



THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
A Study of World Religions

Lesson 1: What Is a Religion?

There are only two religions in the world: Christianity, which is the religion of grace, and all other religions, which are religions of works.

Romans 1:19, 20; 2:15 –

Galatians 2:16 –

Galatians 5:4 –

The Man in the Pit:

A man, as he was walking on a journey, fell into a pit. The sides of the pit were twice as high as his height. He was badly injured. He cried out for help, but as the day turned to night, his voice became hoarse, and it was obvious that no one would hear or come to save him.

The First Man: _____

The Second Man: _____

The Third Man: _____

The Fourth Man: _____

1:

2:

3:

4:

7 Questions for Religion Comparison

1. What is the source of religious knowledge?
2. What is the nature of god?
3. What is the relationship between god and the universe?
4. What is the real reason for humanity's trouble?
5. *What must a person do to be saved?*
6. What is the meaning of death?
7. What comes after death?

John 14:6 –

“Religion” means:

Colossians 3:12-17 –

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Aspects of Religion: Questions for Contemplation

- A. Believing: Is religion a belief in God/gods? or is religion the act of believing?

- B. Symbols: How do symbols function in religion? Are they merely convenient ways to explain the inexplicable? or are they intrinsically united to the things they symbolize?

- C. Sacredness: What does religion communicate about the sacred? How can human beings access it?