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RATIONAL ANSWERS TO A REASONABLE FAITH

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Skeptics would say, “I _____ that God exists.”

Agnostics would say, “I _____ if God exists.”

Atheists would say, “God _____ exist.”

Secularist would say, “it _____ if God exists, let’s just not discuss it at all.”

THREE QUESTIONS / OBJECTIONS FROM THESE GROUPS

#1- Hasn’t science _____ God?

Proof there is a God:

1. _____ doesn’t satisfy us.
2. There is a problem of “_____” in an accidental universe.
3. The _____ of Christianity.

4. There is the question of the _____ of the _____.
5. The _____ of the Old Testament point us to _____ being God.
6. The _____ evidence of the _____ of Jesus.
7. The completely _____ message of Christianity.
8. Jesus makes _____ claims about Him being _____.

#2 - Was _____ even a real person?

#3 - Why so much _____?

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Nine Major Differences Between Jehovah Witnesses and Protestant Christians

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1 - The _____ of God.

2 - The T_____.

3 - J_____ C_____.

John 1:1-3

4 - The i_____.

Colossians 2:9

5 - The r_____.

Luke 24:39

6 - The _____.

7 - S_____.

Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9

8 - Two r_____ peoples.

John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1; John 3:16

9 - H_____.

*Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 18:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:9;
Revelation 21:4*

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Major Differences Between Mormonism & Evangelical Christianity

#1 – Belief about _____.

Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17; Isaiah 37:16

#2 – Belief about _____.

John 8:58; John 5:17-18; Mark 2:5-7; Isaiah 43:25; Colossians 1:17;
John 1:1-3; John 14:6

#3 – Belief about H_____ N_____.

Psalm 139:13; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10

#4 – Belief about _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9

#5 – Belief about the _____ of God.

Isaiah 40:8

#6 – Belief about _____ and the _____.

A) _____ Kingdom.

B) _____ Kingdom.

C) _____ Kingdom.

D)_____.

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Hinduism

[Tradition, Culture, & Ritual]

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Questions:

By total number, which country has the most Hindus?

_____.

Which religion has the third highest population in the world?

_____.

What is the Hindu population in the United States?

_____.

Tri-murthy [Three main gods]

Brahma [creator]

Vishnu [sustainer]

Shiva, Natarajan [Destroyer]

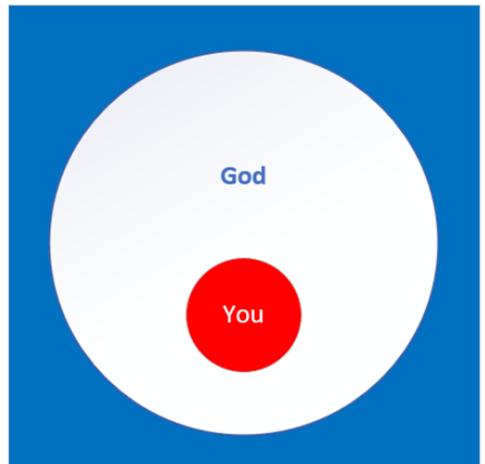
Other important gods:

Krishna

Rama

Hanuman

Ganesh



Caste System

[Based on ritual purity]

Brahmins (priests)

Kshatriyas (administrators/rulers)

Vysyas (businessmen, farmers)

Sudhras (Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes)

Lifecycle

Karma [fate – the sum of a person's actions in this and previous states of existence, viewed as deciding their fate in future existences]

What you are doing **now** will determine what you will be in the **next life**.

What **you are now** is because of what **you did** in your **previous life**.

Christianity

[Faith in Jesus Christ]

Jesus's disciple, _____, went to India.

Answers to these will shape your beliefs:

Origin

Meaning

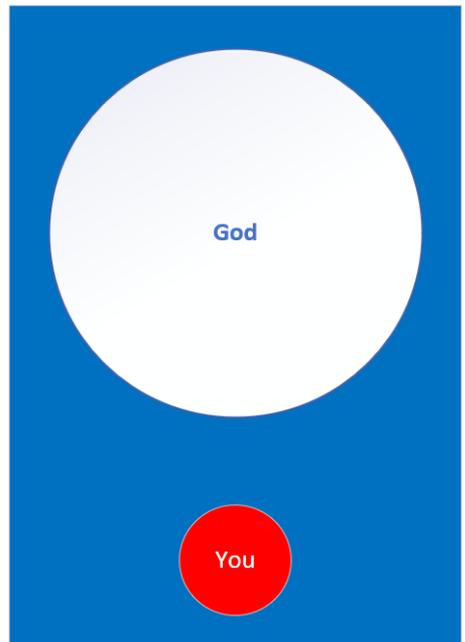
Morality

Destiny

Idol

¹⁵ Then it (tree) becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it.

¹⁶ Half of it he burns in the fire.



Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, "Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!"¹⁷ **And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol**, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" (Isaiah 44:15-17).

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, **I perceive that in every way you are very religious.**"²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: To the unknown god.' **What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.**

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." (Acts 17:22-25, ESV).

²⁹ "Being then God's offspring, **we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.**"³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:29-31).

Sacrifice Required

²² Indeed, under the law almost **everything is purified with blood**, and without the shedding of blood there is **no forgiveness of sins....**²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man **to die once**, and after that comes **judgment...** (Hebrews 9:22, 27).

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Five Pillars of Islam

#1 – The _____.

#2 – A _____ Prayer.

#3 – F_____.

#4 – The Giving of _____.

#5 – The Pilgrimage to _____.

Major Theological Differences Between Islam and Evangelical Christianity

#1 – _____.

A. The God of Islam is _____ and _____.

B. The God of Islam is _____ in any intimate or relational sense.

#2 – The _____.
Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19

#3 – _____.

#4 – _____.
John 5:24; Galatians 2:16

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8-9 ESV)

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New Age Movement

Four Prominent Categories of New Age Belief:

- 1 – Spiritual Energy is found in physical things
- 2 – Reincarnation – people are reborn again and again
- 3 – Astrology – the position of stars and planets affect life
- 4 – Psychics – people may have supernatural forces

Additionally, New Agers believe:

- 1 – All is one; all reality is part of the whole
- 2 – Everything is God and God is everything
- 3 – Man is God or part God
- 4 – Man can create his own reality

To understand the New Age Movement, you need to understand five important things:

1 – New Agers do not believe in _____.

2 – New Agers have no _____.

3 – New Agers are _____.

Matthew 7:13

4 – New Agers hold _____ in high regard.

John 14:6

5 – New Agers believe in _____.

Is the Bible **YOUR** authority? How you answer that question has significant ramifications.

The Romans Road: *Have confidence in your eternal salvation!*

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23 & 5:8

Romans 10:9, 13

Romans 5:1

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:38-39

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