OUR RELIGIONS versus the KINGDOM OF GOD



When talking to people about deeper things of life they often ask, "So are you religious then?" "That depends on what you mean by religious?" Isn't religion an invention that divides people, while God created us to be social beings in need of each other. We are his 'SELFIE': no matter what colour, gender, ethnicity, religion or the lack of it. God isn't religious and didn't create religions, we did! He is love and we hurt him when we hurt others.

Our Religious Fervour

Because we have a religion, we feel righteous and good about ourselves. We think that God was and is pleased with our wars, the conversions by force, the butchering of people of another religion, burning their houses and stealing their lively hood. And we all do these atrocious acts in the name of our religion, while God absolutely wants no part in it and is diametrically opposed to this crazed violence.

"If a man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

(1John 4:20)

God's first instruction to us is that we love him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and of equal importance is that we love

our fellowman as we love ourselves. (Luke10:27)



God is not interested in how loud we shout: "Hari Ram!", "Praise God!", or "Allah Akbar!", nor how many times we spin our prayer wheels, or visit the wailing wall. We each profess to

worship God. So is God, in whose image we are made; Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, or Muslim?

Are not all religions the same?

All dedicated people of each religion fast, don't smoke and don't drink.

Much of our religious rules originate in our cultural traditions, what we think is right or wrong and what we consider sin. We think we each have the "TRUE RELIGION!" and others should convert to our beliefs.

But, Can we Find the Truth in our Religion?

Yes, we can. There is a golden thread woven through all our major world religions that guides us to a specific individual. When we discover who this person is then we find the answers to the main philosophical questions of life: where do we come from; where are we going and why.

Please click on the links of your religion and see a short A-4 size study and explanation of this person from your sacred scriptures. All links are virus free.

In the Hindu Vedas he is identified as the Purush



Prajapati - translated from Sanskrit as "The Supreme Creator who became man. He gives his life in the 'Maha Yajnam' the 'supreme sacrifice' and afterwards comes back to life. Only in him we find Mukti or Mosha -

Salvation.

In Judaic Scriptures there are several hundred specific



prophecies; how he is conceived, his place of birth, his ministry, in which year he will die, how he will die. He is described as 'Immanuel' - translated from Hebrew as 'God with us'. Three days after his death he resurrects.

In the **Buddhist Encyclopaedia** is written that when the Buddha was guestioned about how to find



salvation, he gives a prophecy about the Holy One who is to come and how to recognize him. This Holy One will take us to the highest heaven, Nirvana, and will do away with the Samsara, or Dharmachakra - the endless wheel of

suffering and rebirths.

In Christianity, he is described as the Saviour. He is a person who loves life, does not care about being



politically correct, has a heart for the people, heals the sick, weeps with them and raises dead ones. He blasts the religious powerful leaders for being hypocrites which cost him his life, but after three days he rises from his grave.

He tells his followers that if they believe in him they have eternal life.

<u>In Islam this person is mentioned 25 times</u> in the Quran. He is described as the 'Ruh-Allah' and



'Kalimatullah' - translated from Arabic as the 'Soul of God' and the 'Word of God'. He was conceived supernaturally by the virgin Miryam (Mary), the only woman mentioned by name in the Quran.

"We have Found him!" (John 1:45)

If you have clicked on the link in your religion and studied your sacred scriptures you will clearly see that this person is: Yeeshu, Yeshua, ישוע, Isa, Jesus, 耶, Jezus, ईसा मसीह, Gesù, پ سوع, Иисус.

Jesus did not come to start a new religion called "Christianity". He came to teach us about the Kingdom of God where everyone of every religious background is welcome as God loves all his children equal. Jesus lifts us high above the religious divides to connect us back to our Father, to our Creator, to love itself. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1Tim.2:5)

What Conversion does God desire?

Jesus explains which conversion God desires: 'Unless you convert - change your ways - and become like



little children you shall not enter into the
Kingdom of God.' (Matthew 18:3)

The Kingdom where citizens are loving and forgiving people with childlike faith.

