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Religious Perspectives - Judaism

What is the common thread between the different faiths?

“I think each of the religious traditions represented here and perhaps others that you’ll study in the course of your work here at DEOMI, they all try to address at least two aspects of the human being. Each in their own way whether it be from a cultural orientation or from its own religious perspective. Those are that human beings have a spiritual faculty, which in our materialistic world it gets submerged somewhat. But it’s there. And every human being has a spiritual self and sometimes it gets more activated and each of these religious traditions attempts to address that, cultivate that, grow that, serve that, nurture that.

And also, each, in its own style, each of these religious traditions tried to address that part of the human being it also has a certain moral sensibility. That human beings may not have an innate, inborn sense of right and wrong but everyone wants, in their own way and their own understanding, basically to try and do the right thing. And to come back with what you’re doing here, things that we think are wrong or destructive. And for all of the diversity here, each of these religious traditions I think addresses at the very least, those two aspects of the human being.”

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