

WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT CHRISTIANITY?

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1. Theology I: A Rationale For A Relational God (The Significance Of The Trinity, John 17.24b)

A COMPARISON OF GODS

Pagan Gods



**Personal
But Finite**

Nirguna Brahman



**Infinite
But Impersonal**

Saguna Brahman



**Personal
But An Illusion**

Buddhist Pantheism



**Infinite
But Impersonal**

**New Age
Pantheism**



**Infinite But
Demeaning**

**Islam's
Monistic Allah**



**Infinite,
Personal But
Non-Relational**

**Judaism's
Monistic LORD**



**Infinite,
Personal And
Implausibly
Relational**

**Christianity's
Trinity**



**Infinite,
Personal And
Plausibly
Relational**

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2. **Anthropology: A True Explanation Of Human Nature (Ephesians 2.4,5; Colossians 2.13)**

3. **Teleology I: A Rationale For Stewardship Of The Earth (Genesis 1.28; Isaiah 51.3; Revelation 5.9,10)**

4. **Teleology II: A Basis For Joy (2 Corinthians 8.2; James 1.2-4; 1 Peter 1.8)**

5. **Theology II: A God Who Shows Up (Genesis 3.8; Exodus 20.18-22; 24.9-11,15-18; 1 Corinthians 15.3-8)**

6. **Theology III: A God Who Becomes Human *Permanently* (John 1.14; 1 Timothy 2.5)**

7. **Soteriology: Salvation By Grace (Romans 1.16; Ephesians 2.8-10; 2 Timothy 2.1)**

Christianity cannot be lumped with the other religions of the world; it is unique. Christianity does not require you to perform external rituals nor join human institutions to gain acceptance with God. The Living God Himself invites you into *relationship* by means of the atoning sacrifice already completed by His Son Jesus Christ. The first step into that relationship with your Creator is your heartfelt willingness to turn away from a godless and empty life; the second is to embrace Jesus as your new *highest good*. Is it possible that the One True God is calling your heart right now?