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Topic: Rampant religious extremism in the world as manifestation of human nature.

Outline:

1. Introduction

Thesis statement: The world has witnessed many incidents of religious extremism as a consequence to man's innate tendencies. Some aspects of Human Nature, when left unchecked, can become destructive to anyone that comes in contact with it. These underlying destructive capabilities can be diminished by education and by realising that all men are equal.

2. How the humans are the underlying cause of religious extremism as witnessed by the past and the present

3. The untamed Human nature and how it manifests itself (6)

- a. **Selfishness:** Prioritizing one's own interests without regard for others
- b. **Aggression:** Hostile or violent behaviour toward others
- c. **Deception:** Dishonesty or misleading others for personal gain
- d. **Prejudice:** Holding biased views based on various dividing factors
- e. **Compassion:** Showing concern for the well-being of others and taking action to help
- f. **Altruism:** Selfless concern for the welfare of others and a willingness to act for their benefit

4. How man's inherent nature conditions him to display acts of Religious extremism (6)

- a. Extreme selfishness within a religious context can lead to exclusionary practices and intolerance
- b. Aggressive acts in the name of defending religious beliefs, when directed towards someone with different beliefs, can contribute to violence and extremism
- c. Deceptive practices often used to radicalize and manipulate individuals into supporting extremist ideologies
- d. Religious prejudice can contribute to the justification of discrimination or violence against perceived outsiders
- e. Excessive compassion for one's in-group may result in indifference or hostility toward those with different beliefs
- f. Selfless acts such as suicide bombing as protest against steps threatening one's religious community

5. Curtailing human nature to contain the outbreak of religious extremism

- a. Education to create awareness about the issue and spark compassion towards all human beings
- b. Interfaith dialogue to exchange ideas and learn how religious differences shouldn't divide us in other aspects of life
- c. Interfaith marriages to nullify the gap of understanding and create tolerance
- d. Open communities for better intermingling between various religious groups
- e. Proper nourishment and care during childhood to subdue any form of extremist behaviour

6. conclusion
