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Christian Beliefs *Nature of God and Trinity:*

1. 'He guides the humble in what is right, and teaches them His ways.'

2. 'For God so loved the world, He gave his one and only Son.' 3. 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...' 4. 'Do to others what you would have them do to you' **Trinity:**

1. This helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father would send in my name.'

2. 'This is my Son whom I am well pleased.'

3. 'The spirit of God was hovering over the waters.' 4. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. He was with God in the beginning through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

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Creation:

1. 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...' 2. 'It is not good for man to be alone, I will make a suitable helper for him.'

3. 'He created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him.'

4. 'God saw all that he had made and it was very good.' 5. 'God said "Let there be light" and there was light'

Incarnation:

1. 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us.'

Crucifixion:

1. 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us.'

2. 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Resurrection:

1. Doubting Thomas story

2. 'He is not here, He has risen.'

Ascension:

1. 'After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven.'

Life After Death:

1. 'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

2. 'For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.'

Heaven and Hell:

1. Parable of the sheep and the goats: 'Then they [the goats] will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous [the sheep] to eternal life.'

2. 'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more.'

3. '...and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Sin and Salvation:

1. 'For God so loved the world, He gave his one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.'

2. 'For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

3. 'By the Grace of God, I am what I am.'

Hindu Beliefs

Brahman

1. "In truth Brahman is all"

2. "Brahma was ... the Creator of all, the Guardian of the Universe"

3. Brahman—"He moves, and he moves not. He is far, and he is near. He is within all, and he is outside all"

Trimurti

1. Shiva—"He watches over all beings and rules over their creation and their destruction"

2. Vishnu—"For protection of the good, the wicked put to flight, I come into being age by age establishing the Right"

Other deities

1. "but really Yajnavalkya, how many gods are there?" '33' ... "but really

Yajnavalkya, how many gods are there?" '1'

2. Refer to any stories about Krishna, Rama, Hanuman, Parvati, Durga, Kali, Ganesh etc

Cosmology

1. "Who verily knows and who can here declare it, whence it was born and whence comes this creation"

Atman

1. "No one is able to cause the destruction of the imperishable soul"

Samsara, karma, moksha

1. "There is a path of joy, and there is the path of pleasure Who follows the first comes to good; who follows pleasure reaches not the End"

2. "Having gained supreme perfection, the greatest souled ones who come to Me"

3. "reincarnation, that transient home of misery"

Virtue, free will and suffering

1. "Be friendly and compassionate ... patient, hate not any being"

2. "Far better do one's duty ill than do another's duty well"

Muslim Beliefs

Tawhid:

1. 'He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to Him.'

Nature of Allah:

1. 'His mercy takes precedence over his wrath.' 2. 'He is able to do all things.'

3. 'Is Allah not the best of judges?'

4. 'The Beneficent is established on the throne.'

Angels:

1. 'We do not descend except for the command of the Lord.'

2. 'Each person has angels before him and behind, watching over him by God's command'

3. Paraphrase stories about Jibril/Mika'il

Prophethood:

1. 'Every community is sent a Messenger.' 2. 'I'm going to make a human out of clay.' 3. 'God took Ibrahim as a friend.'

4. Paraphrase stories about Adam/Ibrahim/Muhammad

Muhammad

1. 'Muhammad is not the father of any one of you men, he is God's messenger and the seal of the prophets'.

Holy Books:

1. 'This is the scripture of which there can be no doubt.'

2. 'Verily this is the earliest scripture, the scripture of Ibrahim and Musa.'

Life After Death:

1. 'He gives life and causes death, to Him you will be returned.'

2. 'Fear the fire which has been prepared for those who reject faith.'

3. 'The righteous will have gardens in Paradise beneath which river flow.'

The Imamate:

1. 'Obey those of you who are in authority.'

Predestination:

1. 'Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed.'

Christian Practices

Prayer:

1. The Lord's prayer
2. 'Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Baptism:

1. 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.' 2. 'This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased.'

Holy Communion:

1. 'This is my body, which is for you, do this in remembrance of me.'
2. 'For whenever you eat this bread and drink the Lord's death until he comes.'

Pilgrimage:

1. 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead'
2. Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

Festivals:

1. 'Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light.' (Christmas) 2. 'Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.'

Food banks:

1. 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead' 2. 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.'

Street Pastors:

1. 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead'

Mission and Evangelism:

1. 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead' 2. 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.' 3. The Alpha Course – teaching people about Christianity.

Worldwide Church:

1. 'For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life.'

Persecution:

1. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

World Poverty:

1. 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead' 2. 'If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?'

