COEXIST

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INTRODUCTION

- Just because you call its tail a leg, didn't make it a leg. You see, it matters what we call things.
- All of these belief systems, all of these faiths should coexist. Coexist in the sense that they're all equal.
- But what's the Christian's view? What's God's view of this? Should we coexist?

1 Different Faiths Cannot Coexist

John 17:14–17; Romans 3:1–4; 1 Kings 13:9–24

- Different truths cannot coexist. There is one objective truth.
- Just because someone doesn't like it does not diminish the truthfulness of that truth.
- Indeed, let God be true and let every man be found a liar.
- Truth has not been altered one whit because we refuse to believe in it.
- You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.
- These truths, these faiths, whatever you want to call them, cannot coexist. There is one. Don't believe the lie.

2 We Should Peaceably Coexist With All

Matthew 7:12; Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:17–18

- Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them. For this is the law and the prophets.
- Truth has not changed based upon my zip code or address, has it. There's still one objective standard of truth.
- Though I differ with every one of my neighbors, I won't spray graffiti on their house.
- Love your enemies. Bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.
- If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
- I have the responsibility as a disciple of his, as a child of his, to defend and support that truth.

3 Speaking the Truth in Love

Ephesians 4:11–15

- It is my responsibility to practice love when no one else does.
- Till we all come to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God.
- That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the trickery of men.
- But speaking the truth in love may grow up in all things into him who is the head.

THE CHALLENGE

Never compromising, never compromising the truth in the slightest, but never compromising our love at the same time.

MY NOTES