

## WHAT HUMAN VALUES TEACHES ME THE RELIGION THAT I PROFESS express drilling

**Abstract:** The article presents an express examination of the opinion and estimates of first-year students of specialty "Social Activities" at Shumen University for what is their attitude towards their religion that preached answering a single question: „What human values teaches me the religion that i profess?“. The general conclusion, which is required by the presented empirical information is recorded: Professing Christianity and Islam profess the same universal values. The only thing that makes them different is the name by which it is known God among them. It throws very serious light on what in Bulgaria is called "ethnic-religious model" - people are united and live peacefully thanks to those common values that their religions preach.

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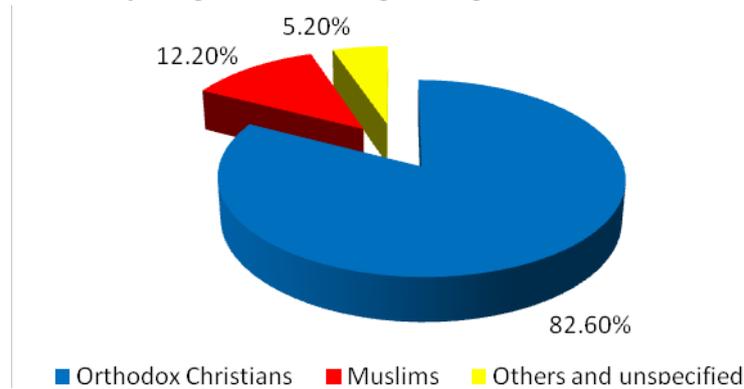
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**T**he religion is a cultural system of behavior and practices, world views, scriptures, holy places and ethics community that relate to humanity. As one anthropologist calls it "it is an order for existence" [1]. There are about 10,000 different religions around the world. Around 84% of the world's population is connected to one of the five major religions, namely Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism or other forms of folk religion. About 16% of the world's population is religious incoherently [2].

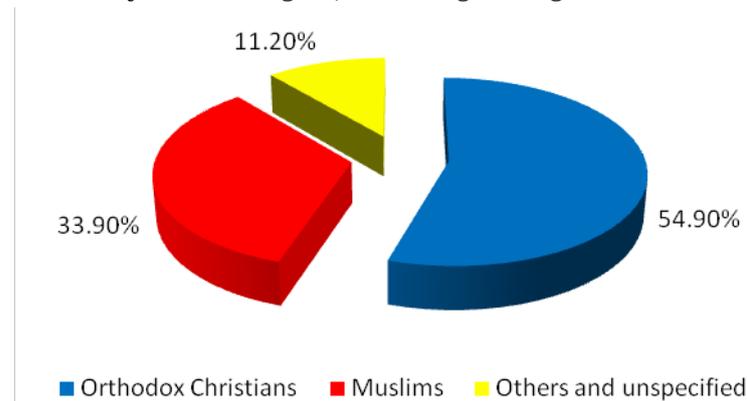
As a teacher of "Sociology" I decided after the lecture "Religion as a regulator of public life" to poll the opinions and estimates of first-year students of specialty "Social Activities" at *Shumen University for what is their attitude towards their religion that preached answering a single question: „What human values teaches me the religion that i profess?“*

My interest is prompted by the fact that the university is located in an area which is composed of mixed population, from time immemorial there is a peaceful and friendly coexistence between Bulgarians and those who identify themselves as Turks. My desire is to explain this highly important for our country phenomenon in religious values of this mixed population, which is associated with religions Christianity and Islam.

In Bulgaria, the census in 2010. the vast majority - 6,552,751 people (82.6%) is as ethnic Orthodox Christians; Muslims were identified - 966 978 people (12.2%). Others and unspecified were 5.2% [3], [4], [5] /Figure №1 /.

