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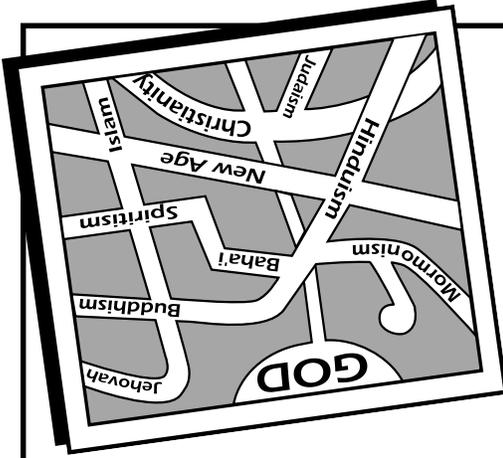
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Does the person who says this know his or her own religion well and how it compares to other major religions? Does he or she realize that there is much common tradition among religions? Some, for example, believe in reincarnation; others, based on the Bible*, rule such an idea out completely. Concepts of heaven and hell, salvation and sin, the purpose of mankind and of God Himself vary immensely from religion to religion. How can one respect beliefs that are so opposed to each other? This would be as inconceivable as the patient's response below.

② **"I respect all religions."**

Please open (unfold) and read inside.



There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12)

① **Which religions, if any, can lead you to God?**

Can Judaism, Christianity or Islam usher you into the very presence of the Creator? Or can Hinduism, Buddhism or Confucianism? Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses or Christian Science? The Baha'i Faith, Hare Krishna or New Age? Do all of these religions lead to God? Or better, do any of these religions lead to God? On the next pages you will find some widely held ideas that must be questioned if you are to ever find God. They may seem to make sense and even sound meaningful, but they simply are not true and only hinder your search for God.

⑦ • Decide to accept the sacrifice made by Jesus and receive Him as your Savior, believing that he has the power to forgive and purify you of your sins. You do this through prayer (this means talking to God in the certainty that He exists, is listening and wants to help). You may want to pray along these lines:

Father, I know that I'll never be good or religious enough to deserve you. But I thank you that you love me anyway! I confess I have sinned and ask you to please forgive me. I know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to you except through him. I ask you to come into my heart to be my Lord and Savior. From now on I want to live for you. In Jesus' name, amen.

- Know that those who receive Jesus will live eternally with him: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Do you want to find God? You will, when you find Jesus, his Son. And you will find Jesus when you open your heart and invite him in. Why not do that right now?

Read the Bible. Pray. Join a Christian church that teaches Jesus as the only way to God.

⑧ 3:16

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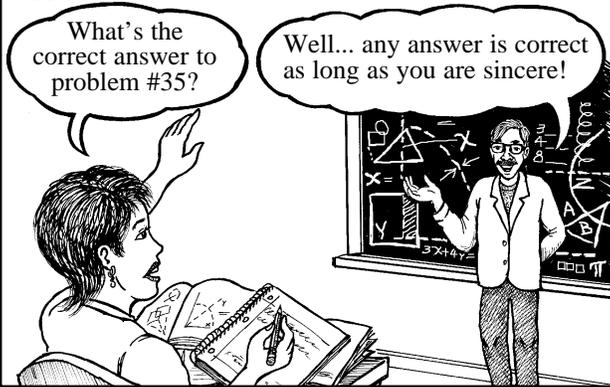
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HOW CAN I FIND GOD?

It's really not as hard as you might think.

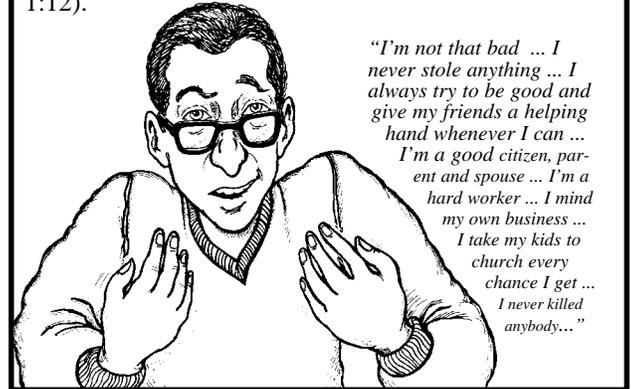
3 *"It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you are sincere."*

Unfortunately, many people look for God in the wrong places: they are **sincerely wrong**. The apostle Paul, speaking about some very religious people, said: "... they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge" (Romans 10:2). In spite of being zealous and sincere, they didn't know God. Paul himself had persecuted Christians with the best of intentions. He soon found out his sincerity was totally misguided. Sincerity alone is not enough: **what** we believe about God and how to relate to Him is of fundamental importance. Those who apply the sincerity principle to religion would never dream of applying it to other areas of life.



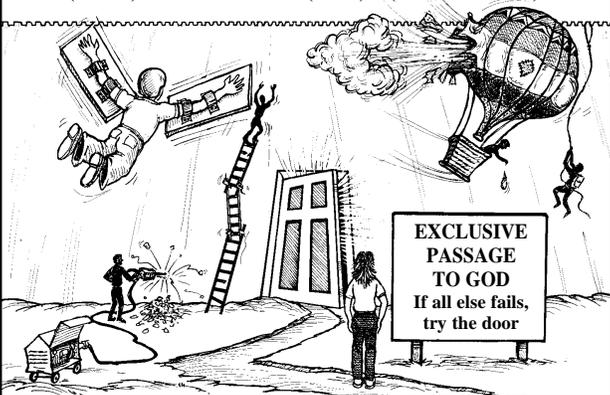
4 *"I'm not that bad... I do the best I can... besides, we're all God's children, right?"*

These are very widespread ideas, but the Bible says: "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags..." (Isaiah 64:6). Even if we did do the best we could that would still not be good enough. Jesus shocked some religious people that were rejecting His teaching when He said: "you belong to your father, the devil..." (John 8:44). Why did He say that? Because even though the privilege of becoming God's child is offered to everybody, it is only actually extended to those who receive Jesus and have their lives transformed by Him. In other words, "... to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God ..." (John 1:12).

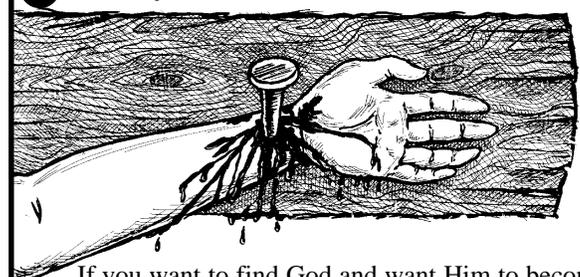


5 **If trying to be religious and good enough is not the way to finding God, what is?**

Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father (God) except through me**" (John 14:6). He also said: "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved" (John 10:9a). The fact is that "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Those who look for a different way to reach God will utterly fail. The way is so simple that many miss it. It is so exclusive that many reject it – for they want to find God on their **own** terms. Yet "no one who denies the Son (Jesus) has the Father (God)" (1 John 2:23a).



6 **What you will need to know and decide:**



If you want to find God and want Him to become a reality in your life, you need to **know** some facts and make a few critical **decisions**:

- **Know** that you are a sinner and that this has separated you from God: "... your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).
- **Know** that Christ died in your place, taking upon Himself the sins that you committed, to be able to justify you before God: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- **Decide** to confess your sins to God, repent and be willing to leave them. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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