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Religious Perspectives - Judaism

Is there a mandate in your faith to share your faith in order to win converts?

“Judaism does not proselytize. You will not find a single mandate either in the Bible or the Rabbinic tradition that says, ‘go make the whole world Jews.’ Our self impression has always been that we’ve been a tiny minority people. We say, ‘this is the way we do it.’ We have great respect for other religious traditions. I mentioned earlier that both Christianity and Islam, and in the Biblical periods some aspects of paganism, not necessarily the religion but some of their organization, some of the calendar definitely impacted Biblical Israel. We’ve never set out to make the rest of the world adherence to Judaism. As long as some person has a spiritual path and a moral compass we respect that.”

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