

Spirituality is much wider than any particular religion, and in the larger ideas of it that are now coming on us even the greatest religion becomes no more than a broad sect or branch of the one universal religion, by which we shall understand in the future man's seeking for the eternal, the divine, the greater self, the source of unity and his attempt to arrive at some equation, some increasing approximation of the values of human life with the eternal and the divine values. ~ Sri Aurobindo

Universalism in its primary meaning refers to religious, ethical, theological, and other philosophical concepts with universal application or applicability. Religious or social alliances, communities or churches which call themselves Universalist often emphasize the universal principles of most religions and accept many aspects of other religions in an eclectic and inclusive manner, believing in a universal reconciliation between humanity and the divine.

See also:

Christian Universalism

Unitarian Universalism

Quotes

- **Given that only the religion of pervasive kenosis can be truly universal, no single historical individual can exhaust its fullness by virtue of his redemptive acts, and no religious institution can grasp and articulate its meaning by means of dogmatic or doctrinal teachings.** In the last resort, it is in the name of religious universalism that Simone Weil calls for a reversion of historical Christianity to its origins as a religion of kenosis.
 - J. Edgar Bauer, in "Simone Weil: Kenotic Thought and "Sainteté Nouvelle" in The 2002 CESNUR International Conference : Minority Religions, Social Change, and Freedom of Conscience (June 2002)
- **In reality there are as many religions as there are individuals.**
 - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, in *Hind Swaraj* (1908)
- **After long study and experience, I have come to the conclusion that [1] all religions are true; [2] all religions have some error in them; [3] all religions are almost as dear to me as my own Hinduism, in as much as all human beings should be as dear to one as one's own close relatives.** My own veneration for other faiths is the same as that for my own faith; therefore no thought of conversion is possible.
 - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, in *All Men Are Brothers: Life and Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi as told in his own words* (1958) edited by UNESCO, p 60.)
- **Religions are different roads converging to the same point.** What does it matter that we take different road, so long as we reach the same goal. Wherein is the cause for quarreling?
 - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, speaking of the conflict between Muslims and Hindus, in *Hind Swaraj, Or Indian Home Rule* (1946), p. 36
- Every truth—if it really is truth—presents itself as universal, even if it is not the whole truth. If something is true, then it must be true for all people and at all times.
 - Pope John Paul II, *Encyclical Fides et Ratio*, Chapter 27, 14 September 1998