation at wide) is a good thing. What might appear not good to you may be good from the perspective of your Creator.”

Does Your Scripture Mention About What Is Evil? If So, What Is It

Peter Lee (Christianity)	Churlya Wuerfel (Scientology)	Prem Misra (Hinduism)	Neil El-Kadomi (Islam)
Ignoring the Word of God or accepting Satan’s lies is evil	Harmful acts of sin is deemed as evil based upon the experiences of the person	Fundamentally, nobody is bad. That is subjective.	Evil is everything that is against the nature of human beings. (Every son of Adam is born on good nature)

Peter Lee (Christianity / Scripture Researcher)

“As I mentioned before, God and His words are good. Therefore ignoring the Word of God or accepting Satan’s lies is evil. In Jeremiah 2:13 it says, “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” Here, the water is referring to the Word of God. Like how we clean ourselves with water, this is the spiritual water that we must use to cleanse the sins in our hearts and minds. It says that evil is when people of God forsake God, who is the spring of living water. Also, in John 8:43-44, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees who could not perceive his words, saying that they belonged to Satan, so could not accept the truth and only spoke the lies of Satan. This is also considered evil in front of God.”

Churlya Wuerfel (Scientology / Sydney Scientology Church Executive Director of external affairs)

“Man is basically good, seeking to survive. Harmful acts of sin is deemed as evil based upon the experiences of the person. Harmful thoughts and irrational actions, lies are sin. Opposite actions and thoughts, this is opposite to Dianetics.”

Prem Misra (Hinduism / Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir Temple President)

“What is evil? That is subjective. Fundamentally, nobody is bad. Try to find the goodness of a person instead of the evil in that person. Coconut is hard on the outside, while inside it is soft and sweet. Likewise the person is similar. They can look bad or evil on the outside, but good inside.”

Neil El-Kadomi (Islam / Parramatta Mosque President)

“Evil is everything that is against the nature of human beings. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: “Every son of Adam is born on good nature” - good habits, good behavior and good doing” When something bad happens to us and we know it’s coming from Allah, we know it’s only a test, not to harm us for sure. If an unpleasant event happened to anyone, i.e. corruption, unethical action, it’s something against the nature of humanity and for sure not the will of Allah. Allah stated in Quran 30:41, “Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned...””



At the end of the discussion there was a question and answer time between the speakers and the audience members, which the speakers actively participated in. It was a very precious time for communication for both the speakers and the audience. Each religious scripture explains the good and evil, but the difference is that while the Christian Bible states that God is good, Scientology, Hinduism and Islam state that the good actions of a person is good. A religion of truth should not only have a distinct standard for what is good and evil, but also provide a method to get rid of evil as well as the solution to stay away from evil.

We truly hope the day will come when we can perceive the distinct standard of good and evil, as well as the method of solution, through dialogue between religions based on the Scriptures.

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7TH HWPL Russia Saint Petersburg WARP Office

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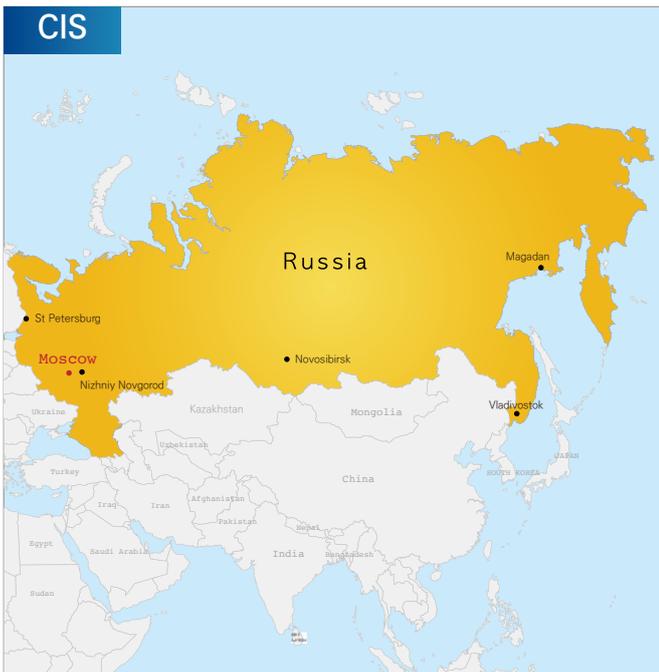
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4 **Morgunova Olga**
HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist



Russian Federation

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs⟩

Capital Moscow

Population Approx. 142,000,000 (2015 est.)

