In the multi-cultural context of the Indian society, there is no gainsaying the fact that a knowledge of value orientations of different cultural groups and the intercultural value compatibility and incompatibility would be of immense use. Perhaps, such knowledge is a necessary prerequisite to attempts at bringing about intercultural harmony. The present study is directed to throw light on the value orientations and the value-oriented intra- and intercultural compatibility and incompatibility of college students belonging to three religio-cultural groups—Hindus, Muslims and Christians.

Largely influenced methodologically and conceptually by the thinking of Professor Charles Morris, a Philosopher-psychologist, the present study utilizes his "Ways to Live" Scale for studying the value orientations to broad schemes of life. Utilizing his concepts of basic value orientations—Receptivity, Dominance, and Detachament—the investigator has developed two Rating Scales: the 'Desirability Scale'
to study the values in social interactional contexts and the 'Attributability Scale' to obtain the descriptions of groups in terms of value orientations.

Again, a methodological framework, called the 'Compatibility Model', is evolved, validated, and put to use in the present investigation. This novel permits indirect measurement of the value-oriented intra- and intergroup compatibility and incompatibility on the basis of ratings on the Desirability and Attributability Scales.

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