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**Religion, Peace & Conflict**

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Reconciliation

For there to be lasting peace after a conflict the different sides need

to come together in a process of reconciliation. This process

attempts to resolve issues that led to conflict and bring about a

peace agreement.

Christian Arch-Bishop Desmond Tutu lead the

Truth and Reconciliation Commission after the abolition of Apartheid in South Africa. This process brought blacks and whites together to reconcile their differences after a long period of injustice and violence.

Justice

Justice is bringing about what is right and fair in situations that have been unjust. Many wars are fought to bring justice and to fight injustice.

Justice is often linked to equality because if people are not given the same opportunities this is seen as unfair. American Christian Pastor Martin Luther King fought injustice in the USA during the 1950s and 1960s during a time of Segregation of Blacks and Whites.

Peace

Peace is the absence of conflict. If we have peace, we can live in harmony and without fear. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights says everyone has a right to, ‘life, liberty and security of person’ (Article 3), without peace these are not possible.

Religious believers see peace as far more preferable than war. Jesus said, ‘Blessed are the Peacemakers’ (Matthew 5:9). The Quakers are a Christian group who are pacifists (believe war and violence are wrong). During war time the Quakers refused to take part in fighting, instead they worked as ambulance drivers and first-aiders.

Thich Nhat Hanh is a Vietnamese Buddhist Monk. He is a pioneer of

‘Engaged Buddhism’ which argues that, to achieve true inner peace,

Buddhists must to change the injustices in society. He combines

traditional Buddhist practice with non-violent protest. He protested

against the Vietnam War and helped Vietnamese refugees escape the

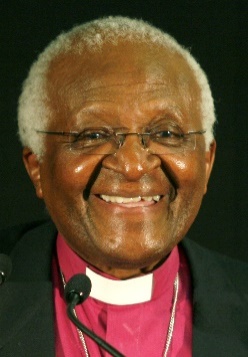
violence.

Conflict

Conflict is disagreement. There is conflict before war starts, armed conflict is the actual war. Groups such as the United Nations (UN) try to help countries and groups in conflict resolve issues before war breaks out and try to bring about peaceful solutions to end war. The civil war in Rwanda ended with a UN brokered peace agreement, however during the genocide that followed, the majority of UN forces left the country and did not help end the killing.

Religious believers often get involved in trying to prevent conflict. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Christian Pastor involved in a plot to kill Hitler. He did this in an attempt to end further bloodshed.

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Forgiveness

To move forward after conflict forgiveness is important. Forgiveness is accepting an apology and putting the wrong-doing behind us.

Forgiveness is a central teaching is Christianity, Jesus answered Peter’s question; "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" by saying; "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (*Matthew 18:21-22)*

A lot of work continues to be done in Rwanda by various organisations such as ‘Never Again Rwanda’, to bring perpetrators and victims together in the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.



**Things to do…**

**Complete a table giving an explanation of the key terms, examples and people and/or organisations involved in each area.**

**The Religious bit…**



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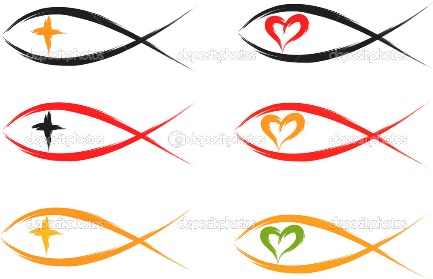
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**Match the quotations…**

**In your exercise book note down each of the quotations and match them up to the key terms. Make sure you note down which religion each quotation comes from.**

**Also…**

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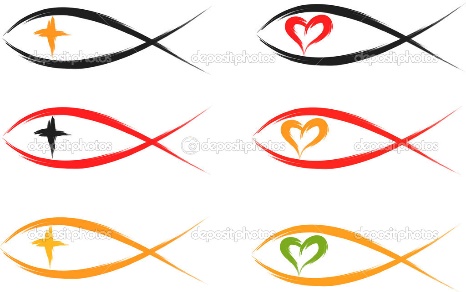
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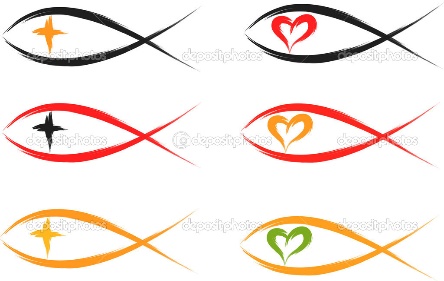
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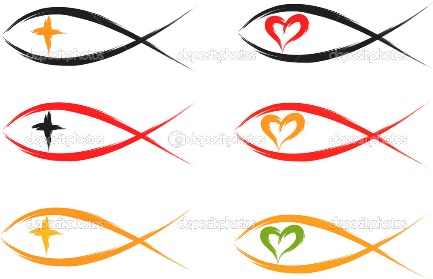


