

# Parallels Across Religious Mysticism: Introduction

Welcome to this comparison of concepts across world religious mysticism, occurring under different names and in different forms. These concepts within world religions and the parallels between them have been a lifelong interest, and I have periodically returned to this chart over many years, playing with it and refining it.

I am mainly an amateur of the subject: that is, one who pursues a thing for love rather than gain, and who is consequently able to be more wide-ranging than a conscientious professional. Though it has not been my sole focus, forms of this material have been included in the my university and workshop curricula.

Many spiritual paths--including Sikhism, Jainism, Baha'i Faith, and the enormous depth and variety of worldviews followed by Indigenous people worldwide--are omitted due to lack of space or knowledge, rather than from any lack of respect.

The Golden Rule, which occurs in some form in most world religions, is often the only example cited by well-meaning people trying to heal and unite. This chart offers a window into the many, many further correspondances. *Ya Fattah, ya Jami!* Oh, Opener, please open our hearts and minds. Oh Gatherer, please bring us together!