



Can we define God?

**WHO IS THE CHRISTIAN GOD?**



# AGENDA

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- ✘ What do people mean when they say God
- ✘ Who is God
- ✘ What can God do
- ✘ God's relationship to Man



## WHY THE QUESTION

- ✘ If we are going to serve God, we need to know who He is.
- ✘ How does our God compare to the other gods
- ✘ What are the attributes of God
- ✘ What should we expect from Him





# WHAT DO PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY “GOD”

- × Powerful
- × Feared
- × Creator (*not all of them*)
- × Have control over nature
- × Have control over the destiny of people and things
- × Capable of anything
- × Not earthly (*not all of them*)



# WHAT DO PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY “GOD”



- × sacred
- × immortal
- × decides what is right and wrong
- × must be pleased
- × controls life and death
- × controls what is after death
- × must be worshiped



# WHAT KIND OF GODS EXIST?

## × Monotheism:

- + THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD WHO CREATED EVERYTHING.
- + JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM
- + GOD => GOD

## × Dualism

- + THERE ARE TWO GODS WHO ARE FIGHTING TOGETHER. ONE GOD IS GOOD THE OTHER IS EVIL.





# WHAT KIND OF GODS DO PEOPLE BELIEVE IN?



## × Polytheism

- + THERE ARE A LOT OF GODS
- + EACH HAVE THEIR OWN DOMAIN, SPECIALTY
- + YOU WORSHIP WHO YOU LIKE/FEAR THE MOST

## × Pantheism

- + THE UNIVERSE ITSELF IS GOD
- + THE UNIVERSE IS ETERNAL
- + EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE IS GOD
- + ITS NEW FORM IS CALLED NATURALIST/NEW AGE MOVEMENT



# CAN THERE BE MORE THEN ONE GOD?



- ✘ We need to think about the following questions
  - + WHO CREATED ALL THESE GODS?
  - + WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THESE GODS, IS IT ALL THE SAME, IS IT DIFFERENT?
  - + WHO CREATED THE UNIVERSE?
    - ✘ The universe is homogenous, which indicates one mind behind it.
    - ✘ If one god created the universe, what did the other gods do?
  - + WHICH GOD CONTROLS THE WORLD?
  - + WHO DECIDES WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS EVIL?





## HOW ABOUT DUALISM?



- ✘ If the god who created everything is powerful, how can he allow another god to destroy his work?
- ✘ The mere existence of the other god is a prove that the first one is not strong enough to get his will be executed and applied through out the universe



## BEING INFINITE?



- ✘ If God is infinite and fills the whole universe, how many infinite being can there be and fill the same universe?
- ✘ Things stop making sense after one God



# HOW TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

- × Moral Law:
- × Biology
- × Astronomy







# MORAL LAW



- + WE ALL FEEL THAT WE OUGHT TO DO WHAT IS “RIGHT” BUT WE FAIL TO DO IT.
- + WHAT AND WHO DECIDES WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG?
- + IT IS NOT NATURAL AS IT IS AGAINST OUR BASIC INSTINCT
- + IT IS NOT THE HERD INSTINCT



# BIOLOGY



- ✘ The complexity of human body and living cells is an indication that there is a great intelligence behind it
- ✘ Random events cannot explain why life exists
- ✘ The age of the universe does not allow enough time for all these random mutations



# COSMOLOGY



- ✘ The universe existed all of the sudden
- ✘ Science has proved that the universe has a beginning and before that there was nothing
- ✘ Where did all this energy in the universe come from
- ✘ What/Who started the universe?





# HOW IS THE GOD OF THE CHRISTIAN DIFFERENT THAN OTHER “GODS”?



# THE CHRISTIAN GOD



- ✘ We believe in one God who created heaven and earth
- ✘ We believe that God created an all good world
- ✘ God did not create evil
- ✘ He gave his conscience creation free will.
- ✘ Because of free will, there was a bad choice that was made.
- ✘ The bad choice was to be independent from God.



# THE CHRISTIAN GOD



- ✘ God in Christianity is a personal God.
- ✘ God is not a distant power
- ✘ He is constantly involved in our daily life.
- ✘ He personally care about everything in my personal life.
  
- ✘ He is MY GOD





## HOW DID GOD DEFINE HIMSELF?



- ✘ And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (Exo 3:14)

### What does that mean?

- ✘ God exist by Himself
- ✘ He is the source of all existence
- ✘ He does not need anyone/anything else.



## NATURE OF GOD



It is fitting indeed, and right, that we praise You, bless You, serve You, worship You, and glorify You,

- ✘ the one,
- ✘ only true God,
- ✘ the Lover of Mankind,
- ✘ ineffable, (*can not be expressed*)
- ✘ invisible,
- ✘ infinite,
- ✘ without beginning,



## NATURE OF GOD (2)



- ✘ everlasting,
- ✘ timeless,
- ✘ immeasurable,
- ✘ incomprehensible,
- ✘ unchangeable,





# GOD AND US

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- ✘ creator of all,
- ✘ savior of everyone,
- ✘ Who forgive our sins,
- ✘ who save our life from corruption,
- ✘ who crown us with mercies and compassions.



## GOD AND THE HEAVENLY



- ✘ You are He whom the praise and the archangels worship.
- ✘ You are He whom the principalities bless and to whom the dominions cry.
- ✘ You are He whose glory the authorities declare.
- ✘ You are He unto whom the thrones send up the honor.
- ✘ Thousands of thousands stand before You and ten thousand times ten thousand offer You service.
- ✘ You are He whom the invisible bless and the visible worship. They all do Your word, O our Master.



# GOD AND ME



- ✘ In Christianity, God is personal
- ✘ God is love
- ✘ God is the Father
- ✘ He is the Groom of the spirit and of the Church
- ✘ He is the Shepherd
- ✘ God is the potter and I am the clay





# HOW SHOULD WE TREAT GOD



✘ It is fitting indeed, and right, that we

- + PRAISE YOU,
- + BLESS YOU,
- + SERVE YOU,
- + WORSHIP YOU,
- + AND GLORIFY YOU

- + LOVE HIM
- + FEAR HIM
- + DEDICATE OUR LIFE TO HIM
- + TRUST HIM
- + KNOW THAT HE IS THE PANTOCARTOR



# WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT FROM GOD

- × To care for us
- × Protect us
- × Love us
- × Save us
- × Guide us
- × provide for us



## CONCLUSION



- ✘ Our God is different than all other gods
- ✘ In Christianity, God is personal and there is an intimate relationship with Him
- ✘ God is not far and remote, but very close to us
- ✘ God loves us to the extent that He died for us
- ✘ We should love Him as He loved us.