

Abstract

The proposed bachelor thesis is entitled: „The Interaction between Christianity and Buddhism according to Paul Williams and Thich Nhat Hanh“.

The first part of this thesis gives an introduction of Buddhism. It also clarifies the basic terminology from this field. There is an instruction to interreligious dialogue. The goal was to introduce the most important approaches to interreligious dialogue and the most important historical milestones. There is an introduction of the book *The Monk and the Lama*, which tries to define the differences between Christianity and Buddhism and searches possibilities how to engage in interreligious dialogue.

The second part of this thesis deals with the T. N. Hanh's book's presentation "Living Buddha, Living Christ" and P. Williams's book's "Unexpected way. On converting from Buddhism to Catholicism." There is the short biography of each author, which helps to understand their stances on Buddhism and Christianity.

In the third part there are both books compared in terms of both author's attitudes to the main topics. T. N. Hanh tried to find the points of Buddhism's and Christianity's similarities. He wants to prove that Christianity and Buddhism are close to each other. On the contrary P. Williams points to seemingly similar topics in his book.

In this thesis was realised, that both authors are trying to accommodate another religion. Both are representing favourable form. Buddhism and Christianity in even at the cost of misrepresentation of particular religion by both authors and the main differences are blurred.