

UDA4: Comparative Religions

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. *The world is culturally diverse.*
2. *People have organized a variety of philosophical and religious beliefs.*

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. *What are some causes of cultural diversity?*
2. *What are the major religious and philosophical expressions found in the world today*

If you are "religious", why have you chosen to practice your particular religion? If you are **NOT** "religious", why have you chosen to not adhere to any particular religion? These are very personal questions and this assignment will NOT ask you to reveal the answers to either of these two questions unless you choose to do so. It will, however, ask you to choose two religions and compare them! If one of those two religions happens to be yours, so be it!! That is perfectly acceptable, and even encouraged!!!

Here are the web sites to use for the successful completion of this assignment:

(NOTE- these are the same exact web sites you used in UDA2)

The symbols below are representations of the eleven of the world's major religions. Click on each one and you will be taken to a summary of what that religion is all about. You will also find several other links there that go into more detail.



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

1. Please read the essay question below carefully so as to more effectively research the web sites listed above.
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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CHS **or** CHS-1

4. Use the Word document you have just created to type your essay "answer" on and send it as an attachment with your email.
5. Save the Word document on your hard drive AND a removable disk for back up purposes.
6. Send your completed assignment, which you have now "saved", as an attachment with the assignment name (**UDA4**) and your Global Perspectives online student number (**ex. CHS - 1**) typed into the subject line.

Here is your essay assignment!

Some sort of "organized" religion is practiced by the majority of people on the planet. Of the earths approximate six and half billion people, over 4 billion of them adhere to some form of the eleven religions represented by the web sites listed above. You are to compose a 250 to 500 word essay in which you choose two religions and compare them. If one of them is Christian, you should narrow your choice to one of the over 10,000 versions of Christianity. For example, if you compare Buddhism to Christian, the version of Christianity maybe Catholic, Baptist, Mormon, Church of Christ, etc., etc., etc....., if you so wish. No other religion of the world has as many sects/divisions/denominations as Christianity. Do NOT, for example, choose to compare two "versions" of Christianity such as, *Nazarene and Presbyterian*. Just as you are NOT allowed to compare two versions of Buddhism, such as *Theravada and Mayamara*. This is a compare and contrast essay. Make every effort to find some similarities. The differences should be more obvious.