

A CONTRAST

THE QUESTION	Humansim	Mysticism	Christianity
What is God?	A superstition to control the masses.	Impersonal force for "All is God".	Creator of all
What was Jesus?	A moral teacher that man deified.	One of the occasional Gurus that appears.	God, the Eternal Son.
What of other Gods?	Superstitions and Commercialism.	All worship the same God with many names.	All others are false, deceptive and condemned.
What is "Matter"?	Matter is eternal.	Matter is God.	Matter is the creation of God.
What Controls the Universe?	Fate	Matter has its own consciousness.	God's providence.
What is the Basis of History?	Rulers' succession is by chance and the survival of the fittest.	Runs in cycles.	God sets up and removes Kings.
What is the Nature of Man?	Highest form of evolved life.	A potential God.	Created in the image of God by God.
What is Truth?	Reason and science reveals truth.	Individualistic/relative	Revealed in God's Word.
What is Right or Wrong?	Morality is relative and is regulated by man.	Man is self-knowing according to situation.	Morality revealed by God. Sin is disobeying God.
What is Death?	The end.	Illusion/passing to incarnate life.	An enemy to be destroyed by the resurrection.
What is Man's Purpose?	Eat, drink, be merry for tomorrow we die.	To reach perfection by "Karma".	Fear God! Keep His Commandments.
What is Man's Hope?	Technological and Evolutionary advancement.	A change of consciousness to be in harmony with the universe.	Obedience to Christ.
What is Man's Destiny?	The grave.	Absorbed into cosmic consciousness.	Judgment: Heaven or Hell!
What is the Earths' Destiny?	Destroyed by time or man by nuclear destruction.	No end, just changed.	Destruction by its Creator.
What is the Gist of Life?	You come from nothing, you go to nothing, so enjoy yourself.	You are a god. You shall become a greater god. So knowing good and evil "direct yourself".	You were created in God's image, but fell. He offers adoption into His family; so be perfect as your Father is perfect.