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Do all religions lead to God?

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	Animism	Hinduism	Buddhism	Orthodox Judaism	Islam	Christianity
Ultimate Reality, God	Distant creator god; Host of lesser gods	Pantheism - Polytheism	Atheism - Pantheism	Unitarian theism	Unitarian theism	Trinitarian theism
The Cosmos	Inhabited by spirits; permeated with spiritual power	Illusion - Emanation	Transient reality	Good creation of God	Good creation of God	Good creation of God
Man	Creatures who relate to both earthly and spiritual realms	Essentially divine	Impermanent phenomenon	Creature in God's image	Created to be God's slave	Creature in God's image
The Human Dilemma	Subject to spiritual powers	Trapped in samsara due to ignorance	Trapped in samsara, life of suffering due to desire	Subject to judgment for failure to obey	Subject to judgment for failure to submit to will of	Alienated from God due to original sin; subject to judgment

		and karma	and karma	Torah	Allah	for personal sin
Salvation	Aim is to capture spiritual powers for personal benefit	Deliverance from samsara by knowledge, works, or devotion	Deliverance from samsara by extinction of desire via 8-fold path, or aid of "divine" being	Deliverance from judgment by obedience to Torah	Deliverance from judgment by submission to will of Allah	Deliverance from judgment through faith in God's gracious provision of atonement
Ultimate Destiny	Vague: fate of departed spirits influenced by the living	Absorption - Adoration	Nirvana (extinction of suffering, desire "self")	Heaven Hell	Paradise Hell	Heaven Hell

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