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### **Four Kinds of Religion and Why They Can't All Be Right**

There are four kinds of religion, they each have their own criteria of what their beliefs are, how they express their beliefs and what they call sacred or ultimate. If we look at each and what they believe in they have areas of contradiction. So, if we have contradictions in religions then they can't all be right. Where are the differences?

An atheist believes there is no god, a monotheist believes in one god, a polytheist believes in many gods and pantheist believes that god is in everything. They all contradict each other and all believe that they are right. That their religion or beliefs are exclusive.

An atheist believes that there is no god. Their belief is that we are here as humans living our lives without any creator. They find no reason to want to believe in a god. Yet how can we just appear in the world with no beginning and no end. What is the purpose of being here if there is no creator? What is our purpose in life? They don't like religion yet their religion is their belief in the fact that there is no god.

Monotheism is the belief in one God. It is complete opposite of what an atheist believes. Christianity is based on the belief of God creating the universe and man. One God who sent his Son, Jesus, in the form of man but fully God to be for humanity a sacrifice for the sins of man.

There is written evidence that Jesus was here, died and was seen resurrected after his death. This is a more personal God.

Islam believes in one god but does not believe that god has any human qualities. The commonality of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam is that they do believe that there is one god.

Polytheism believes that there are multiple gods. These religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Shintoism all believe in multiple gods. In Ancient Greece they believed in many gods such as Zeus, Poseidon, Apollo, and Artemis. You can have any gods that you want and they can have generations of more gods.

Pantheism is the belief that god is the universe. This is more New Age in the thinking that god is all around us. There is no personal relationship like Christianity.

They can't all be right because they are so different in their beliefs. There are some people that believe that all religions can exist and each to their own. Omnism is the belief that all religions exist and to respect each other's belief. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution gives people the right to have freedom of religion which is whatever you believe your religion to be.

I believe that Christianity is right because it gives us a purpose, an understanding of what is wrong with the world, a solution and a destiny. We were created by God. Adam sinned and therefore all of mankind is sinful. We need a Savior which is Jesus Christ who is both man and God. He died for our sins so that we could be right before God. We live our life in this relationship with God by following Jesus and when we die we spend eternity with God.