

Religion in Modern World

Vocabulary:

Attend religious services- посещать богослужения

to approve of – одобрять что-либо

Active participation – активное участие

Pious-набожный

Established church= official

Typical OF

To be from the higher rank of society – принадлежать к высшему обществу

To condemn the widening gap between rich and poor – осуждать увеличивающийся разрыв между бедными и богатыми

To speak out against= to be outspoken

Congregation- паства, приход

Clergy- духовенство

To convert (Priests converted many people to Christianity)- обращать

Adherent- приверженец

To cause controversy – вызывать споры, разногласия

Moral and spiritual guidance – нравственное и духовное руководство

Marginal status

to maintain a greater cohesiveness and uniformity- поддерживать большую согласованность и единство

Promiscuity (promiscuous)- распущенность

Obscenity(obsure) - непристойность

To relax (tighten) rules – ослаблять и ожесточать правила

An austere life of hard work and self-sacrifice -аскетическая жизнь полная тяжелой работы и самопожертвования

The pursuit of pleasure – погоня за удовольствием

To regard simplicity and individual prayer as more important than elaborate public ceremony – считать простоту и личную молитву более важными чем сложные общественные церемонии

Dislike of worldly pleasure- неприязнь к мирским удовольствиям

Racial minorities – расовые меньшинства

Muslim community – мусульманская община

Racial discrimination – расовая дискриминация

Absolute commitment – абсолютная приверженность

Religious terrorism – религиозный терроризм

Suicide terrorism

to attempt suicide — совершить попытку самоубийства

to commit suicide — покончить с собой

suicide bomber – террорист смертник

Religious motivation – религиозная мотивация

Questions:

Is religion important to you/generally to all people in modern world?

What is the main religion in your country?

Why do you think religion is important in our lives?
What countries do you think have religious freedom?
Have you ever been persecuted because of your religion?
Do you know someone who has gone to war for their religion?
Do you think that the goal of religion has changed in recent times? And what is the main goal of religion?
Do you think it is possible each person should have moral and spiritual guidance?
What is more important to a person: simplicity and individual prayer or elaborate public ceremony?
What is your attitude to rapid growth of the number of Muslim adherents?
Do you think that the problem of religious terrorism is one of the most crying one?
How can we deal with it?

Sayings:

1 *The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.* (Plaine) Земля - моя Родина, все люди - мои братья, а добрые дела - моя религия.

2 *Many have quarreled about religion that never practiced it.* (Franklin) Часто из-за религии ссорились те, кто никогда не был верующим.

3 *All religions must be tolerated, for every man must get to heaven in his own way.* (Frederick II (the Great))
Ко всем религиям надо относиться терпимо, ибо каждый человек должен попасть на небо своим путем.

4 *All religions are founded on the fear of the many and the cleverness of the few.* (Stendal) Все религии основаны на страхе многих и ловкости нескольких.