



NOT IN GOD'S NAME

IN SEARCH OF TOLERANCE WITH THE DALAI LAMA

DISCUSSION GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Trapped in religious riots in Delhi, filmmaker Paula Fouce follows the Dalai Lama on a journey to understand religious intolerance. NOT IN GOD'S NAME shows how extreme divisions between religions ravage the world. We examine the similar values of all faiths and their potential for drawing us together to share a common ground. Featuring Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, Robert Thurman, Ph. D., Joseph Prabhu, Ph. D., Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, Dr. Karan Singh, Ph. D., Georg Feuerstein, Ph. D., Michael Bernard Beckwith, and leaders of many faiths. NOT IN GOD'S NAME is Fouce's journey towards understanding and is offered to you as one filmmaker's view of what is possible – peace and co-existence.

The discussion guide has been organized into two themes:

Each discussion provides an opportunity to explore the complex dynamics of a pluralistic society and conflict resolution. We invite you to use the discussion prompts and suggested activities to extend your experience beyond viewing the film towards understanding the rich religious and cultural heritage of India and a legacy of non-violence.

DISCUSSION 1

Towards a Pedagogy of Peace & Co-existence: Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and the Dalai Lama

In NOT IN GOD'S NAME, eight faiths presented, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism, have precepts of non-violence and a respect for all life. How do we transform a legacy of compassion to a culture of co-existence?



DISCUSSION 2

300,000 Gods – Religion, Culture, and Diversity

Explore the eight religions discussed in the film and discover the rich and diverse traditions of sacred dance, music, and visual arts. Celebrations and festivals bring communities together. What do India's strong spiritual traditions and long history of cultural diversity teach us?



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