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Have you ever heard of the Health and Wealth Gospel? It is faith in Christ that has been around a



The Ethics of Wealth

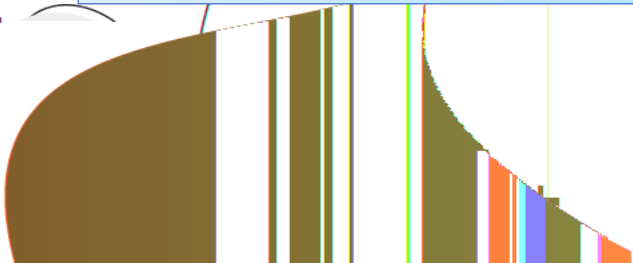
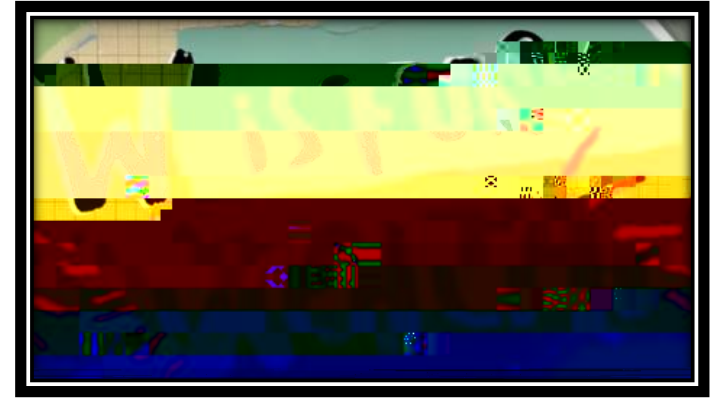
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Religious Perspectives of Wealth

1. Jesus said that 'it is easier for a camel ...
2. Sikhs are only allowed wealth if it is used...
3. Hindus should know that what really matters: love, happiness, goodness...
4. The Buddha warned that not even a shower of cash can...
5. Muslims believe in Zakat, giving away...



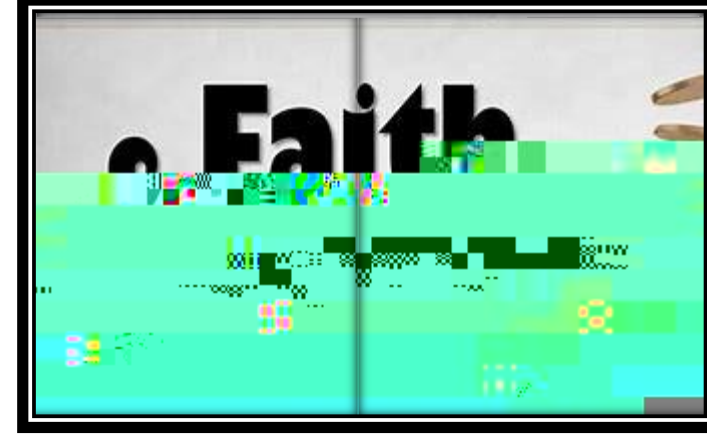
Answers



1. Jesus said 'it is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than for a rich

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The religion of millionaires



More than two-thirds of the world's millionaires are affiliated with a religion. Of the 13.1 million millionaires in the world:

56.2% are Christian

6.5% are Muslim

3.9% are Hindu

1.7% are Jewish

Given that money has been at the centre of human society for 5,000 years, it's no surprise that all the major religions have a lot to say about it.

No religion today actively encourages wealth.

However, it's difficult to associate religion with wealth. After all, religions are supposed to be all about faith and spirituality. But religion is much like any other organisation. Religion has leadership, it has income and expenses.

