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(Christology) Other religions

The name of Jesus has been the supreme mover and shaker of the world. Jesus made it clear to the Jewish leaders (the builders) they had rejected him, and he became to them a stone of stumbling (Isaiah 8:14) (Mark 12:10-11). The Bible says of Jesus that he is a rock of offense, (Romans 9:33) as it is written behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame; furthermore (Matthew 21:44 kjv) “And whosoever shall fall on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder”. All these are very strong words but, it is the reality in all realms of life. What Jesus who rose from the dead and lives forever did for the salvation of humanity has cracked and shaken the foundations of the gates of hell. Jesus took back the authority that Adam and Eve lost in the garden of Eden. (Colossians 2:14,15) “by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands, that he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him”.

THESIS:

There is a dilemma that cannot be ignored, the education of the Wisdom of God teaches in his word (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious light of the gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should not shine unto them. This brings to the attention that there is an enemy of the souls. (Ephesians 6:12) “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers

over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places”. This shows that there is a spiritual legality in this world, that falls upon those who do not believe in The Lord and Savior Jesus who rose from the dead and lives forever. There is a system in this world, and because of the cosmic rebellion, there are many belief systems, and there are many religions that oppose the belief in Jesus who rose from the dead. There is an obvious observation if you look and pay attention carefully. Have you ever watched the public offence, when a celebrity on television says the name of Jesus? You can say God but as soon as you say the name of Jesus, people can lose their minds and they melt into an offended puddle. His name has become banned from almost every public platform because of the reaction from the people. None of this is new, it has been happening since Jesus came to earth. Just his birth alone was offensive and threatening to King Herod and he was hunted with the hopes that he would be executed as an infant. Jesus turned everything upside down! The religious leaders hated him because he challenged their rules and laws, their heart condition, and the very truth that they stood on. These people lost their minds, tore their clothes, and tried to stone him because of the things he said. When the name of Jesus is spoken a supreme authority is involved and activated. This means that every other god (Deity), every other power, and every other authority is forced to submit to the name of Jesus. (Philippians 2:9-11) “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The name of Jesus is so powerful that it changes the atmosphere immediately once you begin to mention his name and talk about him with serious conviction. It is inspiring to watch all this unfold. I have seen people get agitated and angry, they tell you don’t talk about that, and you see their body language change and their attitude. You sometimes actually see the

spirit behind their personality manifest because of the Powerful name of Jesus who rose from the dead.

## SUPPORTING THESIS

Pneumatological Perspectives on World Religions; The Cosmic Spirit and Chi. (Yun 165)

I begin this study of other religions with a movement that today is called, The New Age Movement. Pneumatological means the study of spiritual things. The New Age Movement is different spiritual practices outside the fundamentalist religions. It promotes heightened spiritual awareness, intuition-based thinking, and a so-called peaceful connection to others and nature. This form of spirituality is highly individualized; it is like you might call it a Religion of self. The reward of this religion is the here and now, some even believe in reincarnation. All this is extremely contrary to the Salvation of Jesus Christ. Some of the practices of the New Age Movement are as follows, astrology, yoga, tarot card, meditation and breath work, and intuitive services like mediumship, crystals, and stones. (Proverbs 14:12 kjv) “There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”. In reference to reincarnation, the word of God speaks very clearly in (Hebrews 9:27esv) “And just as it is appointed for a man to die once, and after that comes judgment”. In the word of God, there is no reincarnation spoken of at all. The New Age Movement branches out too much occultic practices that is a blatant disregard to the word of God (Leviticus 19:31 kjv) “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. Many people feared that any recognition of the presence of God or the Spirit in other faiths would lead to the peril of relativism. During the past century, the study of religion in the West taught are to perceive another’s strange thoughts and behavior in view of what is absolute for him or her. To become aware of one’s self-absolutization, one first needs to change his or her attitudes toward other

religions and cultures. (Yun 169) It is a strategic form of acceptance that lowers your guard from what Jesus has taught us of is only way, (John 14:6) Jesus said “I am the way the truth and the life, no one come unto the Father but by me”.

