

### Christianity

Creation: We are created by the personal God who is transcendent. We are made in His image

Fall: Sin entered the world through the first humans; humans are sinful people in need of redemption

Redemption: We can't fix it; we can only be redeemed by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Eternity: We will spend eternity with God in heaven or separated from God in hell

### Islam

Creation: Created by Allah, we are slaves of Allah and His vice regents on earth. Muslim scholars developed the cosmological argument.

Fall: Humans are in rebellion to God; Adam and Eve's sin is not significant

Redemption: submit to Allah and practice the 5 pillars of Islam

Eternity: we go to Paradise or hell depending on our deeds. Only martyrdom guarantees Paradise

### Judaism

Creation: created by a personal God outside time and space

Fall: the first humans sinned but humans are not basically sinful

Redemption: keep God's Old Testament law; wait for the Messiah to come (Micah 6:8)

Eternity: this world is more important than the afterlife

### Humanism

Creation: we evolved by random chance (molecules to man evolution)

Fall: religion and belief in sinful man have kept society from progressing

Redemption: no god will save us, we must save ourselves

Eternity: annihilation; there is nothing after physical death

### Buddhism

Creation: you have always existed, cycles of karma

Fall: *Mara* is the force of desire in the world, the root of all suffering. *Dukkha* (illusion) is the cause of suffering

Redemption: realize everything is illusion and suffering comes from your desires produced by illusion; follow 8-fold path

Eternity: achieve enlightenment & escape earthly desires; nirvana

### Marxism

Creation: molecules to man evolution; specifically punctuated equilibrium

Fall: society has an economic problem; the rich/property owners oppress the workers

Redemption: the working class must rise up in revolution. Socialism is the answer with private property abolished and class distinctions eliminated

Eternity: annihilation; there is nothing after physical death

### Postmodernism

Creation: we can't know how we got here; we are a collage of social constructs and we are not absolutely anything

Fall: our problem is adherence to meta-narratives; each worldview's claim to offer unbiased truth about the world

Redemption: abandon the search for objective truth; our experiences will allow us to generate a theory of living which will allow us to understand our experiences

Eternity: there is nothing after death. We should forget about eternity

### New Age

Creation: I have always been; I'm an expression of consciousness

Fall: humans have failed to understand true consciousness

Redemption: Humans must have indifference to suffering and live the cycle of karma

Eternity: we go on to our next life to relieve our journey of suffering. This is sometimes called nirvana or stream of consciousness

### Hinduism

Creation: I have always been; going through the cycle of karma

Fall: human sin is caused by ignorance of Oneness. Evil comes from failure to realize that what is seen is an illusion

Redemption: one must detach oneself from passion in action. One can burn off negative karma by work with a *satgura* (an advanced spiritual teacher)

Eternity: the goal of life is liberation from *samsara* (the cycle of rebirths). Liberation can't be achieved a person rises above the law of karma