

Introduction

“What happens to us when we die? Why are we here? What is the purpose to life? Indeed, humans across times and across lands have sought answers to these questions and many more that did deep a the very essence of life and existence. In part, ,mythologies, religions and philosophies have developed and grown around these consequential unknowns. I believe this is what has always fascinated me about religions of the present and mythologies and spiritual beliefs of the past. **In this short essay, I investigate two great religions of today practiced by millions. Although Judaism and Hinduism differ in both large and small ways, both attempt to make clear our purpose and goals in this world and beyond.**”

Grab attention

Set the tone and setting (why this important, worth reading)

Introduce main purpose or topic (what the reader will read, learn, find out)

Give a “tease”

Conclusion

In conclusion, Judaism and Hinduism are extremely different world religions. One is made up of thousands of Gods, the other one. One is today practiced by a relatively few, another by hundreds of millions. They differ in age, from far distant lands and cultures. However, I have found some important similarities nonetheless. According to both religions, the purpose of our lives is clear: give, love, learn, forgive...ultimately we are here to live as good a life as possible. For both, the next step beyond life is tied to our “goodness”. Whether we are reborn to a better life or go to heaven, our salvation depends on the life we live. Even the concept of “karma” seems directly connected to the concept of the “golden rule”. Religions give comfort, and clarity to our stressful, difficult and sometimes unfair lives. In this, I see a strong connection that binds us all.

Restate and Frame

Give thoughts, deeper insights, make connections, find distinctions

Leave the reader with something to ponder, think about, question