Language Russian

Religion Russian Orthodox(41%), Muslim(6.5%), Protestantism(4%), no religion(38%)

Saint Petersburg is a city in Russia, built from a swamp land into a great city by Peter the Great and his trail-blazing pioneers in the 18th century. Like how the city itself was created, the creative energy seems to flow throughout the city, as it has produced its fair share of literary experts and artists, generation after generation. On 7 May 2016, religious leaders gathered in Saint Petersburg to participate in the new and innovative Dialogue of Scriptures meeting, a place for the alliance of religions in search for the truth. There was intensive discussion to compare each scripture between the religious leaders from Protestantism, Islam and Zoroastrianism, all of whom presented on the topic, 'Spiritual and Physical.'

Does Your Scripture Speak About What Entities Exist in the Spiritual Realm?

Lee Daria (Protestantism / Prosperity Presbyterian Church Evangelist)

In the Christian Bible, it says that God, Jesus, and countless angels exist in the spiritual realm. There is also an organization in the spiritual realm. Like how a country is governed by a government normally consisting of a President and many other people, there are many angels in the spiritual realm too. These angels fulfill and obey God's commands and are known as ministering spirits and a heavenly army. Like how there are armies in the physical realm (the world), there are also armies in the spiritual realm. In the Bible, it mentions how angels obey God's words and there is also Archangels that lead other angels.

Hamza Kuznecov (Islam / Head of the Al-Furqan)

There is a physical realm and a spiritual realm that is invisible. In Islam there are a lot of realms. The existence of the realm of the angels, as Evangelist Lee Daria mentioned, is similar to that of Islam. The angels can see us but we cannot see them. In the Quran, there are entities called the 'jinn,' which exist in this world but are not visible. Some people refer to them as evil spirits, but you can think of them as being

servants of Satan. Jinn commits evil deeds on this world and control people to do evil deeds. And another realm is a realm where people who die are waiting for the judgment day. It is a realm that is for dead spirits, separate from heaven or this world.

Konstantin Starostin (Zoroastrianism / Head of Zoroastrian Community of St. Petersburg)

There are three realms mentioned in the Avesta (primary collection of religious texts of Zoroastrianism). Ahura Mazda is the spiritual realm where the creator is, and the physical realm (the place we are living) has both light and darkness. The third is the middle realm which connects the spiritual realm and the physical realm. There are beings also in the middle realm. The entities affiliated with the creator are in the middle realm to restore the world, and there are natural spirits which have not yet decided whether they will be affiliated in the light or in the darkness.

Does Your Scripture Distinguish Between Good Spirits and Evil Spirits?

Lee Daria (Protestantism / Prosperity Presbyterian Church Evangelist)

Previously, I only mentioned about the angels that belong to God. God is the creator and angels are also His creation. One of the Archangel, however, became greedy and wanted to go up as high as God. This caused the Archangel to sin against God, and therefore broke away from God, taking all the angels under him with him. When God and His angels try to recover and restore the lost world, there are evil spirits that obstruct and hinder any restoration.

Hamza Kuznecov (Islam / Head of the Al-Furqan)

The Quran mentions how the evil spirit came to be. It says that the jinn are made from fire and have free will like humans, so can either obey or disobey. Both human and the jinn have animal instincts referred to as 'nafs.' There is no mention in the Quran about how it desired to go as high as God, like how Evangelist Lee Daria mentioned, but the jinn wanted to become angels. Allah made humans and told the jinn that they had to bow down to them, but the jinn did not want to do that. They said that they did not want to bow down to humans who were made of clay. In order to prove that they were better than humans, the jinn controlled people so that they did not have gratitude towards Allah. The jinn cannot fight against Allah. Allah created every creature and every creature is Allah's servants, therefore no one can oppose or confront Allah. Confrontation is between humans or between the jinn and humans, not against Allah. Whereas, angels, who do not have gender or do not eat or drink, cannot disobey Allah. The part in the Christian Bible about how the Archangel disobeyed God and got kicked out, is something that is impossible in Islam. If Allah commands, angels are able to destroy, but unlike the jinn they do not have free will.

