

## **RELIGION**

Religion cannot be defined perfectly, as everyone has a different definition of religion. Religion does not just mean worshipping different Gods, but it is the following and upholding of certain beliefs.

In our country we have the freedom to follow the religion of our choice and worship the form of God that appeals to us. Then who divided the country by making distinctions like, "you are a Muslim, you are a Hindu." And they give importance to only the religion of their choice and consider all other religions as inferior. Conversion is the order of the day, fights over petty issues is the norm.

To my mind, God is one and in His eyes all are equal. We all are embodiments of God; He is present in all of us in different forms. He is present in the sky, on the earth, in water, in fire and everything you lay your eyes on. Just worshipping God in a temple is no proof of our piety. We should be truthful and unbiased and then can we be called the embodiments of that Supreme Being. We should understand the significance of rituals.

Ringling the temple bells before entering a temple means that we wish to cut away from the sounds and thoughts of the world, lighting incense means, we pray to God to make us as sweet as the fragrance of the incense and become one with the elements, bowing before an idol we should offer Him our respect and root out all that is evil in us. Only when we perform rituals mindfully and adhere to truth will we really become religious.

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