

UDA3: Why do people THINK that WAY?

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. People have organized a variety of philosophical and religions beliefs.
2. There are some commonly held values shared by all people.
3. The world is culturally diverse.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

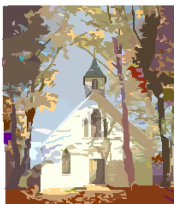
1. What are the major beliefs/practices/ceremonies of these religions & philosophies?
2. What are some commonly held values that all people might share?
3. What are some causes of cultural diversity?

What is a **philosophy**? Is it what you learn by reading the back of a cereal box? Was Forrest Gump right when he said, "life is like a box of chocolates"? Let's try to get a little deeper. First, look up the definition of "philosophy" by using this on-line dictionary..... [Cambridge](#)to make sure you know what the word philosophy really means.

Philosophy, in a general sense, is what guides our actions and what shapes our values. In the **Eastern Hemisphere**, people's philosophies have been influenced by a variety of individuals, as well as, religious beliefs that may or may not have had any effect on any of us here in the **Western Hemisphere**. Most people in the **"West"** are familiar with the major monotheistic religions and philosophies of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. For this assignment, I want you to explore some of the religions of the **"East"**. It is often said that until you walk in someone's shoes, you really don't understand their perspective. In this assignment, we are going to take a "stroll" (a LONG walk, if you will) to develop an awareness and become more educated about other cultures in Asia (*the Eastern Hemisphere*).

Here is the web site to use for the successful completion of this assignment:

Religious Tolerance



Could you identify the religion represented by each of these "symbols"?

Here are the specific instructions for composing and submitting this assignment:

1. Have you perused, and taken the "stroll that I wanted you to do, through the **Religious Tolerance** web site enough to say you know a lot about the world's "Eastern Religions & Philosophies"? I hope so. It is now time to compose your assignment
2. Keep your internet browser open to this page in the course.
3. Open up a new Word document and type your name, Unit and Assignment number and your Global Perspectives online student number in the upper **left** hand corner of your Word document using a separate line for one. Please use **Times New Roman** or **Arial** font and size number **12/12**

EXAMPLE:

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4. Copy and paste the question below onto your Word document and answer it as directed. Make sure to include in the subject line of your email the following: **UDA3**

Here is your assignment!

Please number your paper to ten. Make a list of TEN aspects of the Asian/Eastern Religions/Philosophies that you personally found the most fascinating. After you complete this "list" write three 100 to 150 word, paragraph length essays, that give your opinions on the following:

1. The most interesting discovery you made when about the religion of Asia.
2. The commonalties you found between our cultural values and their religions.
3. One practice or idea that other religions or cultures use that we could adopt to improve our society.