Hindu Practices

Worship

1. "There are two ways of contemplating Brahman. In sound and in silence"
2. "I cherish from that earnest soul, the love that makes the offering."
3. "...when a man knows God, he is free"
4. "I promise you will come to Me for you are dear to Me"

Festivals

Ramayana Story
Story of Holika and Prahlad

Gurus

1. "In wisdom taught by wise who see the truth of all things"

Yoga

1. "With upright body, head and neck, lead the mind and its powers into thy heart"
2. "The disciplined who stays content with me ... he is dear to Me"

Pilgrimage

1. "Varanasi for Hindus is the Gateway to Moksha"

Animals and the environment

1. "All this universe is in truth Brahman."
2. "... the glory of God rule over all his creation"
3. "... doing his work without attainment attains to the highest goal"

Charity

1. "One should amass wealth with hundreds of hands but one should also distribute it with thousands of hands"

Islam Practices

Shahadah:

1. 'There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah.'

Salah:

1. 'So woe to those who pray but are heedless of their prayer.'
2. 'Your Lord says, 'Call on Me and I will answer you.'
3. Believers! When the call to prayer is made on the day of congregation, hurry towards the reminder of God and leave off your training.'

Sawm:

1. 'It was in the month of Ramadan that the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind.... So any one of you who is present that month should fast.'
2. 'Read in the name of your Lord who created.'
3. 'What will explain to you what the that Night of Glory is? The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months.'

Zakah:

1. 'God is well aware of whatever you do.'
2. 'Alms are meant only for the poor, the needy.'

Haji:

1. 'Pilgrimage to the House is a duty owed to God by people who are able to undertake it.'
2. 'Safa and Marwa are among the rites of God, so for those who make major or minor pilgrimage to the House it is no offence to circulate between them.'

Jihad:

1. 'This is My path, leading straight, so follow it.'
2. 'But those who have believed, migrated and striven for God's cause, it is they who can look forward to God's mercy.'

Peace and Conflict

Causes of War:

1. 'For the love of money is the root of all evil.'
2. 'Do not repay anyone evil for evil.'

Weapons of Mass Destruction:

1. Sanctity of life.
2. 'Thou shall not kill.'

Holy War:

1. 'All who draw the sword, die by the sword.' 2. 'If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.'
3. 'Declare a Holy way, call the troops to arms.'

Pacifism:

1. 'Blessed are the peace makers.'
2. 'All who draw the sword, die by the sword.' 3. 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him... overcome evil with good'

Victims of War:

1. 'Love thy neighbour.'
2. 'Treat others how you would like to be treated.' 3. 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.'
1. 'Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.'

Relationships and Families Sex outside of marriage:

1. 'You shall not commit adultery.'
2. 'Flee from sexual immorality.'

Homosexuality:

1. 'Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; it is detestable.'
2. 'Love thy neighbour.'
3. 'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'

Contraception:

1. The sanctity of life.
2. 'Love thy neighbour.'
3. 'Be fruitful and increase in number.'

Marriage:

1. 'That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.' 2. 'Be fruitful and increase in number.'

Divorce:

1. 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.'
2. 'Love thy neighbour.'

Nature of Families:

1. 'Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.'
2. 'Honour your mother and father.'

Gender Equality:

1. 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'
2. 'Love thy neighbour.'
3. 'So God created mankind in His own image; in the image of God. He created them; male and female he created them.'
1. 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

Crime and Punishment:

Attitudes to Law Breakers:

1. 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'
2. 'For I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Aims of Punishment:

1. 'Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.'
2. 'You have heard 'an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth' ...but I say 'an eye for an eye makes the world blind.'" (Ghandi)

Suffering:

1. 'Love thy neighbour.'
2. 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.'

Treatment of Criminals:

1. 'He who spared the rod, hates their children.' 2. 'Treat others how you would like to be treated.'

Forgiveness:

1. 'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.' 2. 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times? I tell you not seven times, but seventy times seven.'

Capital punishment

1. 'Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall their blood be shed.'
2. 'Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.'
3. 'Pray for those who persecute you.'
4. 'Love your brother 70x7'
5. Sanctity of Life

Human Rights and Social Justice

Human rights and social justice:

1. 'Do not do to another what you do not like to be done to yourself' (C)
2. "all his ways are just" (C)
3. Gandhi said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" (H)

Prejudice and discrimination:

1. 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (C)
2. 'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them' (C)
3. 'Women should remain silent in the Churches'. (C)

Religious freedom:

1. 'there is no authority except that which God has established' (C)
2. 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.' (C)

Wealth and poverty:

1. 'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime' (C)
2. 'For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil' (C)
3. 'Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed' (C)
4. 'If someone keeps all that he accumulates for himself ... the hoarded wealth will eventually prove to be the cause of ruin' (H)