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RELIGIOUS PLURALISM (RP)

What is RP?

John Hick: “the theory that the great world religions constitute variant conceptions and perceptions of, and responses to, the one ultimate, mysterious, divine reality.”
Hick, John, "Religious Pluralism," in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Eliade, Mercia (New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987)

“Pluralism is the view that the great world faiths embody different perceptions and conceptions of, and correspondingly different responses to, the Real or the Ultimate from within the major variant cultural ways of being human; and that within each of them the transformation of human existence from self-centeredness to Reality centeredness is manifestly taking place... and taking place, so far as human observation can tell, to much the same extent.”

Hick, John, *Problems of Religious Pluralism* (Houndmills ,Basingstoke: The Macmillan Press, 1985), p. 36

Who started RP?

Guru Nanak's (1469-1538) --> Afkar Kabir (1440-1518) --> Rammohan Ray (1772-1833)

--> Sri Ramakrishna (1834-1886)

Friedrich Schleiermacher (1768-1834)--> Ernst Troeltsch (1865-1923) --> John Hick (1922-2012) He proposed the idea of salvation outside Christianity

Contemplation on Quranic Verses

The Women (4):1

The Table Spread (5): 48

Hud (11): 118

The Rooms (49): 13

The Cow (2): 11



MUSLIM THINKERS WHO SUPPORT RP

1. Mahmut Aydin
2. Sohail H. Hashim
3. Reza Shah-Kazemi
4. Abdulaziz Sachedina
5. Farid Esack
6. Gamal al-Banna

MUSLIM SCHOLARS
WHO USE THE TERM
RP LOSELY IN
MALAYSIA

Osman Bakar
Chandra Muzaffar
Hashim Kamali
Imtiyaz Yusuf

THE IMPLICATION OF RP

“...(RP) entails a more theological basis under which the adherent of the faith no longer sees the path of salvation and the ‘truth’ exclusively belonging to them.”

- Azhar Ibrahim, "Denial, Trivialization and Relegation of Pluralism: The Challenges of Managing Diversity in Multi-religious Malaysia and Indonesia," *Studia Islamika: Indonesian Journal for Islamic Studies* 19, no. 3 (2012), p. 440





A More Holistic Approach to the Quran

Family of 'Imran (3): 113-117

The Heights (7): 59-102

The Stories (28): 56

Family of 'Imran (3): 19

The Disbelievers (109): 1-6

She That is To Be Examined (60): 8

The Table Spread (5): 2

The Table Spread (5): 8

Family of 'Imran (3): 130-136

1. Murtadha Mutahhari
2. Muḥammad Legenhausen
3. Anis Malik Toha
4. Uthman El-Muhammady
5. Kamar Oniah Kamaruzzaman
6. Khadijah Khambali
7. Haslina Ibrahim

Muslim
scholars who
disagree with
RP

Majority of Muslim thinkers in Malaysia

MY STANCE





CONCLUSION