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Religion in the current Western worldview is misplaced. Through Murad Wilfried Hofmann's understanding of the complex nature of this misplacement, religion can be understood and brought back to be visible and contributive. Muslims understand the Western worldview as something which puts religion in an invisible space. The Westerners, however, are longing for an alternative in filling the empty life which is devoid of deep meaning. On the other hand, they see the Islamic concept of religion as a threat to their unending freedom and unrestrictive lifestyles. Therefore, by the way of preconceived mental pictures due to misrepresentation of Islam, they conclude that without religious visibility, lives are much easier. Both camps have a narrow understanding of the other which goes back to their lack of knowledge and understanding of their own worldview in the first place. It is the goal of this study to bring understanding of religion in the Western worldview by way of analysing the views of reverted German Muslim thinker and intellectual, Murad Wilfried Hofmann.

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