

Video Transcript: Do All Religions Lead to God?

1.

A popular modern philosophy in the western world is that all religions lead to God. This idea stems from eastern thinking which tolerates a multitude of beliefs and many different gods. It is attractive because it is non-confrontational. But is it true?

In this video I will show that it is logically and practically impossible for all religions to lead to the one true God. The evidence is that there can be only one true God and one true religion.

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The pluralistic view that all religions lead to the same God is attractive because it is inoffensive.

Each of us is free to worship our own god in our own way provided that we keep our beliefs largely to ourselves.

This being the case, there should be no need for religious persecution, intolerance of other cultures, or wars in the name of some god.

However, if it isn't true, then it can't really lead to the hoped-for peace and tolerance. Nothing good ever came from believing a lie. The issue, therefore, needs to be settled.

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The view that all religions lead to the same God, albeit by different paths, assumes that they are all fundamentally the same and only superficially different.

This assumption, however, is clearly wrong.

In practice, the main religions are in complete opposition to one another in regard to their underlying principles and fundamental doctrines.

It is not enough to worship God; we must worship the God who really is. Otherwise we are not really worshipping God at all – Brian Maiden.

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All religions have their roots in one of two fundamental philosophies: pantheism or theism.

Thus, God is either identical with the universe (pantheism) or he is independent and outside of the universe (theism).

The goal of the eastern religions is to attain oneness with the cosmos, while the goal of the theistic religions is to achieve eternal fellowship with the God who created the cosmos.

... divine reality cannot be both personal and impersonal ... our final bliss cannot consist both in the attainment of Nirvana and in eternal fellowship with a personal God of love – H. P. Owen.

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The pluralistic view is also illogical. It requires that everyone tolerate everyone else's views even when they are contradictory.

Yet truth, by definition, is very narrow, and by its very essence is intolerant of error.

The very purpose of religion is to find truth. Therefore, to accept falsehood for the sake of toleration is irreligious and self-defeating.

Worshipping some god does not mean that we are worshipping the true God. We must be certain that what we believe is true and have good evidence to support our beliefs.

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Truth is the only reasonable basis for religion. Love, sincerity, honesty and faith, by themselves, will not lead to righteousness.

Hitler sincerely believed in what he was doing, and suicide-bombers are willing to die for their cause.

But if our beliefs are not founded on truth, they will ultimately prove worthless.

Unless a religion squares with the facts of history and human experience, and unless it agrees with the truth of God which is the underlying reality of all things, that religion, however sincere it's followers may be, is not good enough – Dr. Vernon Ground.

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All religions differ in their view of who and what God is. They cannot all be right.

If all religions contradict one another, there are only two logical choices: either they are all false, or there is only one true God and one true religion.

As discussed in other videos in this series, there is compelling evidence to show that:

- There is a Creator God who exists outside of, and is greater than, the cosmos.
- Jesus Christ was God.

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If there is one true God, then there must be one true way to reach him.

And if God has communicated this way to us through Scripture, then to choose another way is to deny his truth and ignore his revelation.

Of all the religious leaders the world has ever known, only Jesus Christ claimed to be the truth, the way to God, and the source of eternal life:

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

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It is not arrogant and unkind to tell the truth in a loving manner.

In reality, those who condone a false religion as true are being cruel to those who follow a mistaken path.

They are, ironically, denying true love and compassion to those who are in trouble.

It is not that Christians are narrow-minded or uncharitable about other faiths. But if Jesus is indeed, as the resurrection asserts, God himself come to our rescue, then to reject him, or even to neglect him, is ultimate folly – Michael Green.

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The world's religions differ markedly in their views of God and truth. They cannot all be right.

We can choose to ignore the contradictions between religions or consider them as non-essentials. But in doing this, we achieve a false peace at the expense of truth.

Honesty should move us to reflect, in the light of our sin and rebellion, not why there is only one way to God, but why there should be a way at all!

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).