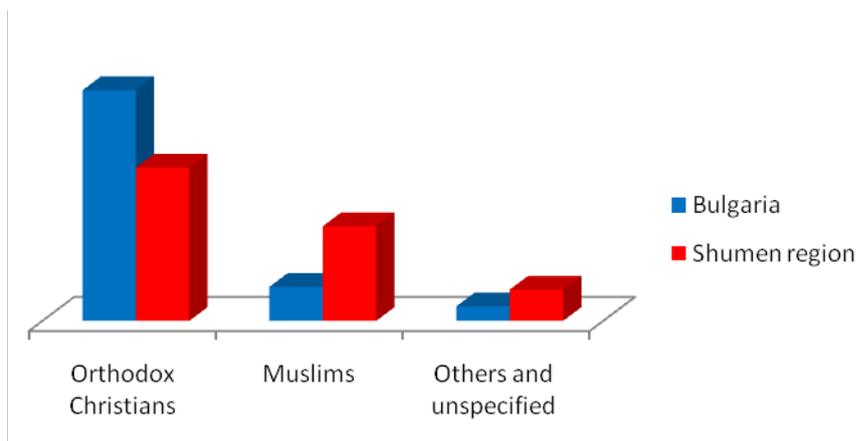
***Figure №1******Population distribution of Bulgaria, according to religion***

On the background of this national picture in Shumen region the situation with ethnicity is as follows [6]: Bulgarinas: 99,446 (59.21%), Turks: 50,878 (30.29%), Gypsies: 13,847 (8.24% ) Others: 3,781 (2.25%) [4]. In religion the population of the region is distributed as follows: 54.9% Orthodox Christians; Muslim 33.9%; Others and unspecified are - 11.2% [5], [6] /Figure №2/.

***Figure №2******Population distribution of Shumen region, according to religion***

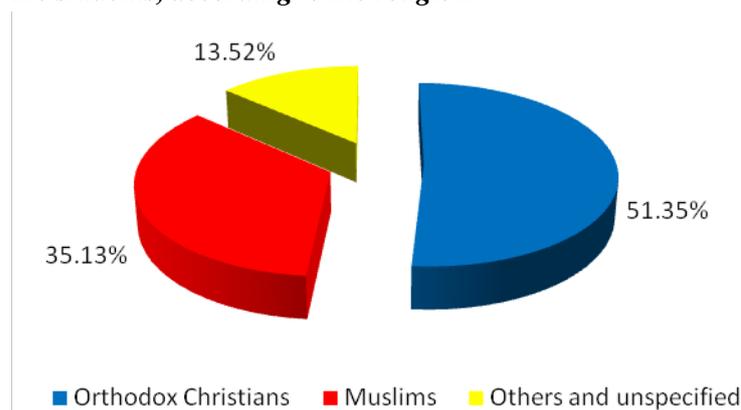
The comparison between representatives of different religions in Bulgaria and Shumen gives the following picture /Figure №3 /:

***Figure №3******Comparative data between religious denominations in the country and Shumen***



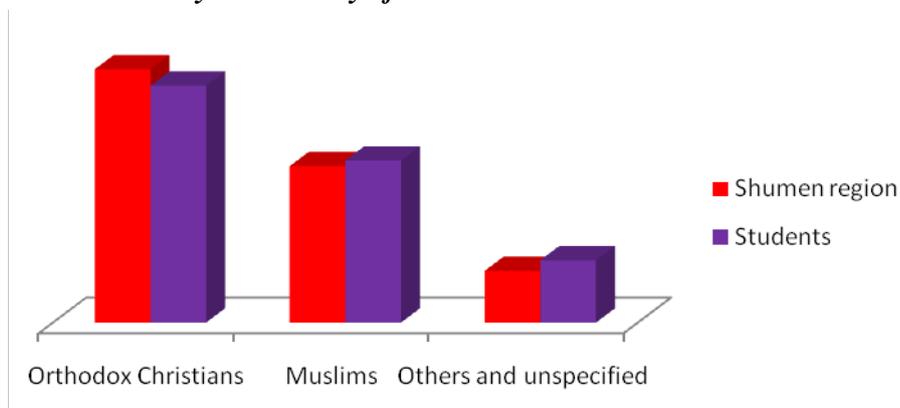
What is the situation in the formal organization - training course in Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen: training students - Christians 19 (51.35%); students - Muslim - 13 (35.13%) and students - atheists - 5 (13.52%) /Figure №4 /

