



SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:6

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6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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- **To be prepared to give an answer for the hope we believe in**



"TOUGH QUESTIONS (Part 2): DON'T ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD?"

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MESSAGE NOTES

All religions look the same on the surface...

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1. Same Teachings/Sayings

Matthew 7:12

**So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you,
for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.**

The Golden Rule in other Religions

Islam: "As you would have people do to you, do to them..."

- Kitab al-Kafi, vol. 2, p. 146

Hinduism: "By making dharma (right conduct) your main focus, treat others as you treat yourself." - Mahābhārata Shānti-Parva 167:9)

Buddhism: "Just as I am so are they, just as they are so am I..."

- Sutta Nipata 705

Confucianism: "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others." – Confucius, Analects XV.24

PARALLEL DOCTRINES OF JESUS AND BUDDHA

	Jesus (2000 years ago)	Buddha (2,500 years ago)
TREAT OTHERS AS YOURSELF	"Do to others as you would have them do to you." <i>(Luke 6:31)</i>	"Consider others as yourself." <i>(Dhammapada 10:1)</i>
DO NOT AVENGE YOURSELF	"If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also." <i>(Luke 6:29)</i>	"If anyone should give you a blow with his hand, with a stick, or with a knife, you should abandon any desires and utter no evil words." <i>(Majjhima Nikaya 21:6)</i>
CARE FOR THE NEEDY	"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." <i>(Matthew 25:45)</i>	"If you do not tend to one another, then who is there to tend you? Whoever would tend me, he should tend the sick." <i>(Mahavagga 8:26.3)</i>
AVOID VIOLENCE	"Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword." <i>(Matthew 26:52)</i>	"Abandoning the taking of life, the ascetic Gautama dwells refraining from taking life, without stick or sword." <i>(Digha Nikaya 11:8)</i>
LOVE EVEN THE WICKED	"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" <i>(Matthew 5:44)</i>	"Let a man overcome anger by love, let him overcome evil by good" <i>(Dhammapada 223)</i>
JUDGE YOURSELF NOT OTHERS	"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?... You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye..." <i>(Matthew 7:5-6)</i>	"The faults of others are easier to see than one's own; the faults of others are easily seen, for they are sifted like chaff, but one's own faults are hard to see." <i>(Undavavarga 27:1)</i>