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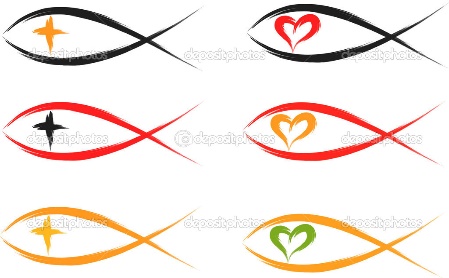
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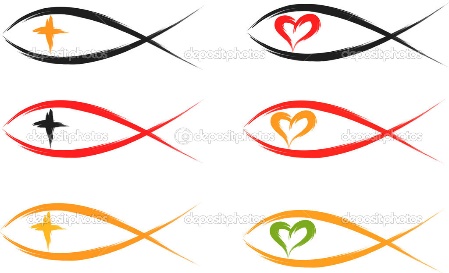
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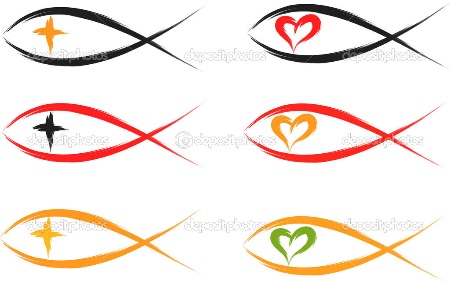
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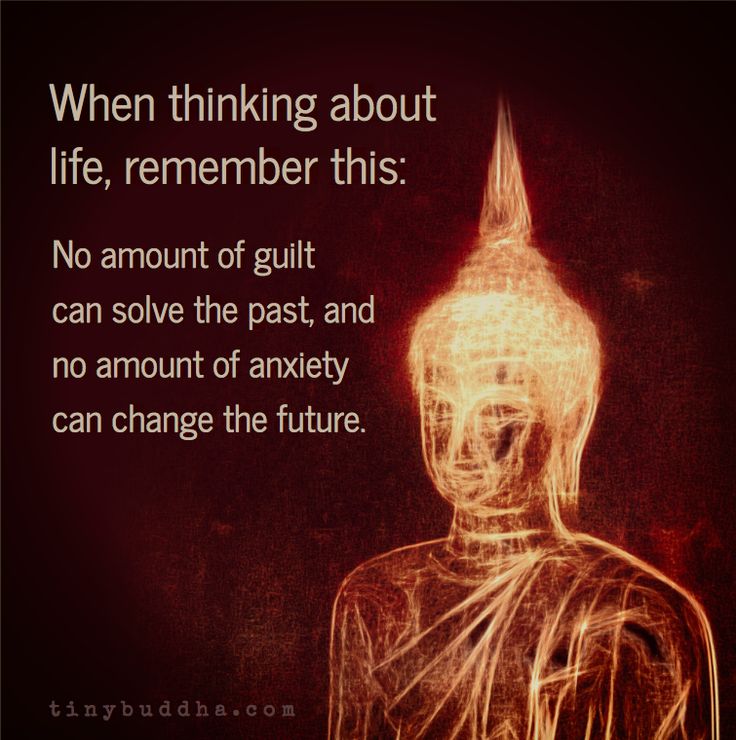
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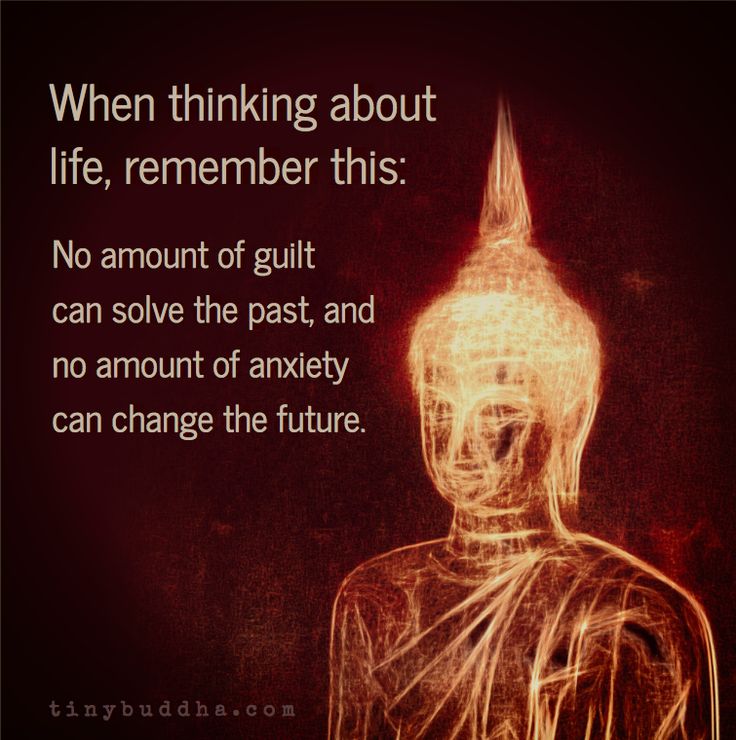
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