Konstantin Starostin (Zoroastrianism / Head of Zoroastrian Community of St. Petersburg)

The Avesta was passed down orally. Only parts have been recorded. The Avesta clearly has record of what kind of spirits are good spirits and which are evil spirits, how they came to be and what they are doing.

The existence of Ahura Mazda (the creator) and Angra Mainyu (darkness, evil spirit) in the beginning is certain. In the very beginning, when this world was created, it was created into an absolute world without evil. When evil came about in the world, they were separated. But since restoration is desired, humans have to help. We always have to make the effort to choose good since evil will cease if all people choose correctly. Angra Mainyu does not fight with Ahura Mazda, but with other entities. This is because Ahura Mazda is in the highest.

What Is Recorded in Your Scripture About What Work the Good Spirits Do and What Work the Evil Spirits Do?

Lee Daria (Protestantism / Prosperity Presbyterian Church Evangelist)

The spirit works through a physical entity. Pastors who are with the Holy spirit guide their congregation to God. Since the Bible mentions that people are also like temples of God, if there is no temple then there is no place for God to come upon. Since satan knows this very well, there is endless effort in trying to tempt the people. The terrifying part about satan is that it disguises itself as God. It sits on the throne of God and calls himself God. And the reason why satan prosecutes and interrupts God's pastor, when he comes to deliver the word of truth, is to tempt the entire world by not allowing them to know the truth. Therefore Jesus, 2000 years ago, already told people to be ready and aware when this time comes. Jesus promised that satan be captured by God and His angels at the end times. Since everything God promises he fulfills, we have hope. The important thing is to not be tempted by satan, therefore we must distinguish based on the scriptures.

Hamza Kuznecov (Islam / Head of the Al-Furqan)

The angels receive commands directly from Allah. The deeds and actions of angels and the jinns are recorded in many Surahs. There are angels that take the souls of people and kill people. As well as an angel that is in charge of the nature of the region it resides in. There are angels and captain angels. Allah gave revelations to Noah, Moses and Muhammad through the angel Gabriel. We cannot see "Shaytān" (satan) but they know a lot about us. They make us think what they are saying is our own thoughts. Shaytān are very weak. They could die if we clap very loudly. Every person has an angel and a Shaytān. In the Quran there is the captain of the jinns, known as 'iblis', and they have their own organization. In the Quran, this entity is always stuck onto a person. It knows more about me than our parents. Everything, including the sins we committed.

Konstantin Starostin (Zoroastrianism / Head of Zoroastrian Community of St. Petersburg)

We have to talk about the deeds of good spirits and evil spirits, but I think this question is too broad. In creation there are three logics. First, there is the woman's instinct, which is truth. Since they are the mothers of the world. Anything opposite of this are lies. The aim of darkness is to fool people and it is going off from the path of truth. Second, it is the physical world we are living in. The spirit of destruction is opposite of this. And then the next logic is everlasting life. That logic oversees all plants. Anything opposite is what destroys the plants. To sum up, if there are holy spirits, opposingly there are evil spirits

that confront the holy spirits. This is because the nature of the evil spirit is to confront and oppose. By itself it cannot create, so instead it rather disturbs the holy spirit's work of creation. Currently the holy spirits and evil spirits are fighting, but the good spirits will be victorious. We are all guided by the spirits inside us as well as the spirits of our ancestors. The spirits of the saints play a big role in the fight between good and evil.