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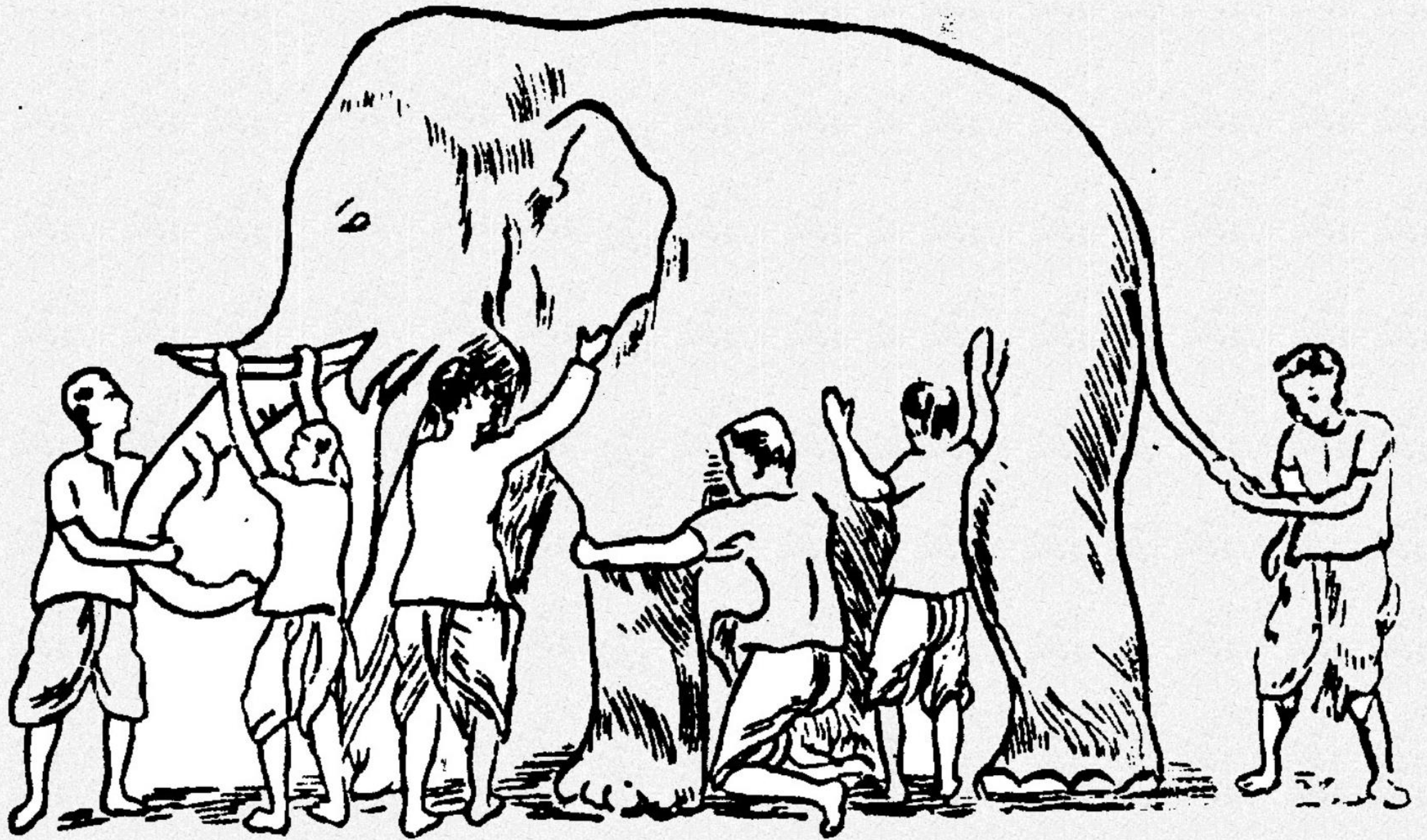
2. Same Stories/Accounts





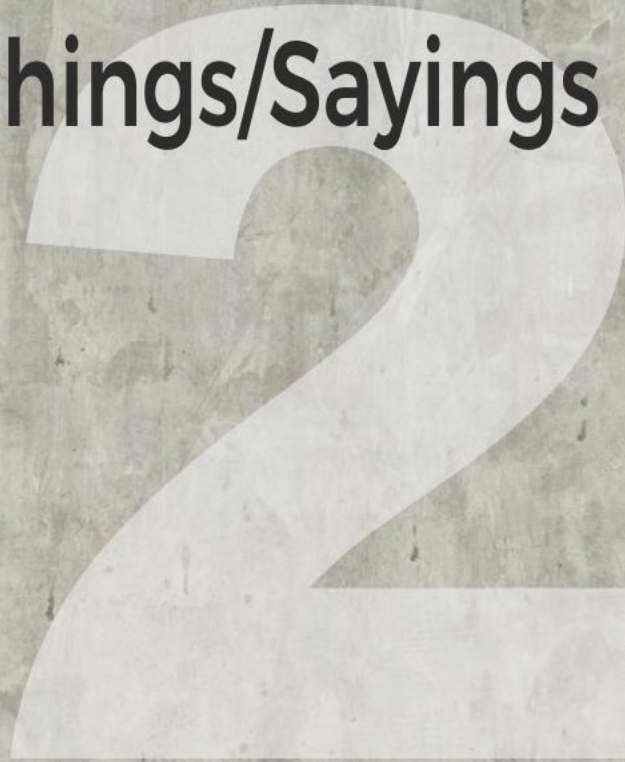
3. Same God





While all religions may look the same on the surface, they are fundamentally different when they are examined more closely

1. Different Teachings/Sayings



ON THE AFTERLIFE

BUDDHISM/HINDUISM:
EVERYONE REINCARNATES

ISLAM/JUDAISM/XTIANITY:
EVERYONE LIVES/DIES ONCE

NATURE OF GOD

JUDAISM/ISLAM:
GOD IS ONE

HINDUISM:
GOD IS MANY

CHRISTIANITY:
GOD IS THREE IN ONE
(TRINITY)

ULTIMATE DESTINY:

