





# Dialogue is not ....

### Not Syncretism

Blending/mixing religions

### Not Compromise

- Giving up essential parts of your own religion
- Retain your integrity
- Won't agree on everything; respect the other

# Dialogue is not ....

### Ecumenism

- Ecumenism refers to the movement towards religious *unity* amongst Christian denominations e.g. Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Pentecostal ....
- Interfaith dialogue is a process that seeks to achieve respect and mutual *understanding* and *cooperation* between people of different religions e.g. Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Baha'i, Sikhism ....

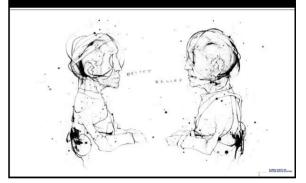
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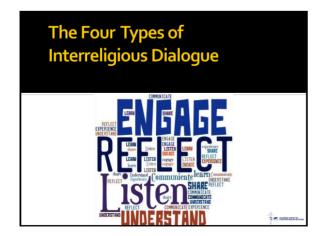
Interreligious dialogue is a meeting of people of differing religions, in an atmosphere of freedom and openness, in order to listen to the other, to try to understand that person's religion, and hopefully to seek possibilities of collaboration. It is hoped that the other partner will reciprocate, because dialogue should be marked by a twoway and not a one-way movement. Reciprocity is in the nature of dialogue. There is give and take. Dialogue implies both receptivity and active communication.



Cardinal Francis Arinze, Meeting Other Believers: The Risks and Rewards of Interreligious Dialogue (Leominster, Herefordshire: Gracewing – Fowler Wright Books, 1997), 5.

### "I – Thou" Meeting of Persons





# Four Kinds of Interfaith Dialogue

Life

Head

- The dialogue of life
- The dialogue of action Hands
- The dialogue of theological discourse
- The dialogue of religious experience







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### GOALS OF MWA

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- Islamic, Qur'an, English
- Classes Multicultural Family Homelessness Support
- Service Refuge for Victims of
- Refuge for Victims of Domestic Violence Services to newly arrived migrants and refugees Hair and Beauty, Floristry,
- Sewing Courses Youth Intensive on Social

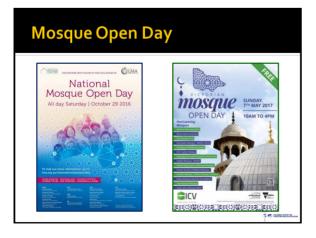
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# Abraham Conference 2017



- Sunday
- 16 July 2017
- Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall
- 2.00 6-00pm
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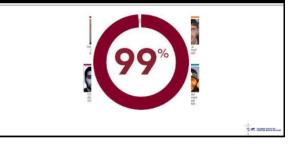


# Greetings on Feast Day





### Not all Muslims are Terrorists, but ALL terrorists are Muslims!!! .... except for the 99% that aren't!!!!



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# Statistics on Terrorism in the USA, 2011 - 2013

- According to the "Muslim-American Terrorism in 2013" study conducted by the University of North Carolina:
   "Since 9/11, "Muslim" [sict]-American terrorism has claimed 37 lives in the United States."
- During this same period, there were 190,000 murders.
- In other words, 'Muslim' killings account for less than o.oo2 percent of the 190,000 murders during this period.

http://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2015/12/175512/fbi-says-94-of-terrorist-attacks-in-the-ussince-1980-are-by-non-muslims-2/

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### Statistics on Terrorism in Australia, 1978 - 2014

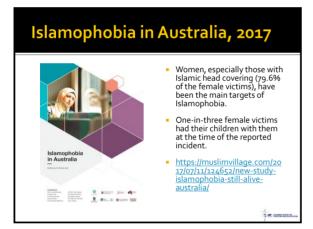
- In the 36 years between 1978 and 2014, 113 people died from terrorism,
- but this year alone 730 will die from domestic violence—i.e. on average two women each week
- and around 2,500 people will take their own lives.

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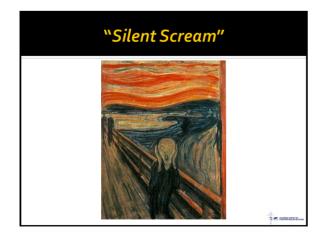
### **Media Reporting**

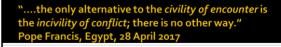
 We examined news coverage from LexisNexis Academic and CNN.com for all terrorist attacks in the United States between 2011 and 2015. Controlling for target type, fatalities, and being arrested, attacks by Muslim perpetrators received, on average, 449% more coverage than other attacks.

Kearns, Erin M. and Betus, Allison and Lemieux, Anthony, Why Do Some Terrorist Attacks Receive More Media Attention Than Others? (March 5, 2017). Available at SSRN: https://srn.com/abstract-exa81a8



# Stamphobia Of the perpetrators, 98% were identified by those who reported it as ethnically Anglo-Celtic. Perpetrators were three times more likely to be male. While lone males were more likely to be the perpetrator, lone Muslim women tended to be the victims. After verbal threats and assaults, physical harassment was the second highest category of incidents (29.6%). Most reported physical assaults occurred in New South Wales (60%) and Victoria (26.7%). Further, nobody intervened in 75% of the reported incidents, even though half the incidents occurred in cowded public places.





Religion .... has an intrinsic vocation to promote peace, today perhaps more than ever. Without giving in to forms of facile syncretism, our task is that of praying for one another, imploring from God the gift of peace, encountering one another, engaging in dialogue and promoting harmony in the spirit of cooperation and friendship. .... what is needed today are peacemakers, not makers of arms; what is needed are peacemakers, and not fomenters of conflict; firefighters and not arsonists; preachers of reconciliation and not instigators of destruction.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/april/doc uments/papa-francesco\_20170428\_egitto-conferenza-pace.html









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