

COMPARISON CHART OF MAJOR WORLDVIEWS*

Worldview	God	God's Relationship to the World	Ethics	Miracles	Man's Makeup	Man's Nature	Jesus Christ	Man's Destiny
THEISM Christianity Judaism Islam	One Infinite Personal God	Transcendent and Immanent	Moral Absolutes	Possible and Actual	Body and Soul Immortal	Morally Depraved	Christianity: God Judaism: Man Islam: Prophet	Resurrection; Heaven or Hell
DEISM	One Infinite Personal God	Transcendent and some Immanent	Moral Absolutes	Possible and Actual - Not Actual Today	Body Mortal; Soul Immortal	Various	Good Man	Annihilation or Reward (State of Mind)
FINITE THEISM	One Finite Personal God	Transcendent and Immanent	Relative	Possible - Not Actual	Body Mortal; Soul Immortal	Basically Good	Good Man	Some Kind of Reward of the Soul
PANENTHEISM	One Potentially Infinite - Actually Finite God	Potentially Transcendent and Immanent	Relative	Impossible	Body Mortal; Soul Immortal (some)	Basically Good	Good Man	No Literal Destiny Besides Memory in God's Mind
PANTHEISM Hinduism Buddhism Taoism New Age, etc.	One Infinite Impersonal God	God is the World	Relative	Impossible	Body Mortal; Soul Immortal	Based on Karma	A god; Enlightened	Reincarnation; Nirvana
POLYTHEISM Hinduism Mormonism Neo-paganism Wicca, etc.	Multiple Finite gods	Gods are Immanent	Relative	Possible and Actual	Body Mortal; Soul Immortal	Good	One of many gods	Various Views on Reward and Punishment
NATURALISM Atheism Agnosticism Secular Humanism Existentialism Nihilism Marxism, etc.	No God	None	Relative - Situation Ethics	Impossible	Body Mortal - No Soul	Good, Environment Causes Evil	Religious Leader; Criminal; Mere man; Legend	Non-existence

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