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Abraham's Footsteps

Some American scholars want to retrace the biblical patriarch Abraham's journey through what is now the Middle East.

Organizers of the Abraham Path Initiative hope their 600-mile trek through what is now Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine will help connect Jews, Christians and Muslims -- all of whose religious traditions begin with Abraham. The route starts at the ruins of Harran in what is now southeastern Turkey and ends at Abraham's tomb in Hebron.

Roman Catholic Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson said such a pilgrimage can be beneficial because the Bible and the Koran and many other sacred writings "tell us humanity is on a journey of spiritual discovery."

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