He also said, "Except a man is born physically and spiritually, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)

Our spiritual birth happens when we accept Jesus and absorb what his disciples recorded about his life in the gospels of <u>Matthew</u>, <u>Mark</u>, <u>Luke</u> and <u>John</u>. This is when we start to understand God's plan for our life.

Jesus did away with all the commandments of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not" and "an eye for an eye". He made it simple by saying, "A new commandment I give you that you love one another as I have loved you... Love your enemies... do good to them that hate you, pray for them that despitefully use you."



This shows we have all sinned, as we all have failed in loving others and need God's mercy, <u>forgiveness</u>, <u>redemption and salvation</u>. Paul said about salvation, "It's the

gift of God: Not of works, in case any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9) - A gift, is a gift, is a gift - No good works ensure the gift.. Only a humble heart that seeks for it and desires to accept it.

If we want to know what God is like then it's vital that we study the life of Jesus in the gospels, as he is God incarnate in human form.

Do I need to Change my Religion?

Not my religion, but my behaviour. Neither being Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian or Muslim will guarantee me a place in heaven, nor make me a citizen of God's Kingdom, but only accepting Jesus will. He is the only doorway through which we can enter into heaven when we pass over into forever land.

It does not matter if we pray in an architectural masterpiece, or we pray outdoors in nature, as

'heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.'
(Isa.66:1) What only matters is our heart, who and
what we worship and how we treat others.

How Should we Pray?



How Jesus taught us to pray - his prayer in blue "Our Father who is in heaven," (You are our Father, our Creator, from whom all life forms originate - You are the eternal Matrix and Energy that constitutes all matter.)

deeply respected is your name, (And the name of Jesus. I deeply respect his and your amazing love for me.)

your kingdom come, (This was not figure of speech but Jesus means to come back and set up God's Kingdom. The writings of the prophets and the Apocalypse indicate that he will precisely do that, and it is moving ahead.)

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (God, our living Creator, is not 99,9 % but the full 100% total control of what he allows to happen, although he will not override our decisions as we have our freedom of choice.)



Give us (all of your children) today our daily bread. (That should be our main request - daily needs. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof" (Mat.6:34) Please, no long lists of 'gimme-this' 'Gimme-that and the other'.)

Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who have sinned against us. (Here the responsibility falls back in our lap. This shows that God has bound himself to our decisions: we forgive others then he can forgive us. If we refuse to forgive, he cannot forgive us. Then we will be judged according to the same standard that we have set for the people that we cannot forgive - simple as that.) (Matthew 7:2)

And lead us not into temptation, (Keep us safe from the debt trap, greed, fake holiness, hypocrisy, spiritual

pride, mental health, porn, anorexia, horror, addictions, perversions, violence, power craze, abortion, depression, anxiety, fears, self-harm, witchcraft, suicide, etc., etc.) but deliver us from the evil, (Deliver us from and keep us safe from getting sucked into the vortex Satan's Kingdom and keep our children from his witchcraft.) for yours is the kingdom (that I belong to and yearn for) and the power (that is why I put my faith and trust in you) and the glory (I see a tip of your glory when I look at nature) forever. Amen." (So be it!)

Religion No More - No More Religion

When the disciple John was shown heaven he wrote, "I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." (Rev.21:22) Isn't that liberating: No more Temple, Synagogue, Church or Mosque, - No more religion, only Love, with the Creator of Love and our King of Love.

What should I answer?

When people ask about your religion, you can simply return the question, "Does God live in the temple, mosque or church? He wants to live in our heart. I am one of his children." Almost everyone will agree and say "Aren't we all." Then depending on the person's religion you can continue with that you love the Purush Prajapati who brought us Mukti, or the Holy One who takes us to Nirvana, or the Mashiach who brings us to the wells of Salvation, or how you love Isa, the Ruh-Allah and Kalimatullah.

You'll see how little people know. Happy teaching!

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