

RISEN

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION



SIX STEPS TO BELIEF IN THE **RESURRECTION**

- 1** Jesus died by crucifixion.
- 2** Jesus was buried in a known tomb.
- 3** Jesus' tomb was later found empty.
- 4** Many people experienced appearances of Jesus alive after his death.
- 5** The best explanation for these facts is that Jesus rose from the dead.
- 6** Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that Jesus rose from the dead.





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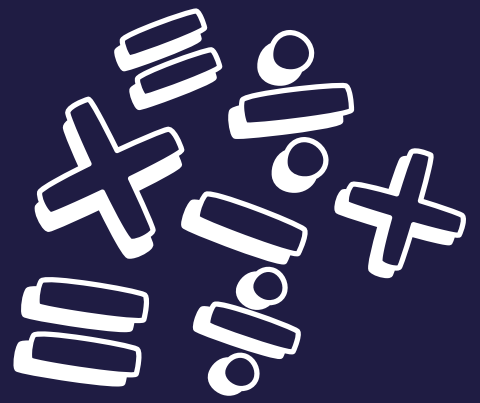
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- “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” // **John 14:6**
- “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
// **John 11:25-26**
- “No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” // **Matthew 11:27**
- “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
// **Matthew 28:18**

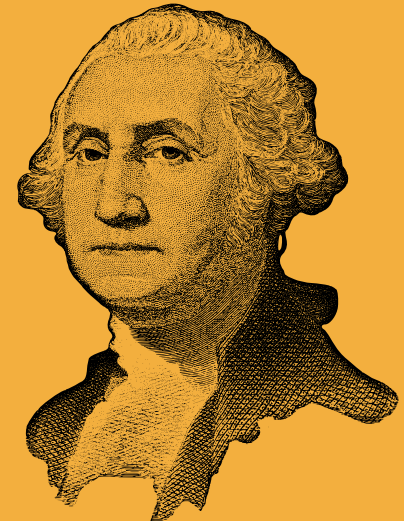
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- *Peter*: “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
// **Acts 4:12**
- “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. // **1 Timothy 2:5-6**
- “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” // **John 3:18**