**Figure №4**  
*Distribution of the students, according to the religion*



It turns out that course as polling sample is minimized image of religion in Shumen region since data almost coincide. This can be seen in the following Figure №5:

**Figure №5**  
*Comparative data between Religions in Shumen region and Religious Affairs in drilling course of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen*



*Below are presented the estimates and opinions of drilling students in question: „What human values teaches me the religion that i profess?“. They are united in a more general discourse to be able to capture and correlate better evaluations and attitudes of professing Islam and Christianity. Therefore registered empirical information is presented in parallel - to be better able to identify similarities and differences between the two groups of students of different faiths.*

<b><i>Professing Islam</i></b>	<b><i>Professing Christianity</i></b>
<p>Islam encourages people to do good. Thanks to it I believe that God created the earth, the sky and everything that exists. It says that for each work and all goodness that I've done will return much more - for example 1:10. I feel confident that he is always with me. I believe only in the presence around us both "melyaiketa" (angels), but other angels - keepers, guardians, etc. In the Qur'an there are many prayers - to cure mental disorders, suffering, fear, guilt. By reading prayers person is resting. I believe that Allah sees as mistakes and desire of man to fix it. Thus I manage to ignore your feelings of anger, hatred or desire for revenge. I believe he gives me signs by which directs me to a correct lifestyle. Religion they profess is that there are so-called "afterlife." I believe that death is not the end of our existence, but merely the completion of the worldly affairs of men. I also believe that there is a 'court' and then the angels speak for us. That is why I try to do good deeds, because one day when I die, I want the death to be a better place and eternal life to pass me in Paradise. Allah is the one who gave us life on earth, allowed us to feel everything around us. He feels and sees everything. Helping all in difficult moments. But if something does not occur as it should, it so decides. Teaches us not to do evil, but only good, not to lie, to be a good person in your life. That causes harm to others makes life hell. Islam teaches that all believers must give something of ourselves and not expect everything to come from Allah. In my religion is forbidden alcohol, tattooing, adultery and many other things, but I think this is not important, but we are good people with good hearts. Being merciful as a human so with animals. To wage war with him, literally, if we have sinned. The visit for each follower of Islam in the holy city is very important. Mecca get him closer to Allah. The religion teaches me to respect the dignity of all people in the world, regardless of their denomination. If Christians and Muslims unite the world will become a paradise in which will bloom all human virtues and people "will fly" like angels. Islam influences the culture of nations and individuals,</p>	<p>The religion is what unites us and makes us more humble. Gives spiritual strength to cope with the difficulties in life. It teaches to be good and to behave with people as we want to keep us and accept people as they are. If one observes the 10 Commandments person can not help but be kind and humble. People should be strictly observe them. All Christians should live by them. Everyone makes mistakes in their lives, but the important thing is to repent for them before God - he is merciful and would forgive everything if they repent truly and from the heart. In modern life God occupies less space than sredstvata media, for example. But it is love and good. Significant values that relies religion in people a love of family, respect for Christian holidays, peace of mind, justice and a strong belief in goodness. The religion makes us strong and united. Christianity is a religion that preaches equality and understanding between people. Believers in it are rewarded with resurrection after death. Christianity teaches understanding and equality between the people. It even learns to hand to someone in need; divide your bread with someone who is hungry; To tell the truth without being afraid of the consequences for what; do not steal because you can steal the most precious you. According to Christianity there is retribution - if you do something good - good they expected; if you do someone harm - it and you'll happen something evil, bad, ie everything you do will come back to the man like a boomerang: "The Lord delay but do not forget!". I do not believe strongly in heaven and hell, but I believe there is space where after the death of the physical body spirit "comes home". There he is free and only good. Christianity teaches me to honor my mother and father to protect his family Respect your neighbors, colleagues, friends, who always should count. I love their homeland. Do not expect anything for nothing, but to rely on their own labor. And believe mostly in themselves and in their abilities. I fully share the values that Christ preached: to be modest, to love each other and we are humble. I believe he guide us and protect not only me but my family. My religion</p>

thanks to which there are many folk traditions.	gives a lot of moral guidance that if you observe the earth would be a much nicer place.
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What think those who identify themselves as atheists - 5 people:

