

## Other Faiths and Their Relationship to Paganism

### Class Discussion Agenda Items

There are two ways to interpret this class: How other religions affect Paganism, and How other religious traditions incorporate Pagan practices into their beliefs. In this class we will do both.

#### **How has Paganism influenced other religions?**

- Christian
  - o The “Christ Myth”
  - o Holidays
  - o Christian liturgy incorporation of many pagan elements
- Islam
- Judaism

#### **How do other religious traditions affect Paganism?**

- The Christian View
- The Islam View
- Native and Indigenous Religions

#### Discussion Topics

How does this relate to our “closet”? How can you come out to your relatives, or is it better to stay in the closet? How do soldiers and others working the Middle East deal with their beliefs (it can become a problem when written on various documents you have to put in for visas)

Government recognition of Paganism - There have been many different cases, witches asking to participate in opening prayers for government groups, to banning of certain wear at schools, to our most recent pentacle debate. What do people think of such things? Are they discriminatory? Is this a debate that needs to be had in the Pagan community?

#### **Rainbow Meditation**