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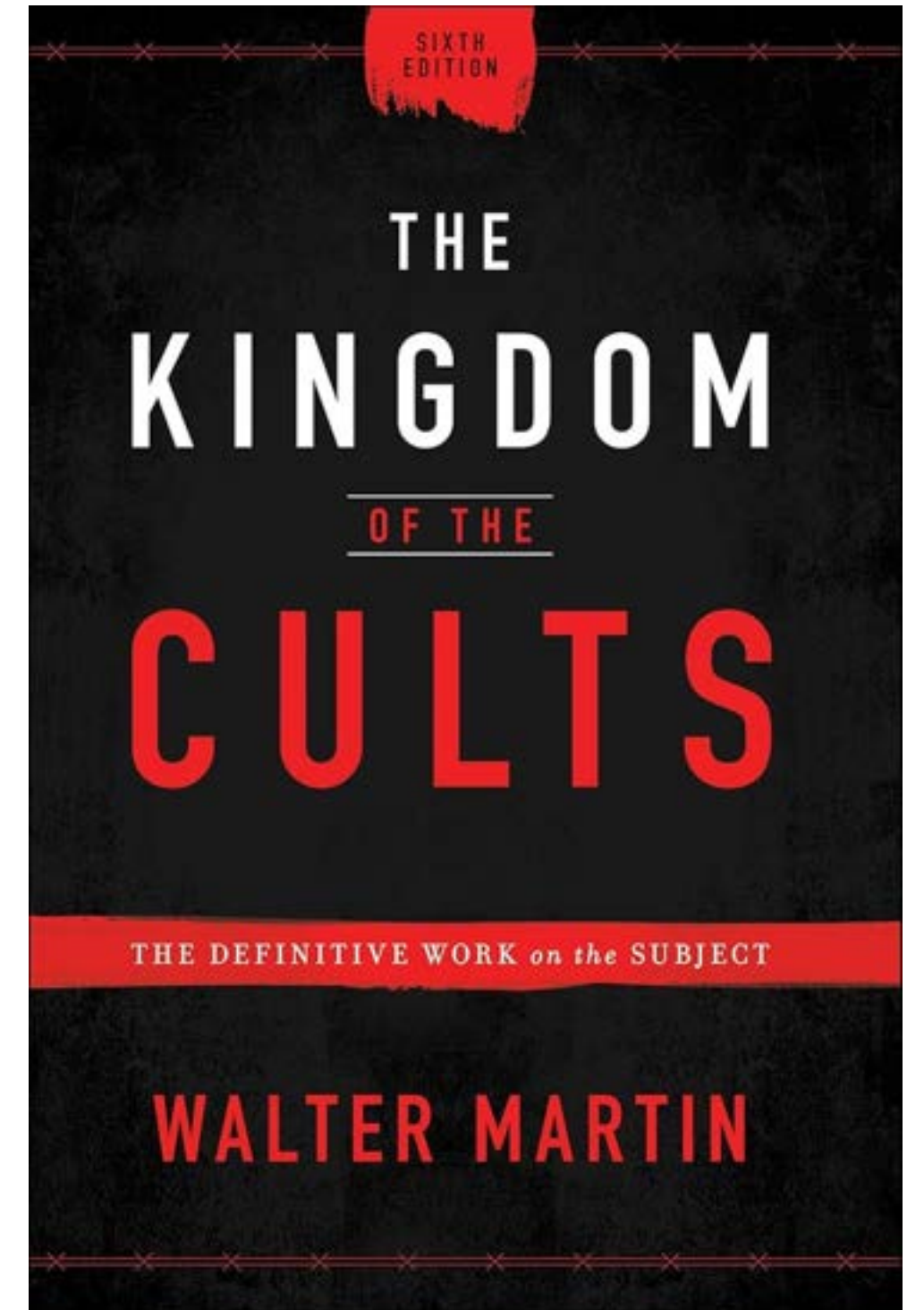
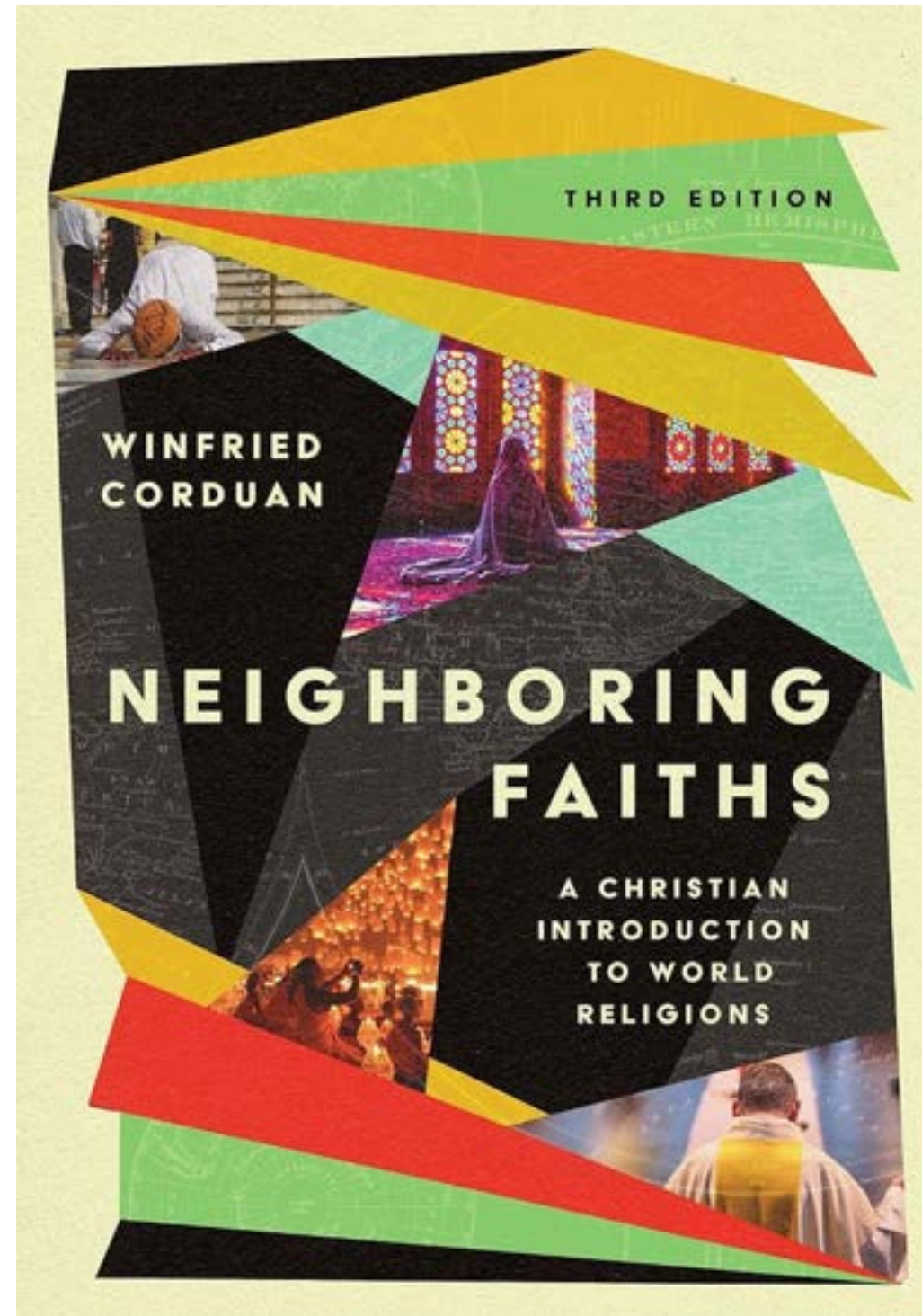
