

# **Tribunal – Last Vestige of Hope**

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## Preface

There are three major monotheistic religions, all being based on the faith of Abraham - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Each religion believes that their tenants and practices are what God truly desires. Each religion distinguishes themselves from all other religions, particularly from non-believers in God. Each religion professes to know and do God's will.

A Jew is a Jew, a Christian is a Christian, and a Muslim is a Muslim. Yet each religion has sects and denominations that are fundamentally at odds with one another. Each religion professes to believe in peace, yet each religion is extremely self-absorbed, arrogant, stubborn, xenophobic, and at times belligerent. Not one of them is guiltless or righteous concerning making peace.

There are innocent people dying even as you read these words. The murderers hide behind an ill-conceived veil of falsehood and treachery, subtlety imitating the right hand of God while serving absolute evil. Attempting to justify their own human greed and ambition, the quest for land and resources, power and domination, somehow as God's own will for all mankind. Evil always has a human face. Let it not be mine or yours.

It is time for making peace. Although we do not ignore the voices of Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad, neither can we ignore the voices of the rest of humanity. Each person has a voice, each person is equal in God's sight, each person has a right to be who they are and believe what they will, and each person is at first your friend unless you make them your enemy.

A tribunal is necessary in order to have peace. All three religions must embrace common truths, put aside their differences, and agree to come

together to make a lasting peace. The time to act is now. To not act is to be complicit in the evil.

## **Tribunal - Proposal for Peace**

The religious leaders of Jerusalem will meet in Jerusalem and agree to no longer kill or murder in the name of God. This meeting will be broadcast live around the world. Religious leaders will then teach their followers to adhere to this agreement not only in Jerusalem but around the world.

Subsequent meetings may follow focusing on tolerance for other peoples in the world who may not believe as they do, not attempting to impose their own religious beliefs on others, recognizing equal rights for all human beings to believe as they will, putting an end to terrorism, kidnapping and hostage taking, leading to enhanced trust and cooperation, an increase in worldwide tourism, and the sharing of our best cultural values.

Governments will be encouraged to uniformly support these agreements around the world, providing an adequate measure of safety for its citizens, legal immigrants, and foreign visitors.

May our children inherit a world of peace, without fear, and not know war.