

Paper X

World Religions

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- To have a scientific study of the various features of the different religions of the world.
- To Emphasis, religions of the world is nothing but the different ways, suited to the cultural environments of different people, leading to the same goal.

Unit 1

- a) Definition, Nature and aims of Religion
- b) Salient features of Hinduism.

Unit 2

Zoroastrianism

Zoroastrianism as a religion – Basic Features of Zoroastrianism – Ethics and Ways of Prayer – Sects

Unit 3

Christianity

Development of Christianity from Judaism – Christianity as a religion – Evil and Suffering – Life after Death – Ethics

Unit 4

Islam

Basic Features – God – World – Man – Islamic discipline – Sects

Unit 5

Sikhism

Characteristics of Sikhism – God – World – Man – Ultimate destiny – The Sikh discipline

Books for Study: (Relevant Chapters only)

1. Kedar Nath Tiwari, Comparative Religion,
2. A.C.Bouquet, Comparative Religion
3. R.S.Srivatsava, Comparative Religion
4. Parinder, Comparative Religion