Morgunova Olga (HWPL WARP Office Research Specialist)

It was a very enjoyable time to be able to discuss the topic of the spiritual realm, which is an interesting, yet fundamental topic. The similarities of each of the religions are that there is existence of a creator who created all creation, and also how the spirit of the creator exists in the spiritual realm since it is a spirit. All three religions, that participated today, have a clear distinction between the good spirits that belong to the creator and the evil spirits. Something interesting is that Satan, Shaytān and Angra Mainyu are all evil spirits, but they do not only work in the spiritual realm, but it is clear that they also give negative influence on the human world. While the creator leads the people He created to a good path, the evil spirits are leading people into an evil path. However, since the movement of the spirits are not visible to the eye, it is difficult to distinguish. If distinguishing the spirits was easy, each scripture will not have the word 'temptation.' Therefore, we have to find the correct path by rightfully knowing the creator and the opposing evil spirit, through the scriptures, in order to distinguish the spirits. As I continuously participate in the Dialogue of Scriptures meeting, I cannot stop thinking that the creator that created us is good and merciful, so has allowed us to practice religion and gave our scriptures as a gift. I believe that all the religious leaders who are participating in the Dialogue of Scriptures meeting are precious missionaries to find the genuine will of the creator. Also, since they are in the position of leading their congregation to the good path, at the crossroad of good and evil, I hope the spirit of wisdom is poured more onto them to find the good path together.



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People's Republic of China

⟨Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs⟩

Capital Beijing

Population Approx. 1,367,000,000 (2015 est.)

Language Chinese

Religion Buddhist(6.3%), Christian(1.3%), Muslim(0.6%), Taoist(0.4%)

On 21 May 2016, the 13th HWPL China Beijing WARP Office meeting was held in Beijing on the topic 'End Times.' WARP Offices are actively being run in 29 cities in China. 21 May is also a 'Day of Love' in China since the pronunciation of the date is 'wǒ ài nǐ', meaning 'I love you' in Chinese. On the 'Day of Love' religious leaders and the religious believers from Christianity, Buddhism and Taoism, participated in the WARP Office to give peace as a gift through their hearts.

Is There Record of the End Times in Your Scripture?

Zhao Hui (Christianity / Faith Gospel Church Evangelist)

There is a record about the end times in Matthew 24 in the Bible. It says that nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and earthquakes in various places, and people will be tempted and led astray to death. Also the sun, moon and stars will be darkened and will fall from the sky, and it has been promised that the time of salvation comes at the time when Jesus comes again.

Peng Lian (Taoism / Shandong Province Laoshan Tai Qing Palace Priest)

In the scripture of Taoism, it says that the era of the end times comes because the people in society violate the law of the heavens. We have to make an effort to reach enlightenment in order to repay back our grace to the heavens. In other words, we have to practice good deeds. When we love our Mother nature and give impression to it, there will be no end times. There is punishment from the heavens because we have not only damaged the earth for one's personal gain, but made unreasonable demands. But if everyone loves each other and the world, there will be no end times.

Neng Yi (Buddhism / Guangxi Buddhism Association Monk)

The end of the world is the end of days. There is nothing that does not change forever. Only souls are everlasting. If you do not attain Buddhahood, the end times may be forever close or forever far. Today, we are in the The Former Day of the Law, also known as the Age of the Right Dharma, and can see the signs of The Latter Day of the Law. For example, people do not wear the clothes of monk, wear clothes of people who do not believe in Buddhism, receive money in temples, but do not respect monks, which are all signs of The Latter Day of the Law. Also, families cannot be in harmony, society has no standard, war breaks out, sickness outbreaks and other situations that could not be seen before occur. These are also signs of the end times.

Is the Literal Destruction of the Earth, Darkening of the Sun, Moon and Stars and War Signs of the End Times? Or Is There Different Meanings?

Zhao Hui (Christianity / Faith Gospel Church Evangelist)

It is not literal meaning, but there are spiritual meanings for everything. The end times spoken of in the Bible is referring to the end of the religious world due to corruption of religion. When it says that the sun, moon and stars darken and fall, it is not the sun, moon and stars in the solar system that turn dark and fall nor a massive explosion of the earth. The sun, moon and stars are referring to the children of God (all people who believe in God). Therefore, when it says that the sun, moon and stars have fallen, it has the meaning of the children of God being corrupt. The war between nations is referring to the war between God's nation and Satan's nation.

