

Religion PowerPoint Notes

- Religion's Impact on Culture
 - Religion is an integral part of culture.
 - In order to understand cultures, you must understand their religion.
- Religion can be seen in every culture's:
 - Morals, Attitudes and Political Beliefs,
 - Arts and Literature,
 - Traditions, Rituals, and more
- Religions create Moral and Behavioral Systems
 - Societal standards of right and wrong.
 - Often predate governments.
 - These systems intimately affect all aspects of life.
- Religions establish societal attitudes like:
 - Taboos.
 - Importance of family.
 - Treatment and role of women.
 - And more...
- Religions influence government and politics.
 - Theocracies.
 - Legal Codes.
 - Political Issues.
- Religion influences literature
 - Understanding religion is key to understanding:
 - Literary symbolism and imagery.
 - Religious and mythical references.
- Many cultures' art is religion-oriented.
 - Religious imagery and subjects are ubiquitous in art.
 - Religious knowledge enhances meaning of symbolism.
- Religion plays huge role in many traditions.
 - Many holidays have religious origins.
 - Same is true for many rites of passage and daily activities.
- Religious rituals and ceremonies permeate culture.
 - Group rituals: Worship services, prayer, etc.
 - Personal rituals: Meditation, personal prayer, etc.
- Religion has a visible impact on a culture's landscape.
 - Places of worship
 - Shrines
 - Sacred Places