

	Christianity	Islam	Hinduism	Buddhism	New Age	Mormonism	Atheism
God	One God Personal Triune: Father, Son, Holy Spirit	One God (Allah) Impersonal	One impersonal reality, Brahman, manifested in many gods, goddesses	Theravada: no God Mahayana: many gods	Divine essence of which we are all a part	Tri-theism: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are unique beings. God the Father was once a man.	No God
Jesus	Son of God Fully God and fully human after incarnation (John 1)	Human prophet, not divine, not crucified	One of many manifestations of Brahman	No opinion Buddha born c. 560 BCE	Jesus is an enlightened one who knew his divinity	Son of God: the first spirit born child of the heavenly Father and Mother.	Religious teacher
Human problem	Made for relationship with God; disobedience to God resulted in alienation from God	Humans have lost their innocence, morally flawed	Humans in bondage to the illusion of reality	Human craving leads to suffering	Divine but not enlightened	Humans existed as spirits before this life; salvation is returning to God.	Progressive evolution through personal development
Solution	God sent His Son who lived a sinless life and died to pay the penalty for our sins so we can be forgiven and reconciled to God	Observe the 5 pillars Live up to divine standards No guarantee	Live according to your dharma Karma Yoga, meditation, worship (puja), devotion to a god or goddess, pilgrimage to holy cities	Escape suffering, gain self- awakening through 8-fold path, meditation, mantras, devotion to some deities (in some sects)	Various techniques for realizing your divinity	Jesus' sacrifice gives all immortality. Good works determine your situation after death. Baptism in Mormon church required to enter celestial kingdom.	Education, reason, scientific progress
Authority	Bible	Quran Hadith and various sharia	Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, + multiple others	Various texts 4-noble truths, 8- fold path	Various	The prophet, KJV Bible Book of Mormon Doctrine & Covenants Pearl of Great Price	Reason, scientific method