Peng Lian (Taoism / Shandong Province Laoshan Tai Qing Palace Priest)

I am not completely sure about this question. In taoism, one of the most important ideas is enlightenment. Everything is revealed through enlightenment. The sky and earth are not the sky and earth we see. There can also be another earth. Fulfillment depends on the individual's performance level, and if you are with enlightenment there will be no destruction. Qiu Chuji, the leader of Quán Zhēn Pài (Complete Reality School) in the age of war, is the Buddha. He too fulfilled peace. We believe that there is the end times. However, the end time does not apply to those living a ascetic life. As enlightenment is everlasting, also is humanity. It can exist continuously.

Neng Yi (Buddhism / Guangxi Buddhism Association Monk)

Within the Nirvana Sutra, there is record about a strong wind that blows for 33 days and every creature rarely survives. After that, water and fire erupt and only those who have walked the path of Buddhahood can avoid it. Furthermore, people who have already gone to heaven can also avoid it. The sun, moon and stars are not the signs of nature, but the signs of humans. People accept bribes, which they have not before, tear down their morals and there is no standard. If we do not learn religion, the world will turn darker day by day. The end of nature is a secondary issue. What is truly important is the signs of the heart.

Is the Record About the End Times Written to Notify Destruction or to Notify Salvation?

Zhao Hui (Christianity / Faith Gospel Church Evangelist)

Not a single word in the Bible is invalid and every word is fulfilled. Since God has made oaths in many parts of the Bible and recorded that He will certainly fulfill, everything in the Bible will become a reality in this world. Destruction, a day of judgment, will also surely come. However, the destruction of mankind is not the objective of God. Whatever scripture it may be, if it only has destruction there will be no reason of telling it. Destruction is mentioned because there is salvation at the moment of destruction, and judgment can be avoided. And since it is recorded that those who receive salvation will be with God without death, mourning, crying, or pain, the purpose is clearly to save people.

Ba Ding Duo Jie (Tibetan Buddhism / The Shiva Temple Abbot)

2300 years ago, Padmasambhava, also known as Guru Rinpoche, delivered many scriptures. There are also prophecies about peace and the end times. They can be fulfilled if you seek the truth and put yourself into action. Peace is possible when you first fulfill peace in your heart. In Tibetan Buddhism, a world of peace is a beautiful paradise (the Pure Land).

Neng Yi (Buddhism / Guangxi Buddhism Association Monk)

Buddha has the eyes of the heavens. Buddhism is not for the destruction nor a perfect salvation. That is somewhat objective. If you reach a certain boundary, there is a plain reality. If all merits and achievements develop to the direction of evil, the end of the world will come much earlier. On the other hand, if they develop to a good direction, the end of the world will be slowed down. Though I talk about the grace of Buddha and the grace of the heaven and earth, Buddhism does not tell salvation. Buddhism says that it is you who seek on one's own accord. Therefore, it is not someone else that saves another, but one must know how their own mercy of Buddha works.



Many of the people who do not have faith in a particular religion, get to know about the things that happen at the 'end times' through movies. In 2012, there were rumors about the end of humanity, which came as a horror to some people. However, the end of humanity did not come and we have continued to maintain our lives under the sky. Today's WARP Office meeting changed the perception of the end times. We were able to find out that the end times is not the end of the world, but a phrase that identifies social conditions falling from the norm due to the corruption of moral and order. Something new is the fact that the fall of the sun, moon and stars, which we commonly know of, has spiritual meanings in the Bible. We no longer have to be bewildered by unconfirmed rumors about the 'end times.'

Until the day the truth is found, we cheer on the religious leaders participating in the WARP Offices!



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12TH HWPL Myanmar Yangon WARP Office

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar

<Source: Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs>

Capital Nay Pyi Taw

Population Approx. 56,000,000 (2015 est.)

