

ON HINDUISM

Hinduism is more of a culture than a religion. It does not really have any doctrine except that Indian culture and its caste system and India are somehow sacred.

Some Hindus believe that all things are one being, one spirit, one entity without parts, meaning that diversity and separation are illusions.

Others are Atheists.

Those Hindus who hold that God is impersonal condemn those who believe that he is personal.

There is even disagreement on whether sacrifice is right or wrong. Some Hindus won't even eat meat believing that killing animals is wicked.

The only doctrine they seem to have in common is that the doctrine of karma is true.

Many Hindus hold that the three gods, Brahma the Creator, Vishnu the protector and Shiva the destroyer are the most important Gods and that other gods are manifestations of them like the trinity is a manifestation of one ultimate being.

Salvation is realising that you are God or that existence and desire are suffering and getting freed from them. It is attained by working out your bad karma. But this is madness for if you deluded a person in religious matters in a past life you could get a false enlightenment and not be really saved at all.

The mystical experiences of Hinduism may be tricks played on the mind. They prove nothing.

Hinduism is often irrational. Monistic Hindus teach that the lion-tamer is the lion that kills him! All persons cannot be the same entity when each person experiences himself or herself as an individual. If all were one this would not be for you would be aware of all things at the one time.

Hinduism often claims that God under the influence of maya, a power that deludes him, imagines that he is us. Stones exist because God thinks he is those stones. But if God is one then how come he is able to think he is a stone and a person at the same time? That is impossible!

The Hindu God is infinite. He has all the power there is in that case. So maya must be God's own power that he tricks himself with. And the guru has the job of convincing God that he is God thus ending the delusions he has! How silly it all is.

HINDUISM AND ECUMENISM

Incredibly, the Roman Catholic Church now sees Hinduism as an expression of humankind's desire to know and be with God. This is incredibly patronising and arrogant - "My God is better than anybody else's and even those who don't know it want my version of God to be the real one". God is identified in Christianity with good. Islam does that too and so does Judaism. But for true Bible believers, God's goodness can and has asked for the putting of adulterers and homosexuals to death! For New Age religion, God's goodness is about making you a good egoist, a self-indulgent but charming individual. Humankind desires good not God. To desire good is not the same as desiring God just the same as desiring the body of a stripper is not the same as desiring her as a person. So the question becomes, what God do we want? The Bible says we definitely do not want God. We want a God on our own terms to satisfy our egos and who is like us but not God. Romans 3 says we don't really want God. It says the Jews who knew God didn't want him either.

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