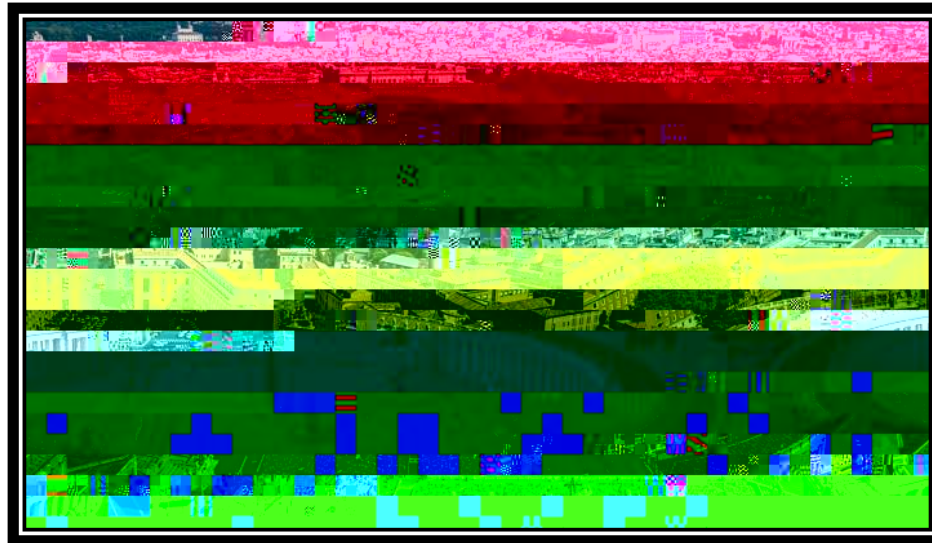
If you look around you will see there are a lot of very wealthy religions/religious believers.

Are wealthy religious people hypocrites?



How much is the Vatican worth?

Receives donations by Catholics from around the world



Collects revenue through admissions to its museums, tours, and highly sought-after stamps and coins

- Invests in companies and artefacts

Church of Scientology

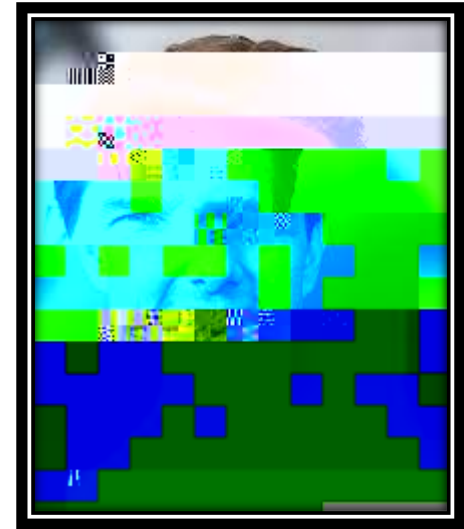




Famous Scientologist

Prominent Scientologist Tom Cruise joined the Church of Scientology not long after his father died in 1984.

Cruise believes



Do you think Tom Cruise can still
so wealthy?

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faith and continue to uphold this
image?

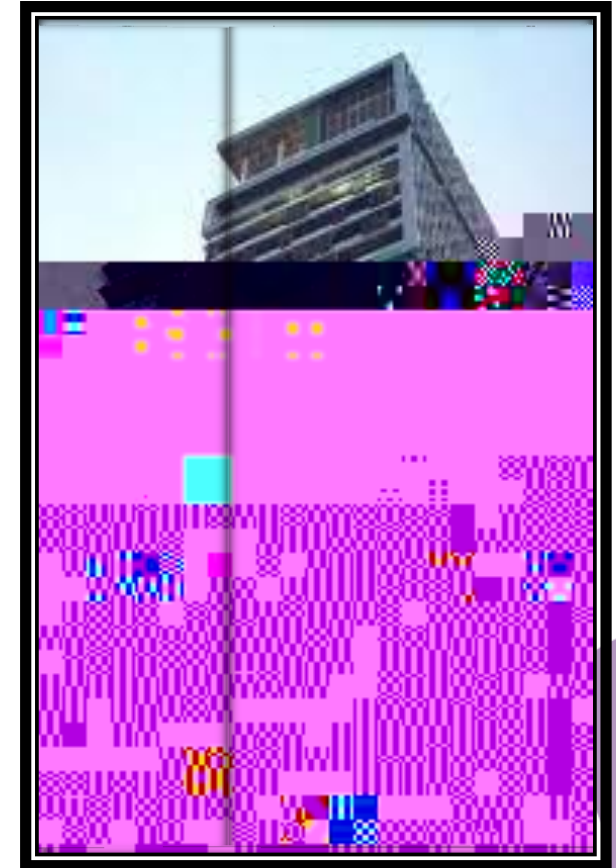


Antilia

Antilia is the second most expensive house in the world and is worth about £1.5 billion.

It has a snow room, six floor car parking, three rooftop helipads, nine elevators etc.

The owner of this house is Mukesh Ambani a practising Hindu and chairman of Reliance Industries Limited.



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You have today studied the ethics of wealth through:

Health and Wealth Gospel view

Some religious views about wealth

Religious millionaires

The Vatican

Church of Scientology

Antilia

'In God we trust'