Language Burmese(official), English, Sino-Tibetan(regional)

Religion Buddhist(89%), Christian(5%), Muslim(4%), Hindu(0.5%), folk religion(1%), Other

Representatives from various religions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism participated at the 12th HWPL Myanmar Yangon WARP Office to discuss the events that mark the beginning and the end recorded in their respective scriptures. From what they discussed, the representatives examined the purpose of religion spoken by the Creator who recorded religious scriptures, and the hope and life of faith believers should have. Since the meeting was held under this one question, it was a time to find out in depth about the Alpha (Beginning) and Omega (End) of each religious scripture. Let us find out what was discussed at the 12th HWPL Myanmar Yangon WARP Office in regards to the purpose of religion and the purpose we should have when walking the life of faith.

From What Event Does Your Religious Scripture Begin and End?

The first speech was delivered by Mr. U Nyunt Maung Shein (Islam). He said, “the religious scripture of Islam, the Quran, began with the Revelation in 610 CE at Hira(cave) through Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), at the age of forty while alone in meditation in search of the Creator.” To everyone’s knowledge, Dr. Siha Nyana (Buddhism) traced the beginning event of Buddhism to Mr. Siddhartha Gautama who witnessed the human suffering outside the palace and went on a quest to find the answer to pain and human suffering. Bishop U Lu Aye (Protestantism) spoke in the following terms in regard to the beginning event of Christianity: “The origin of Christianity can be traced back to Adam, the first man who committed sin against God. He committed sin by disobeying God’s commandment to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil when he was tempted by the devil.” The HWPL WARP Office research specialist summarized the beginning of each religion once again and elaborated on how God had to leave mankind due to Adam’s sin recorded in the Bible, “since God is Holy, He cannot be with sin. Therefore, He had to leave the man who committed sin.”

The End Event of Each Religious Scripture

In Islam, “The Quran ends by mentioning that Allah has made Islam into a perfect religion and is the path of life.” In Buddhism, “The Buddha spent many years traveling and teaching, and included in his last breaths were four words of inspiration: ‘Strive on with awareness.’ And that is exactly what his followers did.” In Hinduism, “The Gita ends with Krishna telling Arjuna he must choose the path of good or evil, as it is his duty to fight the Kauravas for his kingdom.” And in Christianity, “God sent his son Jesus Christ, who has no sin, to solve the problem of sin, and the end comes with God returning to the people who have received atonement of their sins through believing in Jesus Christ and keeping God’s will. It is written that when this time comes there will be no more death, crying and pain in the world. Also, since God promised to send the Messiah and sent Jesus Christ according to that promise, Christians believe that this promise will also come true.”



Overview of the 12th HWPL Myanmar Yangon WARP Office Meeting

This time, we examined the beginning and the end of each religion through the speeches delivered by each religious leader. Some are widely known facts. Regardless, listening to the speeches delivered by religious leaders who teach many people made the contents easier to comprehend. All speeches were interesting, but speeches by Buddhist representative and the HWPL WARP Office research specialist stood out the most. The teaching of Buddha, “Strive on with awareness” exhibits the essence of Buddhism, which is to realize karma and end the eternal cycle of birth, death, and rebirth to reach the state of nirvana. And the research specialist, in her speech, state the reasons why Christians are waiting for the promises in the Bible to come true. They believe the promises will come true since God has already fulfilled his promises before. We hope the Myanmar Yangon WARP Office will continue to actively engage participants at the Dialogue of Scriptures meetings.

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I am grateful to people like Chairman Man Hee Lee and Chairwoman Nam Hee Kim and organizations such as HWPL, IPYG, IWPG who have renewed the need of peace in this confused and eroded world imbued in lust, greed and constant self-destruction in wars around our paradise, EARTH. No individual or organization has shown such leadership as Chairman Lee and HWPL in the present so called modern world. Perhaps the attributes he carries and shares with his organization are very much in line with the message of the one and only Almighty Himself, that of love, compassion, of service to mankind to establish and uphold peace and harmony in humanity back to its true glory and as it is meant to be.

