

APOLOGETICS



The
Mind's
Journey
to
Heaven

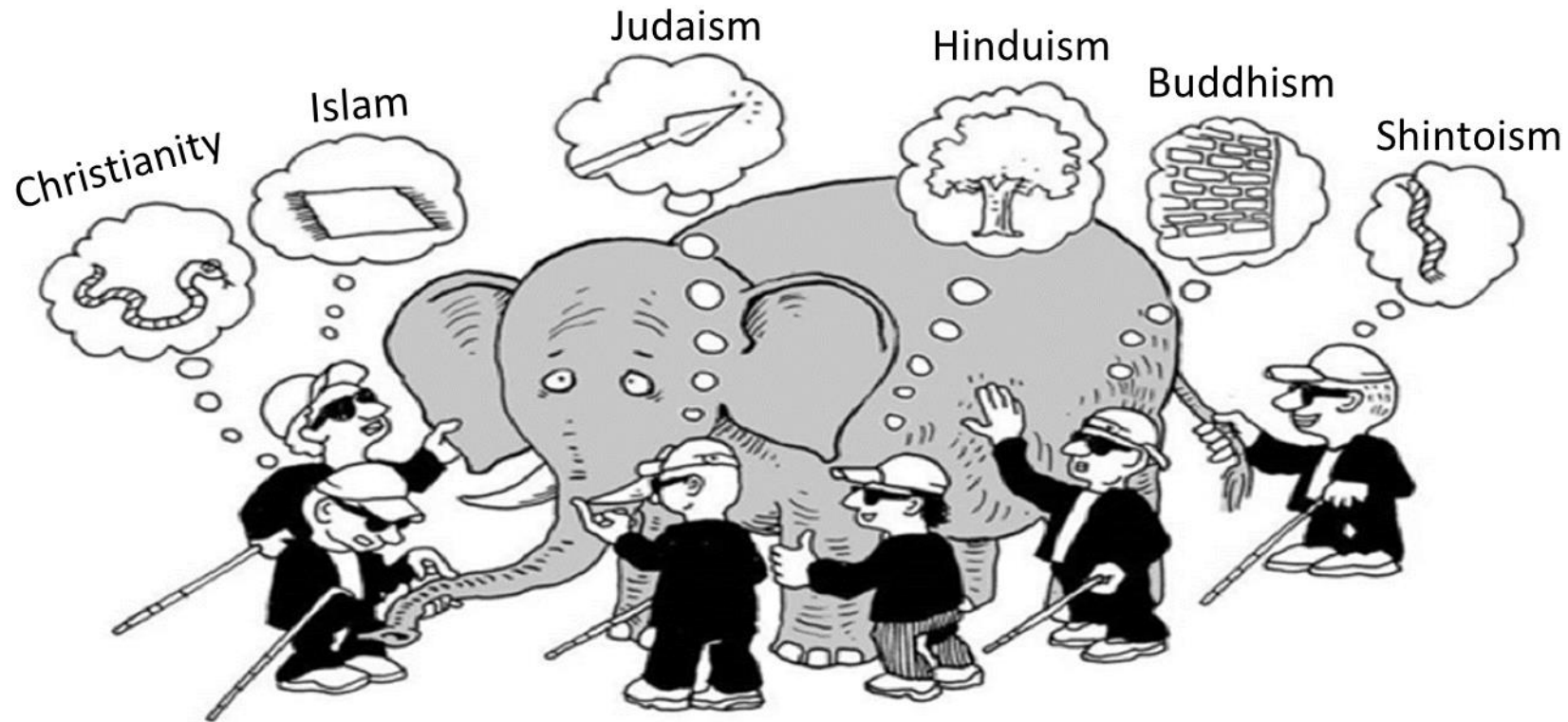




1. Isn't Christianity arrogant to say it is the only way to heaven?
2. Aren't all religions just different ways to the same God?

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Famous Parable of the 6 blind men and the elephant.



4 problems with this story



1. The author of this question is the most arrogant of all.
 - THE AUTHOR OF THIS PARABLE CLAIMS TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE the whole picture when in the story itself the elephant is unknowable as evident by the blind men.
2. The story presupposes that the blind men are content with limited and partial truths.
 - Why not keep probing till the whole truth is found?
3. The story also misses a crucial point. It proposes that the blind men, i.e. humanity, can only know the truth if the author of the parable shows it to them.
 - Yet, in Christianity, Judaism and Islam, the Elephant can speak!
4. It also presupposes that everyone's elephant is the same one.
 - Rather in Buddhism the elephant fits in their hand and in Christianity the elephant is bigger than the tallest mountain...both can't be right!
 - In Islam, God cannot become a man...and in Christianity, God must and does become a man.
 - In Hinduism, there are many Gods and in Christianity there is one Triune God.

