

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for “Reflections on Nonviolence”

1. What, if anything, did you learn from this resource? Did anything surprise you?
2. Each of the religions quoted in the resource considers nonviolence and trying to solve problems through peaceful methods. Based on these quotes, do you think the religions’ approaches are similar? How are they different?
 - a. Does the concept of nonviolence resonate for you? In what ways?
 - b. Do you think nonviolence is practical, impractical or mixed? Why?
 - c. Of the various approaches reflected by the different traditions, can you identify one with which you agree most? Which one and why?
3. Consider the concepts of *nonviolence* and *pacifism*.
 - a. How do you understand them and how are they different?
 - b. Which excerpts from the religious texts mentioned in the resource express pacifism?
 - c. Which excerpts from the religious texts mentioned in the resource express nonviolence?
 - d. Are there varying definitions among different resources on the meanings of pacifism and nonviolence?
4. Review the profiles of Tanenbaum’s *Peacemakers in Action* on the Tanenbaum website.
 - a. What can you learn about practicing nonviolence from their actions?
 - b. Do you view any of them as pacifists? Why or why not?
5. Do you try to enact nonviolence in your life? Describe a time you successfully resolved a conflict nonviolently.
6. Do you think nonviolence is a viable path in the modern world? Why or why not?