

The "Coexist" bumper sticker is atheistic. It assumes the gods of the religions whose symbols it depicts do not exist in reality because if they all did exist, and because there are contradictions between the gods of different religions, there would be a contradiction in reality. Consequently, there would not be one truth but chaos, contradicting half-truths, and irrationality, which result from syncretism. Reality, however, is sensible and rational; modern science can attest to this. If there is no absolute truth or one single God governing the universe, then all religions' gods are only figments of their individual adherents' imaginations. That gods are whatever one wants them to be is Luther's Protestant idea that everyone is his own authority or even his own god, i.e., *sola fide* or "faith only" in any god(s) is all that matters. Since syncretism is contradictory, a parody of the "Coexist" bumper sticker could be

COEXIS † because there can be only one absolute truth, one true religion worshipping one real God, or

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It seems like everywhere you look these days while driving on the road – especially on college campuses – an odd-phrased bumper sticker with religious symbols spelling "COEXIST" can be seen. This phrase contains the spiritual ideologies of the major world religions.

Every letter in the "COEXIST" phrase has a symbol representing a religious system or spiritual ideology: "C" for the crescent and star (representing Islam); "O" being dotted with the Karma Wheel (Buddhism) "E" as energy in the relativity equation (Science); "X" illustrating the star of David (Judaism); the "I" representing the pentagram (Wicca/Pagan); "S" for the Tao symbol; and "T" for the cross for Christianity.

The goal of this movement is the promotion of a pluralistic and universal utopian worldview. At the heart of this movement is the abandonment of core absolutes and values (moral and spiritual.) This movement seeks to undermine personal beliefs and practices for the supposed "betterment" of world unification. Its most damnable feature, however, is the staunch rejection of the sovereignty and reality of Almighty God, His authoritative Word (the Bible), and His Savior to all fallen men, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 2:22-23). The chief Promoter of this godless ecumenical movement is the godless music industry and the pop icon Bono from the band U2. Hollywood and the fashion industry also promote this movement with an array of clothing products, gear and bumper stickers.

A phrase from the Coexist website states, "Coexist is a concept brand for everyone, connecting people and planet, together we symbolize life, love and global harmony."