

## Primary Worldviews

	<b>10 Basic Questions of Life</b>	<b>Atheism: God Does Not Exist</b>	<b>Pantheism: God Infinite, Impersonal</b>	<b>Theism: God is Infinite, Personal</b>
1	Why does something exist instead of nothing?	Something always existed. The universe is a product of time, space and chance.	Everything that exists is God. God (Brahma, absolute unity) is particularized in universe.	A personal God created all that exists from nothing; He is separate from creation.
2	Why does man exist?	Man is only a product of chance in a closed universe.	Like all existence, man is a manifestation of God (Brahma).	Man was created by God, distinct from all non-personal creation.
3	What is the basis for human dignity?	Ontologically, nothing. Relatively, man is the highest form of evolution.	Nothing. Man's uniqueness separates him from oneness (atman) with God.	Made in the image of God, man exists for personal relationship with the Creator.
4	What is the basis of personality: that man thinks, wills and has emotions?	Ontologically, nothing; relatively: a: genetic formation b: conditioning	Personality is illusion (maya); man must renounce personality to enter the unity of God.	God Himself is the person who thinks, wills and feels emotion. Man is in the divine image.
5	What is the basis for reason and rationality?	Ontologically, nothing; relatively: a: language b: genetic formation c: pragmatism	Reason is only illusion. The final reality of God is arational, experienced by <i>gnosis</i> .	While divine reason is beyond ours, God is rational; laws of logic are based in the nature of God.
6	What is the basis for moral feelings, i.e., conscience?	Social conditioning	In the final sense, moral consciousness is illusion.	Although fallen and conditioned, moral consciousness reflects the image of God.
7	What is the foundation of ethics, morals and values?	Only relativism: a: social (the state, democracy, etc.) b: individual	Ontologically, nothing. Relatively, the laws of <i>karma</i>	The moral character of God, revealed in the Torah, the Bible or the Koran.
8	Why is there evil in the universe?	a: Physical evil is normal (plagues) b: Moral evil is relative to individual or social perception	Because God is everything, there is no evil. Laws of <i>karma</i> are arbitrary.	a: Moral evil derives from free will of finite person: Lucifer, Adam. b: Physical evil is a consequence & judgment of moral evil.
9	What is the basis of happiness, pleasure & aesthetic appreciation?	Genetic formation and social conditioning	a: Human pleasure separates from God. b: True happiness is only through unity with God. ( <i>nirvana</i> )	In the image of God, man has an innate sense of aesthetic: created to enjoy his God & creation.
10	What is the place of the individual in the universe? (Problem of unity and diversity)	a: All is unity. Man has no freedom. Determinism b: All is diversity and chaos. Man floats in absurd universe.	Ultimately there is only unity; all individuality is illusion	a: Islam: determinism. b: Christianity: God as Trinity incorporates unity and diversity in Himself. Both one and many have significance.