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Religious Perspectives – Roman Catholicism

What is the common thread between the different faiths?

“I would like to third [be the third person to validate] the morality piece. A morality that how we live does make a difference. And it’s not just based though on our own caprice so I think I’ll do the right thing because I want to, but it’s based on something beyond ourselves. And for the monotheistic religions it would say it’s based on our relationship with, as Rabbi Margolis said, a covenant, a contract we have with our god. So it does make a difference how we live and I’m also hearing that within Buddhism that, I mean doing meditation and personal reflection is not sufficient if we are not living morally.

The other piece I was hearing is that we are not in this alone. We all have this desire that there’s more to life. Especially when we come up to the limitations of this live we know there needs to be more but we don’t need to face that reality alone. That there’s community, that we can travel together as spiritual seekers and we can support each other in that.”

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