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COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF RELIGION

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Abstract

There are several religions which exist in the world. In this paper, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity are discussed; it is you who should understand which religion teaches for a consistency of worldly life, attainment of supreme Bliss and the appropriate Path that leads to such attainment. Hindus worship Brahman through infinite representation of Gods. They believe that they are at present as the result of the past. Their goal is to become free from the law of Karma (Continuous reincarnation). Yet, this teaching is based on Soul theory. Buddhists accept the existence of gods, but not as Creators and immortal. Buddha is viewed by His followers as a human having attained what they are also striving to attain which is spiritual attainment with its freedom from the continuous cycle of birth and death. Buddhism includes the major causes for rebirths are cravings, aversion and delusion. The goal is to purify one's heart and detach from sensual pleasures which are not fully rejected, but regarded as degrading when compared with supra-mundane life. Buddhists do not meditate focusing on gods but on self-discipline. Buddhism accepts the soul as an ever-changing essence. Muslims believe in Islam, a religion where there is only one almighty God, Allah. He is the creator of the Universe and all living beings and the source of all good and evil. For Christians, Jesus is the God in human form. of them who forgave people of their sins and everyone who believes in Him would have eternal life. The bible is a God's written message to humankind. Divine centered religions do not give values to humanistic approach.

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