

Summary

In this thesis I discuss a religious phenomenon which I consider in-sufficiently researched in available Czech literature. This phenomenon constitutes of situations where a religious group or an individual reacts to conflicting meanings of their belief by an interpretation in such a way that these so far conflicting meanings become consistent. In the first section of the thesis I look at the examples of such a phenomenon that can be found in official scriptures and texts of selected religions. In the next section of the thesis I investigate the phenomenon by the use of the psychology. I focus on the theory of cognitive dissonance, especially then the reduction of the cognitive dissonance by adding new cognitive elements. In the practical section of the thesis I then research the phenomenon in real life settings. I assume that this phenomenon can be also found outside the framework given by the official religious doctrines and thereafter I try to find out if and how

this phenomenon occurs in the personal life of any religious (nebo spis believing) person.

Keywords

Religion, religious discrepancy, religious viewpoint, cognitive dissonance, cognitive consonance, reduction of cognitive dissonance, adding new cognitive element.