

# The Ecumenical Movement

**Ecumenism** is any interdenominational initiative aimed at greater cooperation among Christian churches. **Ecumenism** is the idea of a Christian unity in the literal meaning: that there should be a single Church. **Ecumenism** is separate and distinct from nondenominational Christianity, which seeks no common organizing principle.

## What is their goal?

The fundamental goal and the primary task of the ecumenical movement is to re-interpret Christianity—or, in other words, to annihilate Orthodoxy completely. The dialogue between various Christian confessions—as, also, the dialogue between Christianity and Islam and Judaism (and other religions, as well)—is one of the tasks that is a part of an over-all plan for unifying the sum-total of humanity.

## What do they envision?

Essentially, the ecumenists envision the universal union of "churches," which will serve as the leaven for the entire *universe* in its turning of the world into the Kingdom of God on earth. Inasmuch as the consummate aim of ecumenism is to unite all religions, it is entirely logical to conclude that that is why, today, it is evermore underscored that not only do individual [Christian] churches, as such, not possess the fullness of truth, but that even Christianity itself does not possess it. In other words, the truth concerning God the Creator (according to the ecumenists) surpasses all individually existent religious forms, finding its perfect expression only in the vast multiplicity of world religions and traditions.

## What do they believe?

. It is possible (according to them) to reach God by way of Christianity, as well as by way of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, etc.; hence, there is no need to convert the adherents of one religion to another, because the "inspiration of the Holy Spirit" is ostensibly present in all of these religions. Such thoughts, in essence, have already been spread throughout Europe and America, in the course of decades, by a multitude of Hindu gurus. It should be noted that the ecumenical movement, which [ostensibly] began for the sake of unifying all Christians, has ever more intensely expanded its dialogue and contacts with non-Christians (for example, in Canberra, in Assisi, in Milan, etc.).

## What must be accomplished?

It is for this reason that such great efforts are being expended to water-down Orthodoxy by way of uniting it with various heresies. Then, the

realization of the remainder of this plan will in no way appear difficult, as most of the other religions do not absolutize their teaching as concerns its being the only true and correct doctrine. Consequently, unity in diversity becomes essential. In other words, the task consists not of it to declare creating a single new religion with a unified cults and doctrine; far better is that all religions are but manifestations of a single spiritual reality.

Those who have reached such a level of convergence in the unity of all religions perceive the God to whom they pray in their own way. There are no essential differences. But, in order that there might be an opportunity for the broad masses of humanity to sense this truth, it is necessary to free Christianity (and all religions) of all those elements peculiar to them, which encourage proselytism, an aggressive spirit, and the conviction that "my religion alone is correct, and all others are in error"—in other words, to develop a spirit of tolerance and mutual understanding. Fundamentally, they preach the idea of a kingdom of God on earth. We all know well from Holy Writ that such an idea is not realizable. All men are called to salvation, but not all men respond to this call.

## Why will this prove to be a lie?

Christ manifested the name of God to such men as were given to Him by His Heavenly Father before the creation of the world (John 17, 6): "It is for them that I pray..." (John 17, 9). The Lord came not to save the world, which lieth in evil, but to save men from the world and from the prince of this world, because the world is his weapon in his battle against the Lord and His Church. It is for this reason that the Church and the world are on a collision-course, the one with the other. The Church and Christians are not of this world (comp. John 17, 16). They dwell in the world temporarily, as strangers, because their [true] fatherland is in the heavens. The Lord teaches us: "Were ye of the world, the world would love its own; but, as ye are not of the world, but I chose you from out of the world, therefore doth the world hate you." (John 15, 19) "Love not the world; neither that which is in the world: for whosoever loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2, 15) It is possible to see clearly in all of Holy Writ that a clear distinction must be made between the members of the Church and the rest of mankind, which is outside the Church.

There exists no evidence capable of showing that the entire world will accept the Gospel prior to the end of this age. There is not a single word concerning the transformation of the entire world into the Church during this period of time—as the zealots of ecumenism believe. On the contrary: Holy Writ teaches us that the number of true Christians will diminish, because the Lord asks whether He will find faith in men when He returns again to earth. The Lord teaches us that Christians will needs be given over to torments; that many will be destroyed; and that all nations will hate them, for His name's sake. There will appear many false prophets and shall deceive

many... (Matt. 24: 9-12) He openly says to heretics and to all those who have fallen away from truth: "Many will say to Me in that day: Lord! Lord! was it not in Thine name that we preached? And was it not by Thine name that we cast out devils? And was it not through Thine name that we wrought many miracles? And then will I declare unto them: I never knew you; depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity!" (Matt. 7: 22-23)

### **Those who are engaged in ecumenical activity:**

**The World Council of Churches**, established in 1948, was a quantum leap toward church unity. Since then there has been a steady increase in ecumenical activity nationally and internationally.

**The Roman Catholic Church**, a decree on ecumenical activity, as part of the Second Vatican Council, made abundantly clear that the church endorses and participates in activity to promote reunion with Rome.

**The Charismatic Movement**, by always emphasizing personal feeling and experience above Scripture, is a key participant. It is very largely non-denominational and very easily becomes inter-denominational.

