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**Abstract:**

Most of the Western scholars believe that Hinduism is a culture, a civilization and a way of life. This group of thinkers includes scholars like Max Muller and also some Indian scholars.

My own views, based on my study of available facts, are that Hinduism is a religion.

There is no doubt that Islam is considered a religion by all.

There are three following views:

- 1- Definition of religion by Islamic scholars
- 2- Definition of religion by religious scholars
- 3- Definition of religion given by Western scholars.

There is a reference to Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the father of modern India.

I personally believe that Hinduism is a religion but it is not an Abrahamic religion. I have many arguments to support this theory.

Late AllamaAmini in one of his lectures had said that Hindus had a Prophet called Mahatma Budh in the 7th century B.C. who had foretold the birth of Prophet Muhammad.

As regards monotheistic belief of the Hindus, AllamaTabatabaeiin in his commentary of Quran 'Al-Mizan' has said that Upanishads have monotheistic colouring and unity of God is there.

We, the Muslims, believe that – 124,000 Prophets were born around the world. Quran says “We sent Prophets into all races and nations,” so I conclude that these Prophets moved in different directions for preaching and Hinduism also had a preacher prophet.

By More seminars and interfaith dialogues pertaining to peaceful co-existence, I believe, will further enhance the level of understanding and promote the cause of peace and harmony.