



# INTRODUCTION

Lesson 1: Definitions



Read Genesis 1:1-27 and answer the following questions:

- When did God create the heavens and the earth?
- What was the earth like before God created?
- What did God create each day?
- How did God create each day?
- How did God create man?

# *Worldview*

- The total set of beliefs a person has about life's biggest questions. (Jonathan Morrow)
- A pattern of beliefs, convictions, and habits that help us make sense of God and the world

# *Open System*

- There is a transcendent being that acts on the world
- There is a reality beyond what we can sense



Acts on the  
world and  
universe



No God to  
act on the  
world and  
universe

# *Closed System*

- The world is only material; there is nothing transcendent or supernatural
- There is no reality beyond what we can sense

# *Discernment*

- The ability to distinguish mentally
- To see or recognize



# *Religion*

- Attempts to explain what the world is like and how we should live

# *Truth*

- Conformity to fact or reality



# Atheism

The belief that no god exists, either outside the universe or in it.



# Pantheism

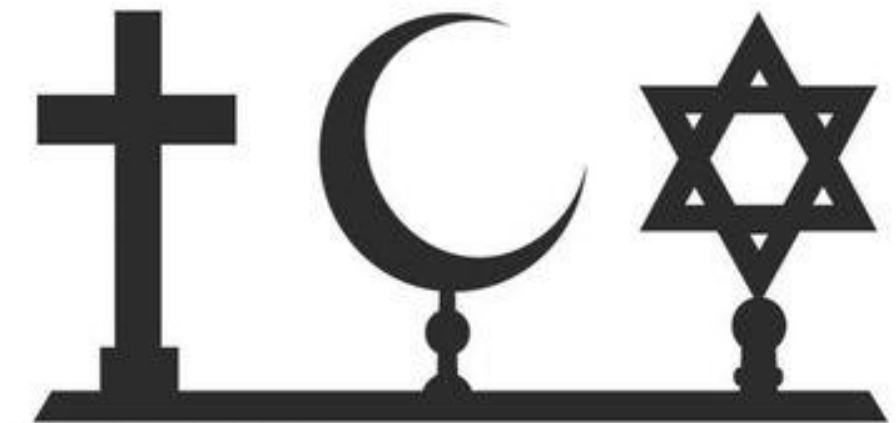
The belief that God is the universe. The creator and the creation are two different ways of viewing the same thing.



# Theism

The belief in a  
transcendent  
God who created  
the world

# Theism



This photo by unknown author is licensed under CC BY-SA