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# Prejudice against religions

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# Common beliefs in Tenerife

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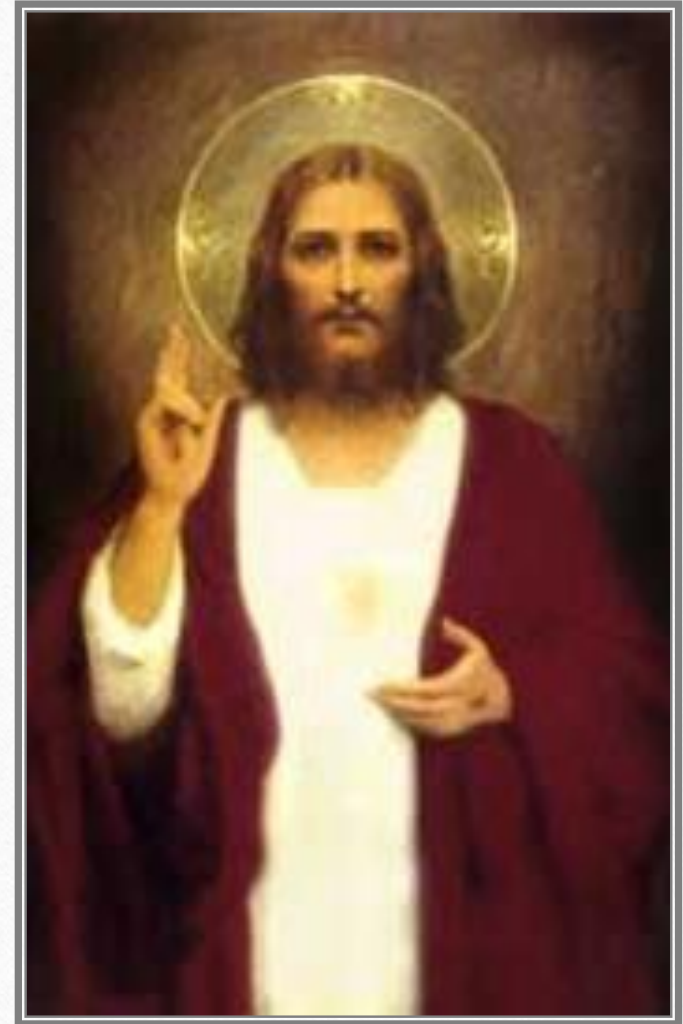
# Non-believers

Atheism is one of the most common “non-beliefs” in Spain, and is the second largest religious group after catholic Christianity. Because it is in the majority, it normally doesn’t receive much discrimination; in fact, it is viewed highly as the belief of science and reason. Many atheists come from a catholic background, and for that reason they view it as the antiquated belief of the past.



# Catholic Christianity

Catholic Christianity is the largest religious group in Spain and therefore doesn't receive much discrimination. However, as we said before, atheists who grew up in a catholic church and no longer believe, have a negative image on Catholics. They see the religion as antiquated and far from reason. Many catholics find difficulty expressing their beliefs through religious symbols in their workplace. This is referring to the fact that some municipalities have made attempts to ban religious symbols from the workplace.





# Evangelical Christianity

Evangelical Christians are part of a minority in Tenerife and receive discrimination because of that. Most people view evangelical beliefs as a cult, trying to bring people in with persuasion and promises.

Most evangelicals find difficulty in opening a place of worship.

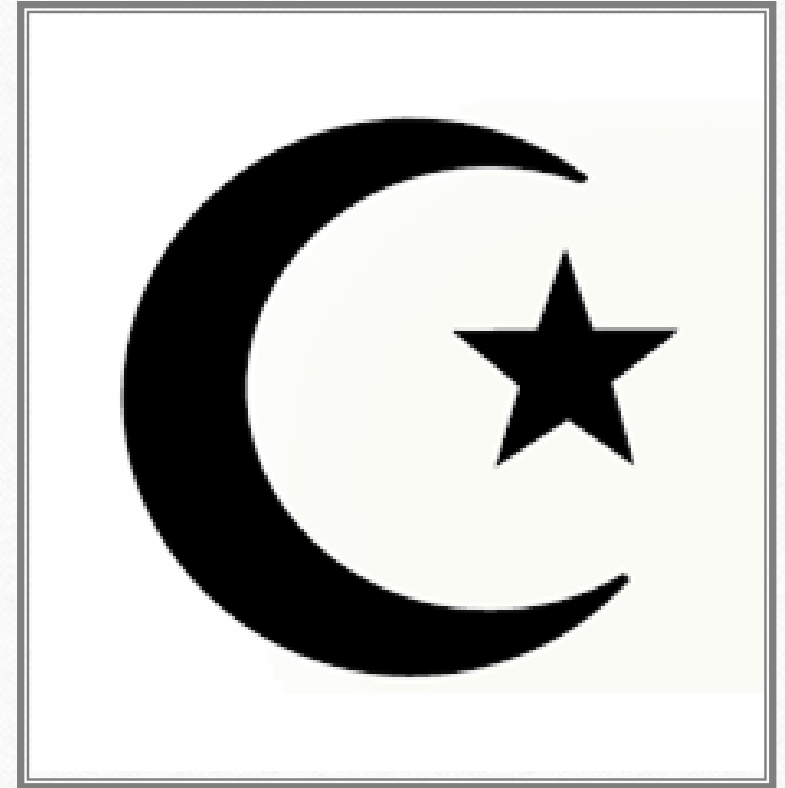
Many evangelical groups complain that some towns create disproportionate requirements to establish a church. In the other hand, they also are limited in their freedom of speech and religión. Many cases have appeared of fines for conducting religious activities in public areas such as handing out fliers in a subway station.



# Islam

Most European Muslims experience racism and discrimination based on beliefs that all Muslims are terrorists or illegal immigrants.

Sadly, Muslims experience disadvantages in education and employment because of this. Children are ridiculed in school being called names and even being bullied, and women are discriminated for wearing a hijab to job interviews and work. Many places have even sanctioned women for working in a hijab, using the excuse of non-proper clothing at work.





# Hinduism

Hindu religion is a small minority in Spain only occupying a 0,04% of the population in Spain. Most Hindus work in marketplaces and are seen as a symbol of hardwork and discipline. However, even among themselves, there is discrimination in the Hindu religion. According to Hindu beliefs, a group of people called the Dalits (translated to “untouchables”) originally came from the dust below the feet of the god and it is believed that even the mere contact of their shadow with non-Dalits contaminates others. They are the lowest in Hindu society and fulfil the most undesirable tasks, such as the cleaning and elimination of the carrion, corpse, and feces.





# Personal Conclusion

No religion can be classified as better than another. Having a religious belief does not imply that it is the only possibility. Everyone has the right and the freedom to believe in what best suits them and no one should violate that right. Learning how to listen and accept different opinions is the key to a happier life. We must remember that we are not the same, but we are all equal in worth.





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