

What about the other world religions? LOST: In Search of Answers**Addendum from April 16 (God's Existence): Where did God come from?**

God did not come from anything, because God had no beginning. God is infinite (outside of time), and God is not within the created order of matter, time, and space. Therefore, it is not logical to ask "where did God come from, because there never was a beginning point for God's existence"

3 Societal Responses:**1. All religions are essentially the _____.**

Many forms of Buddhism believe there is no God at all; Hinduism says there are as many as 33 million gods; Christianity says there is only One God
- they are not saying the same thing

2. All religions are _____.

All world religions are making objective (not subjective claims), thus everyone cannot be right.

3. All religions are _____, even though they are claiming different objective truths

To say that all religions are equal is both naïve & illogical; some religions are not only unhealthy, they are actually quite sick.

4. Getting at the answer (The Proverbial Elephant):

- all world religions are trying to describe a God they cannot see, but they can feel Him all too well

1. Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam all were founded by men who only claimed to be prophets & those prophets died. Nothing was claimed to the contrary

2. Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam all say It is through your _____, through the things that *you do* in your life, that you are made right with God & thereby obtain God's love, get to heaven, or achieve whatever existential state they strive for.

5. Christianity makes 2 objective claims that are fundamentally different than all the other world religions

1. Christianity was founded by a man who claimed to be God (this is why he was crucified), and His followers all claimed that he was alive after death (resurrection)

2. Christianity teaches God _____ you (& all human beings) regardless of what you do, and your works are simply a response to God's love, rather than a *means to obtain* God's love. (God's love = grace – unconditional, undeserved, unmerited)

6. What about those who never hear?

John 14:6; 2. Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 1:20; Jesus is indeed the Way, but be so very careful, that you don't confuse your Way of knowing Jesus, with the _____ way that God can reveal himself to other people through Christ

1. same 2. relative 3. equal 4. works 5. loves 6. only