

Religion: An Opium of the people

1. Introduction;
2. Understanding Religion as an Opium: Marx's critique of Capitalism
3. How Religion is not an opium, but a source of strength for people:

- 3.1 Religion imparts meaning to life
- 3.2 It acts as a moral force
- 3.3 Reinforces the significance of common good
- 3.4 Acts as a stabilizing force
- 3.5 Religion encourages resistance to oppression
- 3.6 Plays its role as a cohesive tool
- 3.7 Guides across all spheres of existence
- 3.8 Answers the metaphysical complexities
- 3.9 Religion holds valuable historical lessons
- 3.10 Incentivizes the work for welfare

4. Why Religion is perceived as an opium by some:

4.1. Keeps masses in passive obedience of authority

Counter: Religion encourages only rightful authority founded on Justice

4.2 Leads to renouncement of this world in pursuit of hereafter

Counter: Religion gives utmost importance to this world as a foundation for hereafter

5. Conclusion