

**Crescents, Crosses and Silver Linings: Christian-Muslim Socio-Economic Synergism in Quiapo, Manila and its Implications on Religious Co-existence for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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**Abstract**

Quiapo is a significant district in Manila. Its most notable distinction, however, is that it features both Christian and Muslim spaces running parallel to each other (as defined by their respective Quiapo Church and Golden Mosque landmarks); separated only by the Quezon Boulevard. These have also remained a commendable site of religious co-existence. A suspected factor was the common market area found at the tunnel of the Quiapo Bridge - their most immediate interface point. Yet, it may instead be the pirated DVD hub within the Muslim Area that does attest to this fact.