

## Why All Religions Do Not Believe In the Same God

Key assumption: Truth describes reality and is not contradictory.

I. Attempts to minimize the differences between religions.

II. The three great monotheistic religions do not believe in the same god.

A. How the views of God among Christians, Jews and Muslims differ.

**O People of the Scripture! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning Allah save the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a messenger of Allah, and His word which He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers, and say not "Three—Cease! (it is) better for you!—Allah is only One God. Far is it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son. His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allah is sufficient as Defender. Surah IV. 171**

B. All three religions assert the exclusivity of God and the reality of judgment for failing to believe in the true God.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. Exodus 20:3-6 (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> "For My angel will go before you and bring you in to *the land of* the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them. <sup>24</sup> "You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their *sacred* pillars in pieces. <sup>25</sup> "But you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst. Exodus 23:23-25 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> "You shall fear *only* the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, <sup>15</sup> for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the Lord your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 6:13-15 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

<sup>7</sup> "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." <sup>8</sup> Philip \*said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:6-9 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:16-18

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, <sup>9</sup> if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. <sup>11</sup> "He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, *but* **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone**. <sup>12</sup> "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:8-12 (NASB)

<sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:22-23 (NASB)

"Allah! There is no God save Him. His are the most beautiful names." Surah XX.8

"They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! Allah is the third of three; when there is no God save the One God. If they desist not from so saying a painful doom will fall on those of them who disbelieve." Surah V.73

How should we not believe in Allah and that which hath come unto us of the Truth? And (how should we not) hope that our Lord will bring us in along with righteous folk? Allah hath rewarded them for that their saying—Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide for ever. That is the reward of the good. But those who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, they are owners of hellfire. Surah V.84-86

III. The God of Hinduism cannot be reconciled with a monotheistic God.

IV. The atheism of Buddhism cannot be reconciled with other religions.

V. Some Conclusions