

Religion	God exists?	Goal = God	Human Problem
Hinduism	There are many gods but one reality (impersonal force)  “Brahman is Atman and Atman is Brahman”	Goal = breaking free of <i>samsara</i> (endless cycle or birth-death-rebirth)	Ignorance of the divine within us  Need to break free of <i>samsara</i> to become one with Brahman
Buddhism	God does not exist  There is a oneness	Goal = rid of desire, become part of the oneness	Suffering as a result of uncontrolled desires
Islam	God exists - Allah  Transcendent being who cannot be known, Quran helps us obey	Goal = paradise  Place full of pleasures but God is not there	Allah will weigh good/bad deeds of people after death (so be good!)
Sikhism	One God  Transcendent being who is not known but is obeyed through the 10 gurus + Granth Sahib (the holy book)	Goal = be good  All religions lead to the one God and all people should be good and promote justice and equality	Endless cycle of birth-death-rebirth (mukti) that must be escaped to join the One
Christianity	One God in 3 Persons  God is known through Jesus/Scriptures	Goal = live forever with God in new heaven and new earth	Separation from God because of sin
Scientism	Not a “religion” but fulfills the same role - provides a worldview  Ultimate reality is found in the physical world	Goal = science answers all of life’s questions	Impending heat death of the entire universe