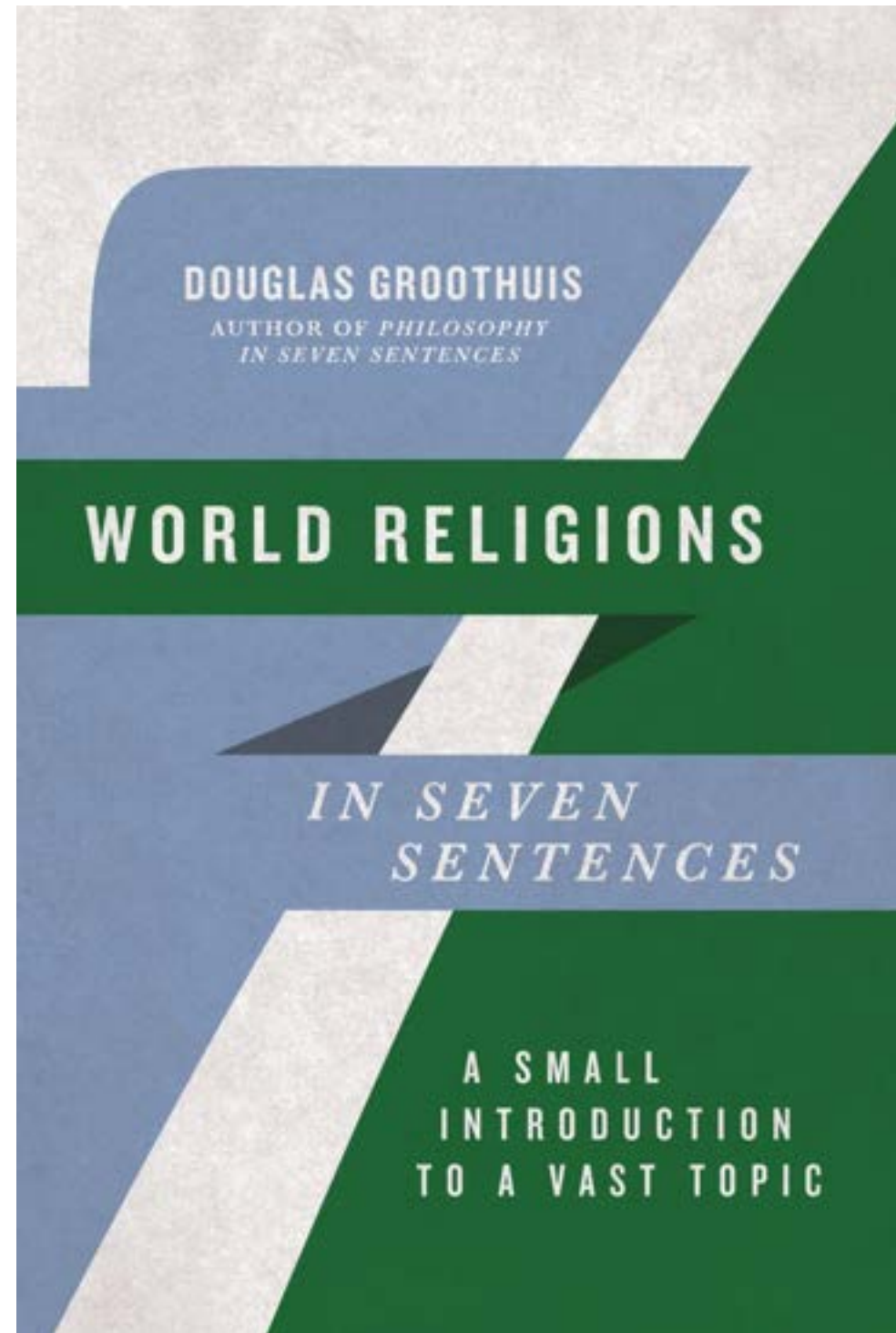
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COMPARISON TABLE: CHRISTIANITY VS. OTHER MAJOR RELIGIONS

