

OTHER RELIGIONS AND HEAVEN

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There are people who complain that Christianity is unfair when Christians say that only those who are saved and become Christians go to Heaven to enjoy eternal life. What about Muslims, Buddhists and others, do they not go to Heaven. people ask?

Muslims have a faith called Islam.

They believe in God called Allah and state that Heaven is only for Muslims and for those who serve Allah even in committing murder, terrorism and personal suicide ; they go to Islam heaven and are rewarded. The men have the services of Vestal virgins in Muslim heaven which is a temporary place as Muslims believe in reincarnation and there are clear references to this in the Koran. Over an hundred times in the Koran, there is the awful teaching of encouraging the beheading of infidels, who are non Muslims. We accept that many Muslims are not criminals or terrorists but their fundamental teaching is hostility, violence and a hatred of other religions. They are not a merciful religion.

Hindus believe in their own Heaven and Hell but as temporary places and do not believe in eternal life. They believe in both karma and in reincarnation where they come back to earth in a different body and could have thousands of other lives. Hindus believe in Heaven and Hell as temporary places each with very many realms.

Most spiritualists believe in reincarnation also. Who would want to come back into this evil world? The official statement and doctrine of spiritualism says that they do not believe in the Bible, the God of the Bible or Jesus Christ. Their beliefs about the afterlife is confusing and they believe in reincarnation. There is also in spiritualism the doctrine of past life regression where it is said that under hypnosis people's past lives can be revealed.

Spiritualism is confusing and spiritualists cannot answer these questions and, indeed, ignore them and often vehemently.

Incidentally it is generally accepted that spiritualism is not a religion but a science.

Karma which is good karma is shown in future blessing whereas bad karma may be shown in future suffering because of bad deeds.

Buddhists also do not believe in eternal life after death. Hell is a temporary place where people can improve themselves not by faith but by human merit. The real Heaven and Hells are in our world today and the alleged fires of hell do not compare with the fires of this present world where anger, hatred and ignorance are fiercer. Heaven is a temporary place for do gooders but it is not eternal blessed life. Buddhists believe in reincarnation and that in previous lives you may have been an animal and in the next life, after being a human being, you could be reborn as almost anything.

Sikhs have an excellent attitude to peace. They say that there is one God who is without form or gender and that every one is equal whether a good or bad person. God is inside everyone and the Sikhs beliefs are similar to those of Hindus.

Pagans and Druids believe in reincarnation as does Norse mythology, Sumerians, Zoroastrianists, voodooists, Shiintoists and others and these religions are older than the Bible. They do not believe in eternal life in Heaven.

Druids originally believed in human sacrifice and reincarnation. Pagans or Wicca, believe that the Divine exists in nature but they do not identify God other than He has no form or gender. Pagans do not have any doctrines or liturgy. What they believe is based on their human experience and so beliefs are vast and diverse. There does not seem to be any teaching on Heaven and Hell but they do believe in reincarnation.

All these details are taken from the official sources of these various religions themselves and are definitive.

The Christian gospel is merciful and loving and says that all who become Christians have a permanent eternal life. Those who have never heard the Gospel, including babies, are not deemed responsible and will not be lost.

The opening question has been answered.

There are other complaints such as some Christian churches or Christians do and say things which are not Christian teaching at all. But you cannot blame Christ or the New Testament for these human failures some of which are devastating and cruel.

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