

What does it mean when someone fights in the name of religion? Does it provide comfort, purpose, or an incitement to violence?

Do religions condone conflict or are they only misused to justify conflict for political ends? Do some religions justify conflict while others promote peace?

If there were no religions, could we achieve worldwide peace or would we condemn ourselves to endless fighting?

Through explorations of religious scriptures and real-life case studies of religious groups mired in conflict both historically and in the world today, we will explore these questions.

Open to all students with curiosity, an open mind, and a dislike for easy answers.

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**MW 10:35-11:30 plus sections on Th 3:30-4:25,
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