

**Sermon Series: Why Christianity?**  
**Message: What Makes Christianity Unique**  
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**Introduction**

Worldview:

A philosophical view on everything that exists and matters to \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the best way to \_\_\_\_\_ on planet earth?

\_\_\_\_\_ play a central role in decision making.<sup>1</sup>

Our world view dictates

a) \_\_\_\_\_ we do what we do   b) \_\_\_\_\_ we do   c) \_\_\_\_\_ we do it

In 2015, the human population on planet earth was

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>

**A Look at Major Religious Worldview's**

**Buddhism**

Siddhārtha Gautama (Buddha) lived in the 5th Century. He came from a privileged family and when grew up and came into contact with the world he concluded that life was full of \_\_\_\_\_.

There were three possible solutions:

a) Self Mortification   b) \_\_\_\_\_   c) Self Indulgence <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ted.com/speakers/antonio\\_damasio](https://www.ted.com/speakers/antonio_damasio)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/04/05/christians-remain-worlds-largest-religious-group-but-they-are-declining-in-europe/>

<sup>3</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Buddhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Buddhism)

Suffering exists because people are not satisfied with life. The way to stop suffering is to stop wanting what you don't have. To help you do this, follow the \_\_\_\_\_ composed of right: understanding, thought, speech, action, livelihood, effort, concentration, and mindfulness.<sup>4</sup>

***Analysis:*** Buddhism teaches people to decrease suffering by performing \_\_\_\_\_ during multiple lifetimes until you cease to exist.

## **Hinduism**

Hinduism is not an \_\_\_\_\_ religion. It has no single, systematic approach to teaching its value system, but is a collection of different beliefs.

Hindus worship many gods and goddesses in addition to \_\_\_\_\_, who is believed to be the supreme God, a force present in all things.

Hindus believe that there are \_\_\_\_\_ ways to salvation.

The soul reincarnates, evolving through many births until all karmas (\_\_\_\_\_) have been resolved, and \_\_\_\_\_, liberation from the cycle of rebirth, is attained.<sup>5</sup>

***Analysis:*** Hinduism is a buffet of beliefs, with salvation ultimately based on your \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.chakraretreat.com/tenants-of-buddhism/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.himalayanacademy.com/readlearn/basics/nine-beliefs>

## **Non Religious**

\_\_\_\_\_ : someone who does not believe in God/gods

\_\_\_\_\_ : someone who believes that ultimate reality (eg... God) is unknown and probably unknowable

\_\_\_\_\_ : someone who does not identify with any religion

*Analysis: People who claim to be non religious do not look for ultimate answers in \_\_\_\_\_ beings.*

## **Islam** <sup>6</sup>

A man named \_\_\_\_\_ received a revelation from God in AD 622.

Mohammed had human \_\_\_\_\_.

The five pillars of Islam are:

- Prayer - 5 formal prayers a day
- Declaration of faith- only God is worthy of worship, Muhammad is His prophet.
- Fasting - for 1 month each year from sunrise to sunset
- Charity - wealth is God's blessing and it is our responsibility to help others with it

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.islamreligion.com/articles/10256/core-values-of-islam/>

- \_\_\_\_\_ - once in a life time trip to sacred sites in Mecca (in Saudi Arabia)

God's love is a \_\_\_\_\_, it is not intrinsic to His character.

On Judgement Day, eternal life is based on your \_\_\_\_\_ deeds weighing more than your \_\_\_\_\_ deeds.

*Analysis: Muslims are fiercely loyal to one God, and rely on \_\_\_\_\_ to determine your eternal destiny.*

## **Christianity**

Humans were created \_\_\_\_\_ by God, but chose to disobey Him.

Jesus came to save us from the consequences of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

Motivated by \_\_\_\_\_, God empowers Christians to keep the 10 Commandments as an outward expression of their devotion to Him.

Christians are saved by God's \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_.