

# Answers!

Lesson #11

Question #21: **Is religion the cause of most wars?**

Answer: **Absolutely not.**

*Explanation:*

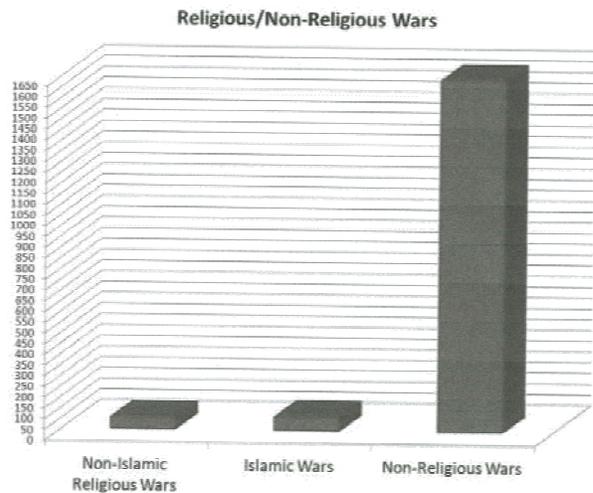
In their 2008 "Encyclopedia of Wars", Charles Phillips and Alan Axelrod document the history of all recorded human warfare known to man in this three-volume set. Of the 1,763 wars they chronicle, they categorize 123 as being religious in nature. That's 6.98% of all wars.

Of these 123 religious wars, 66 were started by Islam. The remaining 57 were started by non-Muslim religions. Those would include the Crusades, The Thirty Years' War, The Inquisition, etc. All faiths combined (minus Islam) have caused 3.23% of humanity's total wars and violent conflicts.

Most wars were started for conquests, contentions, covetousness or Communism (or similar philosophies like socialism, imperialism, Nazism, Fascism, Humanism, evolution, etc.) - not religion.

## Non-Religious Dictators and Lives Lost Under Their Regimes:

- Joseph Stalin - 42,627,000
- Mao Zedong - 37,828,000
- Adolf Hitler - 20,946,000
- Chiang Kai-shek - 10,214,000
- Vladimir Lenin - 4,017,000
- Hideki Tojo - 3,990,000
- Pol Pot - 2,397,000



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Question #22: **Is our "Holy Day" Saturday or Sunday?**

Answer: **Sunday, but every day can be holy.**

*Explanations:*

1. There is nothing wrong with gathering with God's people daily. **Acts 5:42**, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (See also **Acts 2:46,47**.)
2. The Sabbath was a very special Saturday, and sign for Israel. **Exodus 31:13,17**, "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.... It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed."
3. The last time the Sabbath was practiced was in **Acts 18:4**, "And he [Paul] reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Two verses later, in **Acts 18:5-6**, Paul, frustrated with the hardness of Jewish hearts, turned his ministry to the Gentiles.
4. Two chapters later we read this about a Sunday meeting - **Acts 20:7**, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." The first day is Sunday. We give God the first day of the week just as we should give God the first of everything. The doctrine about this is taught in **I Corinthians 16:1,2**. Therefore Sunday is the Lord's Day. See **Revelation 1:10**. The Sabbath is for Israel. Sunday is our commemoration of the greatest day ever - The Resurrection of Christ.
5. Do not let anyone judge you about these things - See **Colossians 2:16**.
6. Do not be contentious about these things - See **Romans 14:5**.
7. Be among those who gather for Holy Day - See **Psalm 42:4**; **Luke 4:16**; and **Acts 17:2**.

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