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**Religious Perspectives - Wicca**

**What is the common thread between the different faiths?**

“I have to agree with just about everybody on the panel. I think that the common thread here is that we try to live our lives doing the best than we can for ourselves and our neighbors. It’s a fact of life that war’s been going on for a millennium. And we do have to take lives. My son-in-law being a twenty-year veteran in the Air Force and now a cop and his wife, my daughter, being Wiccan its, she’s also prior military Air Force as well. It’s difficult in the position of a soldier that has to take a life in order to protect not just himself or herself but to protect their country, their neighbors, their friends, their families.

The truth of the matter is, basically we try not to harm people in our daily life but war is inevitable a lot of times, it’s not something that can be avoided, it’s just the way life is. We just do the best that we can. And as everyone here said, try to connect to that spiritual deity that is within us and without, and try to look at everybody as human beings as imperfect as we are with a lot of love and a lot of trust. Thank you.”

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