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# Righteous Humour

## ***IS THERE A PLACE FOR HUMOUR AND LAUGHTER IN RELIGION?***

*Is there a place for humour and laughter when it comes to Religion? Can one be a devout follower of Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, and still have a sense of humour? Is humour holy? Are the Simpsons good Christian role models?*

These questions and many more are answered in the entertaining and informative documentary ***Righteous Humour***.

Over a one year period, interviews were conducted with leaders of major faith groups to get their take on the role that humour plays in their religion. Stereotypes are destroyed, and valuable insights are revealed. Exclusive interviews with up and coming comedians who incorporate religion into their acts, are beautifully juxtaposed. One Muslim comedian is very candid with the response to his act and his concerns. A Jewish comedian talks about being Jewish and his special Jewish comedy nights, as well as the way he handled a heckler who attempts to make a vicious anti-semitic joke. Another Jewish comedian who has a Muslim wife discusses how he incorporates their situation into his act, and the responses he gets.

***Righteous Humour*** examines the role of religion and humour and how it is used on radio, in newspapers, film, television, and advertising. The message reverberates throughout the documentary: our similarities are far greater than our differences and it's vital to remember how important humour and laughter are in all sectors.

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