## Christian Charity- A model for Theistic Religions to Extend Universal Brotherhood

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## Aim and Objectives of the Research

This paper identifies the significance of the Christian concept and practice of charity and its possibility to be taken as an ideal to reform ideological beliefs to make religions more accommodating.

Religious conflicts have become a global phenomenon and are one of the major real deterrence to the human progress in some parts of the world. The attempts by means of inter-religious dialogues are been made by the purce seeking intellectuals to enhance religious harmony and to avoid possible future conflicts in malty religious societies. This paper will show that acceptance of pluralism of religions with mutual respect is a sustaining solution for religious tolerance. Charity or altruism in such a context has been recognized to be one of the best means to win the hearts of the faithful of other religions. It will further observe how Christianity, the most dominant theistic religions in the world, has promoted charity throughout its history and to convey an idea that Christian altruism can be taken a model for other theistic religions for effective reforms within them in order to be less opposing to other religions. First, the paper will show the nature of religious absolutism and the challenge the world has before it to overcome it. Second, it will show the significance of Christian charity in its history. And last, the paper will focus on less ripened nature of charity as

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