**Neo-evangelicals**, who may still use Biblical terminology may in reality preach another gospel. Many of the populist preachers of our day fall into this category.

**Chrislam**, an attempt to syncretize Christianity with Islam; not an actual religion of its own, but a blurring of the differences and distinctions between Christianity and Islam. Chrislam is viewed by some as the solution for the ongoing conflict between the Western world, which is predominantly Christian, and the Middle East, which is predominantly Muslim.

But in recent years, the merger of Christianity and Islam is happening on a wide scale in the West, particularly in the United States where several bridge-building exercises between the two religions have been implemented.

In 2007, an open letter entitled "A Common Word Between Us and You" was published by a group of Muslim leaders. It opens with the lines, "Muslims and Christians together make up well over half of the world's population. Without peace and justice between these two religious communities, there can be no meaningful peace in the world." A large number of Christians responded positively to the statement.

The most highly publicised response, called "Loving God and Neighbor Together," was written by four academics from the University of Yale. The response included the lines: "Before we 'shake your hand' in responding to your letter, we ask forgiveness of the All-Merciful One and of the Muslim community around the world."

In 2009, Rick Warren, the well-known evangelical author and pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, addressed 8,000 Muslims at a national convention in Washington D.C. The convention was organised by Islamic Society of North America, which champions terrorist organisations and disseminates extremist literature. Since then, Warren has been involved in an initiative called the King's Way, a partnership with a number of California mosques, which involves the establishment of a set of principles outlining the shared principles of Islam and Christianity, including the declaration that both faiths worship the same God.

The year 2009 also saw the publication of the notorious Kairos Palestine Document, which was subtitled "A moment of truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering." The Kairos document, which can be found on the World Council of Churches website, speaks on behalf of Christian and Muslim Arabs, who apparently share a "deeply rooted" history and a "natural right" to the land.

In contrast, Israel is deemed an alien entity that only exists because of Western guilt over the Holocaust. The document praises the first intifada, referring to it as a "peaceful struggle." Terrorism, while not exactly sanctioned, is excused on the grounds that Israel is ultimately responsible for Palestinian acts of violence against Jewish civilians. Arutz Sheva

**Remarks made by Pope Francis at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan have sparked a firestorm of criticism from those that do not believe that Christians and Muslims worship the same God.**

Many have taken the Pope's remarks as a major step in the direction of a one world religion, and the truth is that the Pope has made other such statements in the past. In recent years, the theory that Christianity and Islam are just two distinct paths to God among many others has rapidly gained traction all over the planet. Some religious leaders have even gone so far as to try to merge Islamic and Christian practices, and the term "Chrislam" is now often used to describe this ecumenical movement. If all this sounds incredibly strange to you, just keep reading, because this is just the tip of the iceberg.

What Pope Francis had to say at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan has received very little coverage by the mainstream media, but it was exceedingly significant. The following [is how he began his address...](#)

I would like to express two sentiments for my Muslim brothers and sisters: Firstly, my greetings as they celebrate the feast of sacrifice. I would have wished my greeting to be warmer. My sentiments of closeness, my sentiments of closeness in the face of tragedy. The tragedy that they suffered in Mecca.

In this moment, I give assurances of my prayers. **I unite myself with you all. A prayer to almighty god, all merciful.**

He did not choose those words by accident. In Islam, Allah is known as “the all-merciful one”.

And this is not the first time Pope Francis has used such language. For instance, the following comes from remarks that he made [during his very first ecumenical meeting](#) as Pope...

I then greet and cordially thank you all, dear friends belonging to other religious traditions; **first of all the Muslims, who worship the one God, living and merciful, and call upon Him in prayer**, and all of you. I really appreciate your presence: in it I see a tangible sign of the will to grow in mutual esteem and cooperation for the common good of humanity.

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## **Rick Warren Releases “The Purpose-Driven Mosque” Book To Help Christians Appreciate Islam And Other False Religions**

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LAKE FOREST, CA – In order to further promote and capitalize on the building Chislam movement, through which Christians and Muslims are encouraged to seek out and embrace shared foundations of understanding, Saddleback Megachurch CEO Rick Warren has announced the release of a new book entitled *The Purpose-Driven Mosque*.

“We’re all looking for purpose. We’re all looking for community. And we’re all looking for ways to bring people together in our churches or mosques or whatever,” explained Warren at a Saddleback hosted product launch event while standing in front of a giant mural depicting images of 11th century crusaders and Islamic warriors hugging and handing each other flowers while rainbows cover the sky above them and unicorns frolic around them. “We just want to be real here and seize the opportunity that we have to bring peace between religious views that really do have a lot in common. We want to help

Christians better understand and appreciate false gods like Allah and dead religions like Islam.”

“To that end, my new book, *The Purpose-Driven Mosque*, will come out next week,” added a bubbly, warm and friendly Warren. “With videos, ball caps, turbans and t-shirts to follow shortly thereafter.”

“We want to do all that we can to marginalize and eventually obliterate the distinctives that are keeping Christians and Muslims apart, and we want to do that in as profitable and product-drenched a manner as possible.”

“So remember: God is good!”