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Which religion would I pick if I couldn't stick to my primary belief

Well as I already had mentioned earlier in the lesson where I wanted to be completely honest and transparent, since this is a personal topic for every individual, especially since most of us have different views and beliefs in what faith we pick and follow, it is in my best interest to be very straight forward with my religious view and beliefs.

So, this is a very difficult question for me personally. And therefore I won't be able to give a direct answer. As a person coming from a European country that has a not much existing religious background, it is hard for me to look that far and answer what religion or belief I would pick if I couldn't follow my designated primary one. This being said, I am still in the process and learning daily about it, in order to find my primary belief that I want to follow for the rest of my life.

The reason that I don't have a direct answer to finding my religious belief is that a lot of us Europeans including myself just weren't raised and brought up that way. This is also a reason that a lot of the general material that I have encountered during this class is very new and often difficult for me to understand. On the bright note, I'm slowly learning and grasping what it means every day, that it is good, and the right thing to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to be a part of a religion that you can proudly present. In Europe, a lot of things regarding these topics are very different compared how they are regulated here in America, we aren't raised as strictly regarding religion and christianity compared to the US. However, I am slowly developing a

religion for myself that I want to start pursuing properly in the near future. This is a process for me where I want to ensure which is the right one that will guide me through my life. I am still figuring the system out by taking in all the new things that help me on the way. I can ensure though that I have the fundamentals implemented to my life already, I do pray, I try to go to church and I do stay faithful to the Lord of Jesus Christ. After all being said, I have a lot more to learn and to find out what it means to become a true believer of Jesus Christ.

Regarding the actual question, I will have to say, since I have not yet fully developed a primary religion that I want to be a part of and follow for the rest of my life, I will have to leave this question unanswered for now. I definitely do want to stay connected to a type of faith and belief though. That is one thing I'm very sure about. On a second thought, I could answer this question just based upon my own beliefs and general knowledge that I have gathered. I have been lucky enough to have grown up around all sorts of religions, cultures and ethnicities, which has been a big advantage when visiting these countries in which those certain religions are praised. I have a couple very close friends who follow Allah and Islam.

They are turkish and without a doubt some of the kindest people that I have met. I do respect the muslim culture a lot, and am always astonished by how faithfully they follow their belief. The characteristics of what they are ordered to do are very strictly followed, such as praying five times a day, including performing prayer in a very early hour. Unfortunately, the islam has had a few rough times, and is often stereolyzed as being a bad religion and that the muslims are bad people. However, all religions have had their fair share of bad parts to them. So we should never base a person or a religious belief on what has happened in the past or happened in a previous incident, because no religion is perfect and all of them have betrayed their God in various bad ways, only with some to have to deal with the way they are portrayed differently.

I have been interested in Buddhism for a longer time now, just because I like to have a good general knowledge about it. I must admit, what they stand for and how they portray their belief is very interesting, because a part of the world often doesn't see Buddhism as a real religion and more of a way of life. There is a big difference between this religion and our usual faith, because Buddhism doesn't focus on the connection between God and humanity. They don't believe in a creator such as God. They have a primary focus on humanity to end their suffering and to be happy people. In order for them to do so, they have to let go of materialistic items and friends, because these things don't last forever. They also don't believe in death and say that you keep getting reborn which is part of their life cycle. Pretty interesting theories. Overall this belief sounds very peaceful to me and is certainly different and not the usual religion like we know, which makes it very unique. So therefore, due to the free flowing of this religion, I would feel that I would connect myself to this.

Because I'm still learning which religion I want to be a part of, it is unknown for me to be able to say which one I would pick if my religion that I follow now would not be there anymore, that's why, this is a hard answer for me, and I will have to leave it undecided at this stage of my life. I am learning more and more every day about religion, especially Christianity, which I do that I have the closest connection to. So One day in the near future when I have figured it out for myself in which faithful direction I want to go, I will also be able to have this answered.

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