In the lives of Buddha, Rama, or Krishna one may discern a combination of the elements of revelation and liberation, purpose, and power in life to their devotees. The devotees do not quarrel among themselves over the question, which of the lords is most superior? In fact, such a question is a non-issue. God is the mystery and people to are free to respond to the divine meaningfully and dynamically in diverse ways. (Rogers 280) Christians can remain committed to God through Jesus Christ without adopting a negative attitude towards people of other faiths. On the contrary, it opens the possibility of sharing in the abundant riches of God by relating the uniqueness of Jesus Christ to that of other lords, beliefs, and practices of other traditions, through dialogue, inter religious fellowship within the framework of “Theocentric Christology” will facilitate mutual enrichment. (Rogers 280)

In Christian meeting Hindu, shows the attitude of a Hindu practitioner toward the Christian faith, as follows. Ramakrishna claimed to have entered deeply into the sadhanas (means of spiritual attainment) of Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity and found them to lead to the same depth despite differences in name and practices. Despite an emphasis on equality of religion, there is a belief they are but imperfect expressions of that Sanatana dharma. (The eternal religion) One result of this belief is a tendency to interpret Christianity from an advaitic viewpoint. Tus Vivekananda sees Christ as one of the great avatars and a teacher of Advaita; Advaita in Hinduism is a Vedantic doctrine that identifies the individual self (atman) with the ground of reality (brahman) and attaches little importance either to the historicity of the Gospel or their emphasis upon the cross and resurrection. (Robinson 8) It shows, you give a

measurement of tolerance to many of these religions of this world and it won't be long before you will begin to see, the lies, the schemes, and how the devil is behind so many of the religions of this world, where Jesus is not highly exalted and you hear the long-windedness of their philosophical views that leads to nothing with no hope in eternity.

“Can we know whether Islam or Christianity is true?” The beginning of this section makes some interesting observations about objectivity, the pursuit of truth, and the difference between defending a faith versus assessing a faith. It assumes that if two religions offer contradictory statements about the same event, for example, the crucifixion of Jesus, they cannot both be true. The author notes that Islam has rarely been subjected to the same intense historical scrutiny that Christianity has faced for centuries and that its followers are convinced of its truth without ever having actually examined the evidence. It is organized around the five issues the author, while still a Muslim, agreed to examine together with his friend David Wood. The author's conclusion is that based on objective historical evidence, the case for Christianity's truth claims is far more convincing than that for Islam. He describes his personal struggle with this conclusion, knowing what it would cost him to follow Jesus. (Morgan 92) The persecution of those that follow Jesus is going on even today, in many Muslim countries believers of Jesus are being tortured to deny their faith and accept Islam.

Christians and Muslims, if grouped together, comprise the majority of the global population. Approximately 55% of the world's inhabitants belong to one of these two great faiths, which, not surprisingly, are missionary religions. Endless interfaith possibilities and permutations exist in the areas of theology, missiology, and geopolitics. (Farrokh 417) The Qur'an's history, internal claims, and traditional interpretations fight against such a positive view

of its message. As it has been received throughout the last 1,400 years, most Muslims view the Qur'an as a corrective of the biblical material rather than a supplement to it. (Farrokh 418)

You can clearly see in this world the indifference that other religions show to the Name of Jesus, whether it be directly or indirectly. When God ordains it the favor in the name of Jesus is manifested in any arena or theater. If the name of Jesus is brought into an organized establishment of religion or belief system, the majority will not show favor, especially the more time the name of Jesus is in their midst. For Jehovah's Witnesses to have a book named The Holy Scriptures and their book of John 1:1 say "in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was a god; as opposed to The Holy Bible that says in the book of John 1:1 "in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God (In the bible Jesus is The God of all gods). In the holy scriptures, Jehovah's witnesses make Jesus to be less than God, practically showing the anti-Christ movement, a state of affairs in the world that confirms all that the word (Jesus) of God teaches us. 1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

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