

Quotations of Unity

from the book: *The Message That Comes From Everywhere: Exploring The Common Core of the World's Religions*, by Gary L. Beckwith

"Muslim, Christian, or Jew, all turn their eyes to the Eternal One."

-*Sufi writing*

"There are as many ways to God as souls; as many as the breaths of Adam's sons."

-*Mohammed*

"God made the truth with many doors."

-*Kahil Gibran*

"I feel that this world has to drop the idea that one religion is true and the others are not true."

-*Kathleen Raine, Poet*

"Who worship other gods with heart of faith, They too adore but Me behind those forms, unknowing of the one direct way."

-*The Bhagavad-Gita*

"Scripture itself testifies that God does not take into account our petty categories of race or religion or denomination when He has a message for mankind. Each of us, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, Jew, Native American, Feminist, can be a vehicle for the word of God."

-*Rabbi Steve Fornstein*

"I am a Christian and a Hindu and a Muslim and a Jew."

-*Mahatma Gandhi*

"May He who is the Brahman of the Hindus, the Ahura Mazda of the Zoroastrians, the Buddha of the Buddhists, Adonai of the Jews, and the Father in Heaven of the Christians, give strength to you ..."

-*Swami Vivekananda (Hindu sage)*

"Anyone can choose to be righteous. Of their own accord, Jew or Gentile, can choose to be righteous and give themselves to God in love. Therefore, the Holy One loves them."

-*Midrash (Jewish holy book)*

"Truth is one; sages call it by various names. So many faiths are but different paths leading to the one reality, God."

-*Sri Ramakrishna*

"In effect, the basic teachings of Christ, Buddha, and the Vedas are the same."

-*Richard Bock*

"(this) teaching appears in the Zend Avesta of Zoroaster ... It contains the fundamental concepts of (Hinduism), the Vedas and the Upanishads; and the Yoga systems of India sprang from the same source. Buddha later gave forth essentially the same basic ideas and his sacred Bodhi tree is correlated with the Essene Tree of Life. In Tibet the teaching once more found expression in the Tibetan Wheel of Life."

-*Edmond Bordeaux Szekely, historian*

"All must abandon prejudices and must even go to each other's churches and mosques, for in all of these worshipping places, the Name of God is mentioned. Since all gather to worship God, what difference is there? They hold aloof from each other merely because of unfounded prejudices and dogmas. In America, I went to Jewish Synagogues, which are similar to Christian Churches, and I saw them worshipping God everywhere."

-*Abdu'l-Baha, disciple of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Bahai faith*

"Veda, Avesta, Bible, Al-Quran, Temple, Pagoda, Church, and Kaba-Stone, all these and more my heart doth close embrace, since my Religion now is Love alone."

-*Sufi writing*