

Hinduism

Where do most Hindus live?

- 800 million Hindus with 80% in India.
- Only 3% of India is Christian.

What do Hindus believe about God?

- Polytheists — 330 million gods, 3 million gods or one for each day of the year
- Monotheists — Brahman the impersonal god-force behind everything
- Pantheists — Atman is part of the Brahman. It is in you and everything. Everything is God.

What are the Hindu books?

- Vedas (1500-100 B.C.), Upanishads (1000 B.C. to today), Puranas (500B.C. to 1000 A.D.)
- 47 different categories of books with as many as a dozen or more books per category.

How do Hindus worship?

- They worship family Gods, trees and anything in the universe.

What do Hindus believe about life after death?

- Samsara also known as reincarnation.
- The goal of life is moksha. That is becoming lost in the Brahman like a drop of water in the ocean.
- Karma is what traps us in an endless cycle of rebirths.

What is the caste system?

- There are four castes.

Where do Americans fall in the caste system?

How does Hinduism compare to Christianity?

- Hindus claim salvation in one of three ways.
 1. The way of works.
 2. The way of knowledge.
 3. The way of devotion.
- Christians claim salvation one way. The way of grace.

Why did Bobby Jindahl, the governor of Louisiana, leave Hinduism?

Buddhism

Where do most Buddhists live?

- China, Japan and Korea
- 350 million to 1.6 billion Buddhists

Who began Buddhism?

- Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha.

What are the four noble truths?

1. Suffering is universal.
2. Craving is the cause of suffering.
3. To end suffering, you bring an end to your craving.
4. Following the eight fold path leads to the end of suffering (right view of life, right aspirations, right speech, right conduct, right occupation, right effort, right contemplation and right meditation)

What do Buddhists believe about God and life after death?

- Most Buddhists believe there is no God.
- The goal of a Buddhist is to stop the cycle of reincarnation and cease to exist, like blowing out a candle.
- Buddhists believe in reincarnation, karma and meditation.

How does Buddhism compare to the Bible?

1. The Bible claims God exists. Buddhists claim he doesn't.
2. The Bible says we die once. Buddhists claim reincarnation and karma.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

3. The Bible says we have an eternal soul. Buddhists deny the soul.

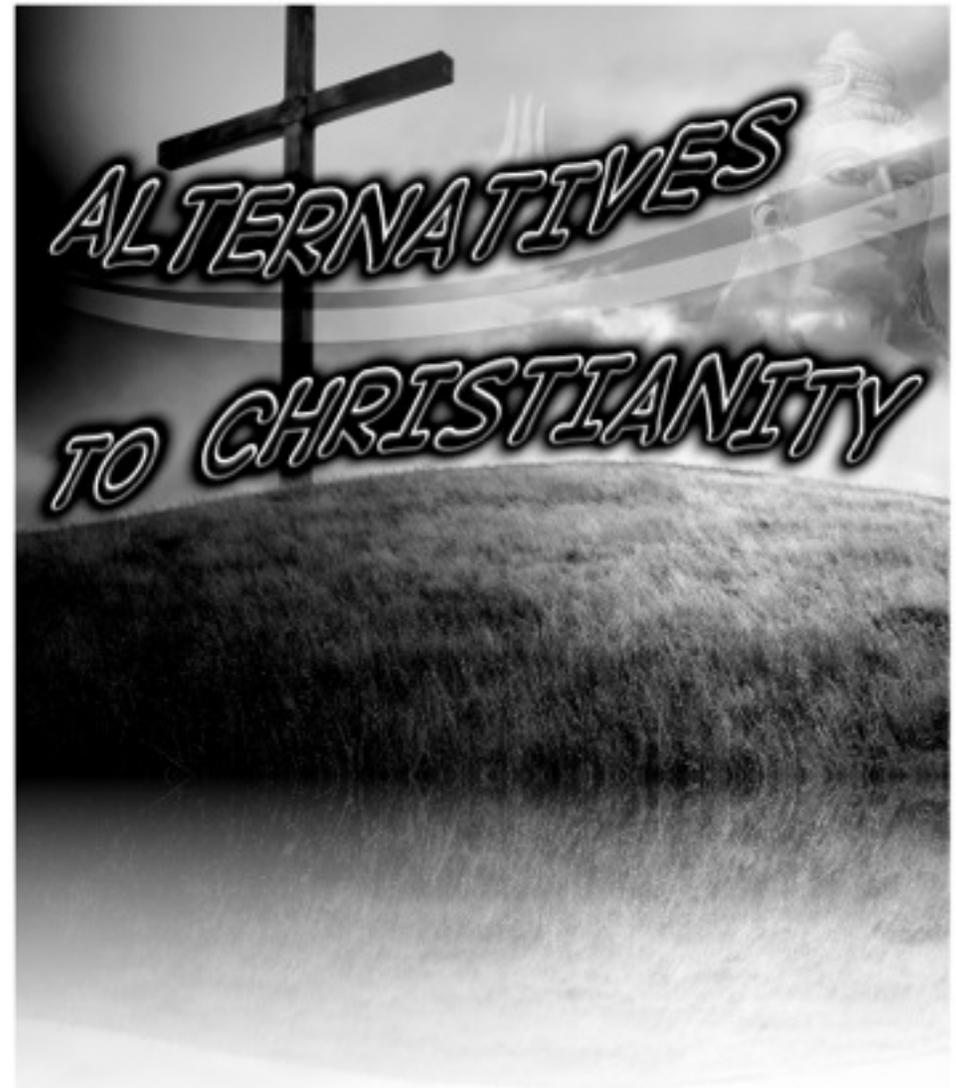
then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

4. The Bible says the problem of the world is sin. Buddhists say the problem of the world is suffering.
5. Christianity is what God has done. Buddhism is what I must do.

Why did Mitsuo Fuchida, the man who planned the attack on Pearl Harbor, leave Buddhism?

Conclusion

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified,



Hinduism and Buddhism