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our question was, "Can religion provide sustainable solutions to the world's seemingly unsolvable problems, be it climate change, ongoing wars, terrorism, racial issues, etc.? If so, how?"

The answer to that question is "No."

Religion cannot provide sustainable solutions to the world's insolvable problems. Religion can't, but Jesus can! In John 16:33, Jesus stated, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus never taught that believing in him would make the world's problems go away. To the contrary, he taught that problems in this life would always exist. In Matthew 24:6, he also stated, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains."

As Jesus followers, we want to make this world a better place. We should fight against racism, terrorism, environmental destruction and the many other evils that plague our society. Regardless of our efforts, evil in this world will always exist. The secret is not in trying to make them go away, for that is impossible. The secret for dealing with them is found in a relationship with Jesus. Followers of Jesus know that he has overcome the world and that, by believing in him, we can have a peace (see Philippians 4:7). Although the world around us is falling apart (due to sinful mankind), we know that this world is not our home (see Hebrews 13:14). We are going to a better place (Heaven) one day, where there is no more death, crying or pain (see Revelation 21:4).

We know that by believing in Jesus and accepting him as our savior, we have complete forgiveness of our sins. Yes, all of our mistakes in this life are forgiven. That alone brings a peace that surpasses all understanding.

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