*First atheist:* Believes that despite many religions believe that only each person can help her in everything - for example, fulfillment, health, peace, etc. Nobody can help in certain critical situations than ourselves. My value system is adjusted so that alone to deal in life. We, not God, must find a "cure" for themselves. Nobody is able to solve my problems other than myself. If someone needs to believe in God - that is his right, but I believe only in themselves.

*Second atheist:* I'm an atheist, because each religion have any beliefs that one should perform without thinking whether they are right for him or not. Science was able to show almost everything about the world and trying to find more and more answers to questions relating to the world around us. The religion restricts everything you need to know in life, about what is right and what - no. I think you do not need to worry about how we live, how we deal with people and if we have certain values, formed thanks to God. I think he is a fictional stsel manipulation and placed into submission. One must travel around the world in their own way, without harming those around him and to live according to the norms and traditions in society. And that there is paradise for believers and hell for sinners - it also can not be defined or proven. That's also invented for the purpose of manipulation of believers.

*Third atheist:* I'm not religious and I believe that all people are equal. For me, God is inside me. Although I grew up in a Muslim family inside in me was gone the faith in Allah. I believe in the people there is good and bad - everything that happens is up to people to people, not to religion.

*Fourth atheist:* I am neither a deep believer nor atheist. Lord serve as motivation for more patience and strength. I do not believe that there are several gods - whether this is Jesus, whether it is Allah or any other kind. God is one for all, if there is one. When I turn to the Lord turn with the name Allah though as I stated no matter what name will turn to God. I think we we are our own gods themselves can only help ourselves, nikoydrug. The importance of having faith above all in themselves. I think in both cases we are BELIEVERS: 1. believers that God exists; 2. Believes that there is no God. In conclusion, once again I want to emphasize that at times I'm a believer in God, but at other times - atheist.

*Fifth atheist:* God is the brainchild of fear. My faith in little green men will be just as justified as that of the religious God. So far, we do not definitely known to have God, but even really have it, we would hardly ever know it. Faith in God is like a drug to which recourse weak and helpless in case of deadlock. We can understand them and even make them sorry. God is not just a harmless abstraction. It is most dangerous to humans idea ever existed. That's why I think every true man must be turned against God Atheist.

The registered empirical data makes it possible to explicate the following  
**summaries and conclusions:**

1. There are, the following general assessments of the followers of Christianity and Islam, which consist of the following:

- God is the creator of everything on earth;
- The religion preaches equality and understanding between people;
- God teaches us to be humble and good;
- Belief that good people go to heaven;
- Who made good - God responds with good, who has done evil - God fights evil;

- Every life is to give everything of themselves, rather than wait for granted;
- God teaches to honor family and to defend it;
- When we sin - to lead fight with yourself;
- If you observe moral guidance of God, the world will be a more beautiful place, paradise.

2. The estimates of atheists consist of the following:

- Belief that there is no god but everyone is so for itself, ie everyone forging his own destiny;
- God is the brainchild of fear fictional purpose and some manipulation is dangerous for people abstraction;
- Religions impose any rules that person is obliged to perform without thinking whether they are harmful or helpful to him.

3. Model of ethnic - religious tolerance.

If accepted shown up figures almost complete projection of the population of Shumen district in drilling the first course in "Social Activities" it should be brought **General conclusion:** *Professing Christianity and Islam profess the same universal values. The only thing that makes them different is the name by which it is known among them God.*

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