

Mature Religions

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Islam and Hinduism in some ways are two different extremes, like violence and nonviolence. History shows that the rules most used by Muslim rulers were "offense is the best defense" and "might is right." In a culturally mature world one would say they are primitive ideas.

When we talk of complexes there is no superiority complex, it is in fact an inferiority complex disguised behind a wall of aggression, which could be the cause of the way the Muslim world has been handling things. It's only when you come out of this self-possessiveness that one can truly follow the eightfold path preached by Buddha to reach enlightenment or what Hindus call the stage of self-actualization (nirvana).

The bottom line is that all these religions still have to mature to the level of Hinduism. Hinduism is not just a religion but a way of life that carries you further to attain harmony with your self and surroundings.

One can learn positively from each situation and, hopefully, some good will come out of this terrible destruction [of the Buddhist legacy of Afghanistan]. The spirit always lives on!

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