Calling Christianity or Its Advocates Arrogant Fails To Understand the Message of Christianity

- It is not arrogant to claim that $2+2 = 4$. Why?
 - Because it is true.
 - Arrogance is rooted in a false presumption of greatness.
- In the same way, it is not arrogant to make the claims of Christianity if they are true.
- We must not confuse arrogance with conviction.
- Moreover, a primary claim of Christianity is that we are not superior to anyone else...even though the claims of Christianity are unique...and exclusive. Therefore, at a minimum the messengers of Christianity should be humble or they stand judged by the very message they are delivering.
- Lastly, and most importantly,

$$2+2 = 4$$

Is it arrogant for God to die on a cross for the sins of His creation?

Aren't all religions just different ways to the same God?



If Christianity is true, then the others aren't!

- “True” Biblical Christianity claims which are at 180 degree odds with others...
 - **There is only one God.**
 - Dt 6:4, Mark 12:29-34
 - **God is a Trinity...Father , Son , Holy Spirit.**
 - I Cor 8:6, 2 Cor 13:14, 3:17, Col 1 & 2, Matt 28:19; John 10:30-36; 15:26, I Peter 1:1-2; Eph 4:4-6
 - **Jesus was fully God and fully man.**
 - John 1:1, 1:14, John 8:58, Hebrews 1, Col 1&2; Philippians 2:6-11
 - **All people deserve death and Hell because of their sin nature and dead heart towards God.**
 - Romans 1, 3:23, 6:17, 6:23, 8:7; Gen 6:5; Eph 2:1-3, 2:12, 4:18; John 3:19, 5:40; Titus 3:3; Ecc 9:3; Rev 3:17
 - **There is only one way to be saved...by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.**
 - Luke 24:44, 24:47; Acts 4:11-12; John 14:6; I Timothy 2:5; John 3:14-15; Rom 3:22
 - **Jesus died, rose again and ascended into Heaven.**
 - Mark 16:5-7; Luke 24:6-7; Matt 28:6; John 11:25; Romans 6:4-5; I Peter 1:3; I Thess 4:14; Eph 1:18-21; Heb 1:1-4
 - **Jesus was always God from eternal past...and will always be God.**
 - I Peter 1:20; Col 1; Hebrews 1
 - **It is appointed unto man once to die and then to judgment.**
 - Hebrews 9:27

True Biblical Christianity Claims There Are Only Two Religions!



One's Built Upon Man's Effort To Save Himself



One's Built Upon God's Effort To Save Man



All Religions Which Rely on Man's Works Lead To Hell



Jesus Called the Religious Zealots of His Day...White Washed Tombs



or in modern English ...Zombies wearing Tuxedos!

Now Help Them To See the Contrast

TRUE BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY VS WORKS OF RELIGION

Truly Desire God, The Bible, His People, The Lost
VS
Just Shoving Religion in Your Mouth and Faking It!



Ezekiel 36:26

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Heart Of Stone?

Heart Of Flesh?

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OR

New Heart Towards God



Applications	Religious Actions
Operating System	World View
BIOS	Spiritual Heart
Hardware	Body

OUR BIOS HAS A FATAL VIRUS



Truth Claims Need to Be Verified and Tested

- Like the story of the Elephant, the blind men need someone who can see the whole picture to “reveal” the truth to them.
- Christianity claims to have this revelation from God. The proof is in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the final argument from God.
- His claims need to be tested just like all of the other “revelation” claims. Just realize He is the only one who ever claimed to be God Himself.
- ***INVITE THEM TO EXPLORE THESE CLAIMS AND THE EVIDENCE FOR THEIR TRUSTWORTHINESS!***

Where are we going to go?

- Major Secular Questions Asked of Christians

- How do we know God exists?
- Doesn't science prove Christianity is false? Can any rational person believe in the Christian Faith?
 - Science is the only discipline which is objective and can therefore be trusted.
 - Evolution has proven that we were not created.
- Can you trust the Bible as accurate?
- How can a good God exist if He allows suffering and evil?
- Is it fair for God to condemn someone to hell? What about those who have never heard the Gospel?
- Aren't all people basically good?
- Isn't Christianity arrogant to say it is the only way to heaven? Aren't all religions just different ways to the same God?
- **Isn't Christianity just a bunch of Do's and Don'ts?**
- Isn't the institutional Christian Church just about getting your money? Do you really have to go to church to be a Christian?
- Optional – Crowd generated questions...open Q&A

- Major World Religion's Arguments against true Christian Faith

- Islamic Arguments
- Roman Catholic Arguments
- Hinduism Arguments
- Mormonism Arguments
- Buddhism Arguments