

	<b>THEISM</b>	<b>ATHEISM</b>	<b>DEISM</b>	<b>FINITE GODISM</b>	<b>PANENTHEISM</b>	<b>PANTHEISM</b>	<b>POLYTHEISM</b>
GOD	One, infinite, personal	None	One, infinite, personal	One, finite, personal	One, potentially infinite, actually finite, personal	One, infinite, impersonal	Two or more, finite, personal
WORLD	Created <i>ex nihilo</i> Finite, temporal	Uncreated, Eternal (material)	Created <i>ex nihilo</i> Finite, temporal	Created <i>ex materia</i> , or <i>ex nihilo</i> , eternal	Created <i>ex materia</i> and <i>ex deo</i>	Created <i>ex deo</i> , eternal immaterial	Created <i>ex materia</i> , eternal
GOD/WORLD RELATION	God beyond and in world	World only	God beyond world and not in it miraculously	God beyond and/or in world	God beyond world potentially and in it actually	God is world	God in world
MIRACLES	Possible and actual	Impossible	May be possible but not actual	May be possible but not actual	Impossible	Impossible	Not possible, supernatural events only
MAN'S NATURE	Soul-body, immortal	Body only, mortal	Body mortal, soul immortal	Body mortal, soul immortal	Body mortal, soul immortal (some advocates)	Body mortal, soul immortal	Body mortal, soul immortal
MAN'S DESTINY	Resurrection to reward or punishment	Extinction	Reward or punishment of the soul	Rewards and/or punishment	Live on in God's memory	Reincarnation, merging with God	Divine reward or punishment
ORIGIN OF EVIL	Free choice	Human Ignorance	Free choice (and/or ignorance)	In God's internal struggle	Necessary aspect of God	An illusion	In struggles between gods
END OF EVIL	Will be defeated by God	Can be defeated by man	Can be defeated by man or God	Can be defeated by man or God	Can't be defeated by God or man	Will be reabsorbed by God	Will not be defeated by gods
BASIS OF ETHICS	Grounded in God	Grounded in man	Grounded in nature	Grounded in God or man	Grounded in a changing God	Grounded in lower manifestations of God	Grounded in gods
NATURE OF ETHICS	Absolute	Relative	Absolute	Relative	Relative	Relative	Relative
HISTORY AND GOAL	Linear, purposeful, God appointed end	Linear or cyclical, purposeless, endless	Linear, purposeful, endless	Linear, purposeful, endless	Linear, purposeful, endless	Circular, illusory, endless	Circular, purposeful, endless
REPRESENTATIVE	Judaism, Christianity, Islam	David Hume, Friedrich Nietzsche, Antony Flew	Voltaire, T. Jefferson, Thomas Hobbes,	John Stuart Mill, William James, Peter Bertocci	Alfred North Whitehead, Charles Hartshorne, Schubert M. Ogden	Hinduism, Transcendentalists, Spinoza,	Hinduism, Zen Buddhism, Mormonism

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