



*Another Perspective:*

**A Cause Beyond Our Differences**

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- What are the fundamental issues facing our world today?
- How do we apply our own experiences, with our differences, to form a constructive, viable solution for the world's most distressing problems?
- What role does religion play in moving people toward a more peaceful and compassionate humanity?

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### THE DENOMINATIONAL DIVIDE

- ▶ PROMOTES COMMON CONVERSATIONS
- ▶ PROMOTES INCLUSION
- ▶ PROMOTES INGROUP LOYALTY/ OUTGROUP SUSPICION
- ▶ PREVENTS COMMON CONVERSATIONS
- ▶ PREVENTS INCLUSION
- ▶ PREVENTS EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS



“...Widespread decline in large, federated organizations across the US makes it increasingly difficult to mobilize communities to solve larger, civic problems, have difficult conversations across lines of difference, and make contact with people from different walks of life.”

Paul A. Djupe,  
Religion in Public

<https://religioninpublic.blog/2017/05/04/decline-of-denominationalism/>



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ACCORDING TO PEW RESEARCH, BY THE YEAR 2050:

- The Number of Muslims will almost equal the number of Christians globally
- The Christian population in the U. S. will decline from over three quarters in 2010 to two thirds by 2050
- Judaism will no longer be the largest non-Christian religion
- The Muslim population will exceed the Jewish population in the U. S.



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**What are the fundamental issues facing our world today?**







# TOP TEN GLOBAL ISSUES:

- Food Security
- Economic Growth & Social Inclusion
- Climate Change
- Environment & Natural Resources Security
- Global Financial System
- Industrial Revolution & The Internet
- Gender Equality
- Global Trade and Investment
- Poverty
- Healthcare



# MILLENIALS' TOP TEN GLOBAL ISSUES:

- 10. Lack of economic opportunity and employment (12.1%)
- 9. Safety / security / wellbeing (14.1%)
- 8. Lack of education (15.9%)
- 7. Food and water security (18.2%)
- 6. Government accountability and transparency / corruption (22.7%)
- 5. Religious conflicts (23.9%)
- 4. Poverty (29.2%)
- 3. Inequality (income, discrimination) (30.8%)
- 2. Large scale conflict / wars (38.9%)
- 1. Climate change / destruction of nature (48.8%)





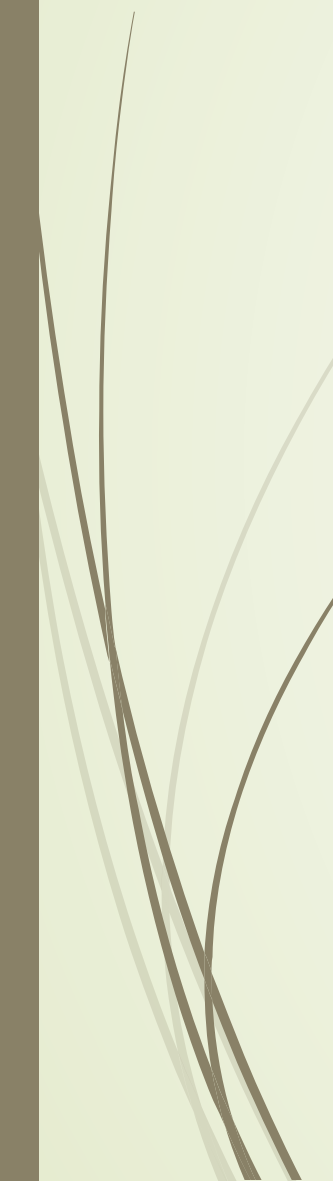




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***SOLVING WORLD'S  
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SOLVING WORLD'S MOST DISTRESSING PROBLEMS


- STRENGTHS
- WEAKNESSES
- OPPORTUNITIES
- THREATS
- TRENDS



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**What role does religion play in moving people toward a more peaceful and compassionate humanity?**



*Another Perspective:* WHAT IS RELIGION?  
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“Religion is a fundamental set of beliefs and practices generally agreed upon by a group of people. These set of beliefs concern the cause, nature, and purpose of the universe, and involve devotional and ritual observances. They also often contain a moral code governing the conduct of human affairs.”

<https://www.allaboutreligion.org/meaning-of-religion-faq.htm>





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### RELIGION' S INVOLVEMENT IN HUMANITARIANISM

- Acts 2: 42–47
- Matthew 25: 34–40
- Ecclesiastes 4: 7–12
- I Corinthians 12: 17
- I Peter 4: 10



*Another Perspective:* Final Points  
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- Minimize the Odds by Maximizing our Strengths
- Decrease Budget Stresses w/out Compromising Quality
- Embrace the Power of Accessibility
- Expand Global Reach

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**The Main Cause Beyond Our Differences:**

