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ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF RELIGIOUS PLURALITY

Introduction

Statements like: „economy is a religion of our times”, „political economy is capitalism’s religion”, or „most companies has its’ own, specific religion” point to some relationships between religion and economy. It is also known, that Max Weber in his book *„Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism”*, connected the rise of modern capitalism with Protestantism. Although such opinions may seem exaggerated, the analysis of economic thoughts’ history allows to think, that religions really influenced economy. Every place where people created or traded, there was a necessity of implementing some rules. People asked themselves not only what should be produced and how to share profits fair between participants of production and exchange process, but also some economic questions on domestic level or some larger social groups. As the time passed people tried to understand, how economic activity influence social function and development.

So religions, bearing some values, shaped culture also in economic range. Cause to that some questions arised: How religions influence economy? In what way „homo oeconomicus” uses religious rules? And can we talk about coherency of religion and economy? The point of this report is to show the dependence of economy to religious conditions in context of Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.