He has rightly involved youth (IPYG) and women (IWPG) to add value to the great cause of peace on earth. The different peace meetings, marches and walks that have been organized around the globe is true testimony to this effort which is yielding fruit slowly, but surely around the globe. Today there are more people I see stand together shoulder to shoulder to uphold peace and harmony and to denounce conflict and war. This was clearly evident in the peace march that was held in Ottawa this month at the University of Ottawa, Canada.

As a peace advocate I was really excited about the Peace Walk held at the Ottawa University to create and mobilize support for Peace in the nation's capital. I started communication with one and all in different ways to share information about this event. I contacted and worked with staff members of HWPL to bring this event to a success with the help of the local youth, and we involved them in sports like soccer and other musical and dance performances to align them with the peace initiative.

We also invited Ian Pratts (President of 'Friends for Peace') as our guest speaker who presented his views on peace and how he wants to pass on this legacy to the coming generations by inviting and involving the youth to walk together towards peace in service before himself. And I was lucky to have spent good time while participating in the festival with other religious leaders. Among them, I was very glad to meet our local representative of Buddhism, reverend monk Saloeurm Savath from the Buddhist monastery. Both of us were motivated by WARP Office meetings in Ottawa to participate in peace events as religious leaders who have important duties to accomplish world peace.

Other notable personalities I met at the event, and worth mentioning here, were Vannary Pha from the Bodhikaram Temple and Irish Olano, President of youth from the Catholic Assumption Church.

Their individual initiatives for peace to motivate the youth is very inspiring and commendable.

Finally, I would like to summarize by saying that the event was a grand success as I was able to see the light of hope and peace rekindled in the eyes of those who attended and participated in the event and even among those who were standing or passing by to their errands. Definitely we need and there is room to expand the efforts of peace in and around Ottawa, the nation's capital.

I am glad to see that a declaration to uphold peace has been signed by heads of states, religious leaders and the common people alike. I am happy to see that there is genuine interest to work for the cessation of wars and conflicts. I am glad to say I can see light at the end of the tunnel, the light in which harmony will flourish and peace will prevail, so we will be able to leave behind the paradise in a better shape than we inherited it.



5.25 Special Issue



Longing for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War to become an enforceable law in the DRC

Katembo Masimango Tshuma / ODI (Oneness Development Institute)

100 religious leaders from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), earnestly seeking for peace, gathered together in Beni Town, DRC on 25 May 2016. We participated in HWPL's Legislate Peace Campaign and held an offline signature ceremony, which is for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) to be introduced to the United Nations to become an enforceable international law. We all promised to inform the DPCW to our congregation members, since it is such an important cause aiming to stop war and secure peace.

The main consequences of war on women, youth and children include poor health, poor education and poverty. During war, many people are massacred, and others are forced to flee their villages and seek safety elsewhere. All victims, regardless of gender, suffer severe emotional trauma. They are living in fear of being killed and are angry towards those who killed their families. There is no hope before them. HWPL, however, brought hope to this desperate country. All 10 articles of the DPCW are just what DRC needs.

We gathered again, on 4 June, to count the signatures we had received in support for the DPCW to be developed into an enforceable law by all countries. We collected almost 6,000 signatures. This, however, was short of our goal. Accompanied by the youths and other volunteers from ODI (ODI works to bring unity among religious leaders and promote holistic peace in the DRC), we started to go from door to door requesting people humbly to support the DPCW through their signatures. Presently, we have collected 13,000 signatures. We believe that, the holistic peace is possible in DRC with HWPL as God's instrument in this world full of darkness.





We are determined to cooperate and support the path of Mr. Man Hee Lee who is working for holistic peace across borders, race and religion. If the DPCW is developed into an enforceable international law, it will prevent war and conflicts from occurring. People from different religion, race, tribe, language and ethnic backgrounds will be able to live together in harmony.

Last but not least, we express our gratitude to God Almighty that called Mr. Man Hee Lee to the Holistic Peace Ministry in this world. We wish to express our sincere and deep appreciation for what he has done all over the world, and for accepting us to cooperate and work in partnership with HWPL. May God bless Mr. Man Hee Lee abundantly.