JUDAISM/ISLAM:
RIGHTEOUSNESS &
OBEDIENCE TO
WILL OF GOD

HINDUISM/BUDDHISM:
METAPHYSICAL
LAW OF KARMA

CHRISTIANITY:
FAITH IN CHRIST

WAY OF SALVATION

JUDAISM:
OBSERVING THE TORAH

CHRISTIANITY:
YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE

BUDDHISM:
THE EIGHT NOBLE TRUTHS

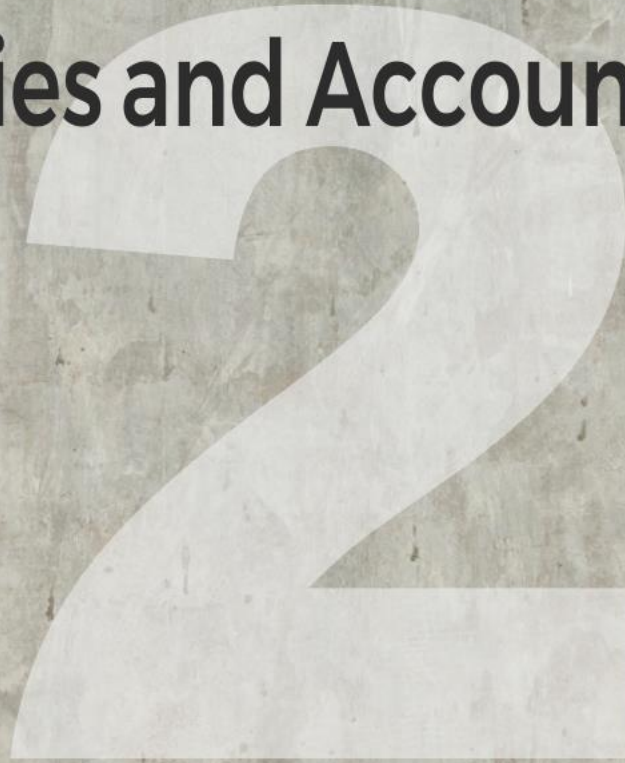
“FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE
BEEN SAVED – NOT BY WORKS –
SO NO ONE CAN BOAST...”

ISLAM: THE FOUR PILLARS

– EPH 2:8-9

OTHER RELIGIONS:
BY WHAT YOU DO (WORKS)

2. Different Stories and Accounts





Gilgamesh	Genesis
1. Polytheistic: gods at loggerheads with each other.	1. Monotheistic: one sovereign God in control of all.
2. The flood is decided on by a council of the gods, but Ea dissents.	2. The one God determines on a flood.
3. Ea, acting alone, warns Ut-napishtim in a dream: trickery is involved.	3. God sees Noah as righteous and offers a way of escape.
4. Reason for flood obscure, except that man's noise was irritating the gods (In <i>Atrahasis</i> this is the reason).	4. Reason for flood is divine judgment for human sin and violence.
5. Boat is a cube of 120 cu per side, with 7 decks, an impossibly unstable configuration!	5. Boat is a barge (tēbah), 300 x 50 x 30 cu. — a very stable construction ratio.
6. Flood due to storm and rain.	6. Flood due partly to rain, partly to earth upheavals, and water within.
7. Flood lasts for 7 days and nights; then another 7 resting on Mt Nimush until he disembarks.	7. Flood lasts in all for more than a year.
8. Boat lands on Mt Nimush ¹³ (in the Kurdish mountains).	8. Ark lands among "the mountains of Ararat" (i.e. in Eastern Armenia).
9. Ut-napishtim sends out a dove, swallow, and a raven.	9. Noah sends out a raven, then doves on three occasions at 7-day intervals.
10. Entry into and emergence from the boat at his own discretion.	10. Both entry into and emergence from the ark at divine command.
11. While most of the gods "gather like flies" over the sacrifice, Enlil is angry. Ninurta then appeases Enlil.	11. Noah offers sacrifice of thanksgiving and receives a divine covenant.
12. Enlil grants to Ut-napishtim eternal life.	12. Genesis is not at all about seeking immortality.

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3. Different God?

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LAW OF NON-CONTRADICTION (CAN THEY BOTH BE TRUE?)

I HAVE A 3RD CHILD

I DON'T HAVE A 3RD CHILD