

World Religion Views

Christian	a. Islam b. Judaism	Shinto	a. Hinduism b. Buddhism	Secularism	Taoism Zoroastrianism
Biblical View	Monotheism	Polytheism	Monism	Atheism	Dualism
<p>GOD: Personal Created the universe out of nothing. He is personal and relational, one God in three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). He is eternal, Holy, loving, changeless and perfect.</p>	<p>a. One transcendent god, unknown, a singular unit. Does not love the wrong doers. Provides messengers (prophets).</p> <p>b. God is a spirit rather than form. He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, eternal and compassionate.</p>	<p>Many gods (Kami) The Kami are procreated by other gods, indwell material objects and the natural world. The Kami are the gods of Japan.</p>	<p>Impersonal a. Buddha is a universal enlightened god. Nirvana, an abstract void.</p> <p>b. God is the absolute, a universal spirit. Everyone is part of God (Brahma).</p>	<p>No god</p>	<p>Two opposing gods. Two interacting forces.</p>
<p>SIN: Sin is serious. It causes us to be alienated from God. An atonement is necessary to remove it & have a relationship with God.</p>	<p>Do not believe in "original sin". One commits sin by breaking the commandments of the laws-man's weak & makes mistakes. God forgives through repentance –the mistake.</p> <p>a. No atonement is necessary.</p> <p>b. An atonement is necessary.</p>	<p>Angering the gods</p>	<p>a. ignorance</p> <p>b. we suffer because we desire that which is temporary and we continue in the illusion of the existence of the self.</p>	<p>Irrational thinking Superstition</p>	<p>Choosing to do evil & living out of harmony with the nature</p>
<p>JESUS: On incarnation in human form God/human = second person of the trinity & the one and only Son of God</p>	<p>a. One of the major prophets. To associate Jesus with God is blasphemy.</p> <p>b. Extremist – false Messiah do not consider Jesus at all</p>	<p>He is one of gods</p>	<p>Good teacher Incarnation of Vinshu He does not atone for sins and was not raised from dead He enlightened men</p>	<p>Don't believe in Him at all</p>	<p>Good person</p>
<p>SALVATION: Deliverance from judgment by faith & accept Jesus Christ as Savior from sin and our Lord. God's gracious provision of salvation through Christ the Messiah (death & resurrection)</p>	<p>a. Deliverance from judgment through their deeds, obedience to the law by human effort.</p> <p>b. Repentance (believe in God's mercy) Obedience to the law Of Moses & others. Some believe through the betterment of self & society (social improvement)</p>	<p>Appeasing the gods</p>	<p>a. Deliverance from the world through knowledge, works or devotion.</p> <p>b. Deliverance from the world of suffering through their own work and divine help.</p>	<p>Applying rational thinking</p>	<p>Living in harmony with the ways of nature & to chose to do right.</p>