 RELIGION	 VIEW OF GOD	 PATH TO SALVATION	 JESUS' ROLE	 AFTERLIFE	 HISTORICAL EVIDENCE
 CHRISTIANITY	One God (Trinity)	Faith in Jesus alone (Grace, not works)	Son of God, Savior, Resurrected	Heaven or Hell	Strong historical backing, resurrection claims
 ISLAM	One God (Allah)	Works-based (5 Pillars, good deeds must outweigh bad)	Prophet, not divine	Paradise or Hell	Quran claims Jesus was not crucified (contradicts historical sources)
 JUDAISM	One God (YHWH)	Obedience to the Law & repentance	Rejected as Messiah	World to come (varied views)	Affirms Jesus existed but denies resurrection
 HINDUISM	Many gods (Pantheism)	Karma & Reincarnation (many paths to enlightenment)	Wise teacher	Rebirth until Moksha (liberation)	No historical claim of divine revelation
 BUDDHISM	No personal God	Self-enlightenment (8-Fold Path, Nirvana)	Wise teacher, not divine	Nirvana (end of suffering)	No claim of divine revelation
 NEW AGE / UNIVERSALISM	Divine force in all	Many spiritual paths	Spiritual guide	Various (reincarnation, spiritual realms)	No historical basis for belief





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“...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; **yet do it with gentleness and respect**”

1 PETER 3:15

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HOW CAN WE SHARE AN
EXCLUSIVE GOSPEL BY
BEING *INCLUSIVE*?

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

1. We proclaim one way to salvation, but we invite everyone.

- **Romans 10:9**: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

2. We make Christ the focus and not ourselves.

- **2 Corinthians 4:5** “What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord”

3. We embody the gospel in how we treat people.

- **John 13:35**: “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



GOSPEL DINNERS

FAMILY | CHURCH FAMILY | NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS



A collage-style illustration of a desert landscape. The scene is composed of layered, torn-paper-like elements. In the foreground, a person in dark, heavy robes sits on the ground, looking down. The ground is a mix of tan and brown tones with some sparse, dry vegetation and dark rocks. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills and mountains in shades of brown, tan, and dark blue. The background features a large, bright yellow sun in the upper center, with dark, stormy clouds and a lightning bolt on the right side. Several birds are flying in the sky. The overall style is textured and layered, with a somber and contemplative mood.

THE BOOK OF JOB

SUFFERING & THE CHARACTER OF GOD