

The Role of Pilgrimage in Modern Religious Identity

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Abstract. This article examines how pilgrimage practices influence and shape modern religious identities across various faiths. By analyzing both historical and contemporary examples, the study highlights the transformative impact of pilgrimage on personal and communal levels. The research focuses on case studies from Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism, emphasizing the pilgrim's journey as a metaphor for spiritual growth and identity formation. The findings suggest that pilgrimage continues to play a vital role in religious life by fostering a sense of belonging and spiritual renewal among believers.

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Introduction

Pilgrimage has long been a significant aspect of religious traditions, serving as both a physical journey and a metaphor for spiritual exploration. This article explores the continuing relevance of pilgrimage in shaping modern religious identities. The research draws from a variety of sources, including historical texts, contemporary accounts, and interviews with pilgrims. By examining the experiences of pilgrims from different faiths, the study seeks to understand how these journeys influence personal beliefs and communal ties. The study also considers the impact of globalization on traditional pilgrimage practices.

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