“Faith makes all things possible. Having an inner certainty that there is something – whether it’s a god, a religion, whatever you believe in – behind the events in our lives takes the pressure off us to try to figure everything out. I don’t need to have all the answers because that certainty makes me feel less unsure.” – Deepak Chopra

Having all the answers is simply not possible... well, maybe on your Biology exam, but otherwise, life is filled with uncertainties and we have to work our way through them as best we can. I like Chopra’s idea that when you have an inner certainty, what AA calls a “Higher Power”, you can relax a bit into the actual living of your life and enjoy it with a greater sense of freedom.

A challenge to this is that we don’t all talk about god or our higher power in the same way, with the same language. Some of us don’t even like to bring the subject up! This can make inter-faith dialogue difficult... but it is worth it to take conversation to a deeper level. It is necessary too, given how much tension exists in the world these days regarding issues of faith and religious expression. Let’s see what we can do about it on campus.

Better Together Day is 4/14/15 (next Tuesday) from 5:00-6:30pm in the Gorge Atrium - “We are more religiously diverse than any other generation, but we don’t know enough about each other... Let’s fix that!”

Come and check out “Speed Faithing” – learn about other people’s religious practices and traditions. Share what it is in your tradition that inspires you! Check out the Interfaith Youth Core web site and take the pledge to talk with one person of a different faith: http://ifyc.org/bettertogetherday

Tuesday dinner in Chartwells – Come and join me, your Campus Chaplain, for a relaxed conversation over dinner. This is a time to talk about issues in the news, about life & faith on campus, or simply to enjoy a meal together. Everyone is welcome. 5:10 – 6:00pm every Tuesday.

Meditation in the Chapel – Tuesdays at 2:30 and 4:30pm. Some sessions are led by Meditation Practices students, other sessions are simply opportunities to sit in silent meditation. When the snow clears we might even head out to the Labyrinth for a walking meditation.

Wednesday Spirituality Club – A student-led club that promotes interfaith cooperation & tolerance and provides a time and place to talk about religion and life on campus. We meet in the Chapel from 4:30-6pm right now, but are open to a time change if you want to participate but the time is bad for you, so let us know. For more info contact Kristin or Lauren. (Kristin.gorman@greenmtn.edu or ainsworthl@greenmtn.edu)

Want to take the conversation further and get credit for it too? - REL 2025 World Religions is being offered in Fall 2015. For more info contact me. (Shirley.oskamp@greenmtn.edu)