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160528 / 4th / Religion (Era, Genealogy, Name)



Nigeria / Abuja



160421 / 13th / Relationship Between Spirit and Flesh



South Sudan / Juba



160506 / 3rd / Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death



Republic of South Africa / Cape Town



160528 / 19th / Prophecy and Fulfillment



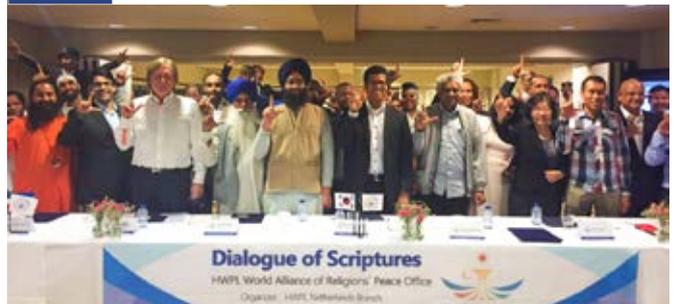
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160514 / 7th / Religion (Era, Genealogy, Name)



Netherlands / Rotterdam



160430 / 5th / Religion According to the Scripture



Norway / Oslo



160527 / 8th / Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death According to the Scripture



Norway / Trondheim



160526 / 5th / Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death

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New Zealand / Auckland



160331 / 7th / Salvation in Each Scripture



Taiwan / Tainan City



160423 / 5th / Religion and Peace



Denmark / Copenhagen



160608 / 5th / Peace According to Each Scripture



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160427 / 2nd / War and Peace According to Each Scripture



Germany / Frankfurt



160526 / 11th / Evidence to Believe in the Scripture



Lesotho / Maseru



160520 / 3rd / Religion (Era, Genealogy, Name)



Rwanda / Kigali



160513 / 8th / Religion and the Mission of the Religious Leaders



Malaysia / Kuching



160610 / 4th / The Purpose of Creation, Peace, and Scripture

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160510 / 2nd / Understanding of Religion



Malta / Gzira



160422 / 6th / Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death



United States of America / New York



160527 / 17th / Religion



United States of America / Louisville



160416 / 10th / Creation



United States of America / San Francisco



160524 / 10th / Why Do We Need Scriptures?



United States of America / Washington D.C.



160430 / 4th / The Components of the Holy Scripture



United States of America / Indianapolis 2



160611 / 2nd / Understanding of Religion



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160528 / 8th / The History of the Scriptures

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Bahrain / Manama



160514 / 11th / The Scriptures II



Belgium / Brussels



160613 / 1st / Peace



Swaziland / Mbabane



160426 / 3rd / Religion



Switzerland / Zurich



160531 / 9th / Creation



Singapore / Singapore



160528 / 4th / Good and Evil in the Scriptures



Albania / Elbasan



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United Kingdom / London



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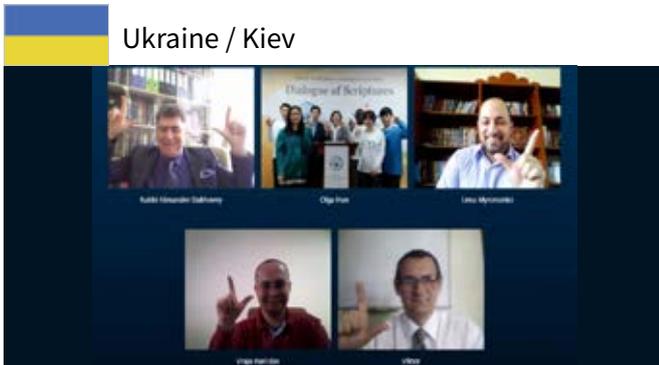


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160521 / 1st / Religious Scriptures



Thailand / Bangkok



160512 / 12th / God and the Scripture



Thailand / Chiang Mai



160428 / 4th / God and the Scripture II



Pakistan / Lahore



160426 / 6th / Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death



France / Paris



160531 / 4th / Good and Evil



Fiji / Suva



160528/11th/ How to Wash Your Sins According to Your Scripture



Philippines / Manila 2



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