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Introduction to Comparative Religion


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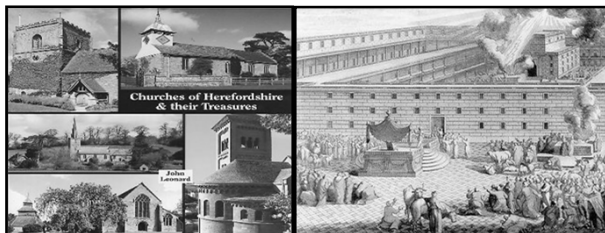


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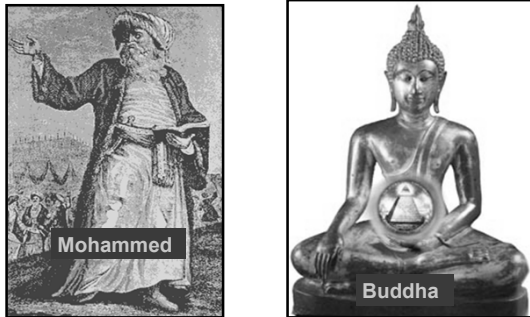
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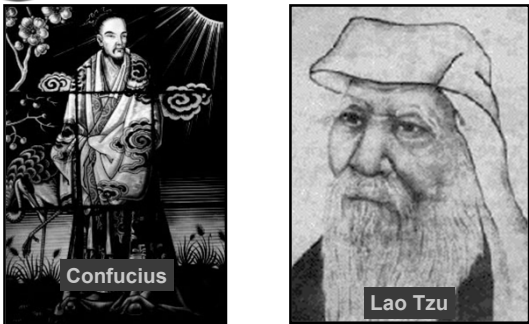
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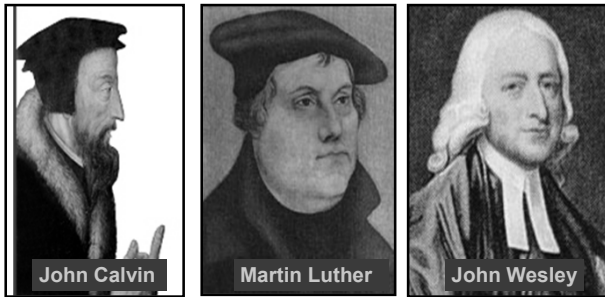
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John Calvin


Martin Luther



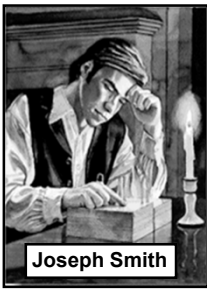
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**A WIDE VARIETY OF BELIEFS**

- Variation in number of deities
- Variation in worship
- Variation in holy books
- Variation in practice
- Variation in purpose

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**A WIDE VARIETY OF BELIEFS**

- Variation in understanding of mankind
- Variation in community approach
- Variation in special days celebrated
- Variation in rituals
- Variation in leadership

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**APPROACH TO THE RELIGIONS**

- Understanding their founders and their formation
- Understanding some of their key beliefs
- Comparing their teachings/practices with the Bible
- Having a global understanding of religions

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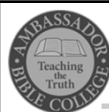
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#### **APPROACH TO THE RELIGIONS**

- Respecting them for their sincerity, though deceived
- What Am I? – Key beliefs to compare with the Scriptures
- Noting some of the similarities and analyzing how that religion had that practice or doctrine
- Establishing more firmly, your beliefs in God's Word and His religion

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#### **ISSUES IN RELIGION**

- Evangelizing the world
- Legitimizing homosexuality
- Ordination of women
- Sexual abuse among pastors/priests

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#### **ISSUES IN RELIGION**

- Charismatic movement
- Liberal/Conservative stands on Morals
- Pro-abortion versus Pro-life movements
- Onslaught of Secularism

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#### **LETTER FROM ELDER IN AUSTRALIA**

“Greetings from the other side of the world! I had planned on writing to you to thank you for a wonderful year of instruction. I really enjoyed the time at AC and appreciated your contribution to my education – which is being put to good use in the field.”

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#### **LETTER FROM ELDER IN AUSTRALIA (cont.)**

“On my arrival back in Australia, I was given an urgent visit request for a first visit with a man who was coming out of the RC Church. I set up an immediate visit (before I even unpacked my suitcases). I found seven adults who were interested and the first question was; ‘Prove the R.C. Church is not the true Church.’ In three hours I covered the questions of immortal soul, purgatory, Mary, infallibility, trinity, and even sacraments.”

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#### **LETTER FROM ELDER IN AUSTRALIA (cont.)**

“All the time I sat there amazed at the fact that the information you gave me was being put to such immediate and valuable use. I found it thrilling and very inspiring to be able to give them complete answers to their question.”

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#### LETTER FROM ELDER IN AUSTRALIA (cont.)

“..So, I want to thank you for what you gave me and for what you have given to the people I visit. Now, I have just received a visit request from a Greek Orthodox young man, It is a pity I couldn’t have done this semester work in your class.”

***William Dixon***

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