

THE 9 BILLION NAMES OF GOD

Jeebo, Jengu, Waaq, Eostre, Frige, Frigg, Ingui Fréa, Tupa, Seaxneat, Thor, Tiw, Wéland, Wóden, Brekyrihunuade, Kwaku Ananse, Anansi. Asase. Ya, Bia, Nyame, Altjira, Bagadjimbiri, Bajame, Bamapana, Bobbi-Bobbi, Bunjil, Daramulum, Dilga, Djanggawul, Eingana, Galeru, Gnowee, Julana, Juunggul, Karora, Kidili, Kunapipi, Mangar-kunier-kunja, Numakulla, Pundiel, Ulanji, Walo, Wawalag, Wuriuppranili, Yurlungur, Ayya, Vaikundar, Sivan, Nathan, Thirumal, Arumukan, Chalchiuhtlicue, Cinteotl, Coyolxauhqui, Ehecatl, Huehuateotl, Huitzilopochtli, Ilamatecuhtli, Itztlacolihqui-Ixquimilli, Mayahuel, Mictlantecuhtli, Ometeotl, Quetzalcoatl, Tepeyollotl, Tezcatlipoca, Tlahuizcalpantecuhtli, Tlaloc, Toci, Toncatecuhtli, Xipe, Totec, Xochipilli, Xochiquetzal, Bahauallah, Buddha, Jesus, Krishna, Bangputtis, Diwas Dievas, Kurche, Laima, Mahte, Mara Potrimpos, Zeme, Abellio, Agrona, Alaunus, Fin, Ambisagrus, Ancamna, andarta, Anextiomarus, Artio, Aveta, Belatu-Cadros, Belenus, Belisama, Borvo, Brigit, Brigantia, Camma, Camulus, Cernunos, Cissonius, Cocidus, Condatis, Coventina, Dagda, Damara, Eduardo, Epona, Esus, Fagus, Glanis, Grannus, Gwydion, Loucetios, Lugh, Lyr, Manannan, Maponos, Morigan, Nantosuelta, Nemain, Nemetona, Nodens, Nuadha, Ogma, Rhiannon, Robur, Rosmerta, Rudianos, Segomo, Sirona, Smertios, Sucellus, Sulis, Tammesis, Taranis, Toutatis, Cai-Shen, Chang'e, Guan Yin, Guan Yu, Jade Emperor, Matsu, Shangdi, Tian, Tu Di Gong, Zao Jun, Na Tuk Kong, Na Tok Kong, Tnee Kong, Teh Choo Kong, Tu Di Gong, Matsu, Choy Sun Yeh, Kwan Kong, Kwan Yin Ma, Di Zhu, Gao Yao, God The Father, El, Yahweh/Jehova, God the Son (Jesus, Yeshua), God the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Christ/God or Holy Ghost), Bendis, Gebeleizis, Zamolxis, Age, Ayaba, Da, Gbadu, Gleti, Gu, Lisa, Loko, Mawu, Nana Buluku, Sakpata, Sogbo Xevioso, Zinsi, Zinsu, Eris, Abassi, Atai, Amun, Anubis, Apep, Atum, Bast, Geb, Hapy, Hathor, Heget, Horus, Imhotep, Isis, Khepry, Khnum, Maahes, Ma'at, Menhit, Mont, Naunet, Neith, Nephthys, Nut, Osiris, Ptah, Ra, Sekhmet, Sobek, Set, Shu, Taweret, Tefnut, Thoth, Wepwawet, Peko, Pikne, Tharapita, Vanemuine, Uku, Ilmarine, Alpan, Aplu, Menrya, Nethuns, Tinia, Turan, Uni, Voltumna, Ahti, Jumala, Loviatar, Mielikki, Otso, Pekko, Perkele, Rauni, Tapio, Tuonetar, Adonis, Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Chaos, Cronus, Demeter, Dionysus, Enyo, Eos, Eris, Eros, Gaia, Hades, Hebe, Hekate, Helios, Hephaestus, Hera, Heracles, Hermaphroditus, Hermes, Hestia, Hypnos, Pan, Persephone, Poseidon, Selene, Thanatos, Ouranos, Zeus, Aeons, Archons, Christ, Sophia, Yaldabaoth, Yao, Saklas, Samael, the Demiurge, Abaangui, Jurupari, Vishnu, Shiva, Brahman, AdiShakti, MahaSaraswati, MahaLakshmi, MahaKali, Brahmâ, Lakshima, Parvati, Vishnu, Garuda, Ananta, Shesha, Narada, Dattatreya, Havagriva Nataraja, Dakshinamurti, Mahadeva, Hanuman, Parvat, Ardhanarishwar, Ganesh Kartik, Veer Bhadra, Ayyappa, Nandi, Sati, Annapurna, Lalita, Shashti...

- The Warrior Manifestations of Parvati
 - Kali - The Goddess of Time and Death
 - The Ten Great Wisdom Manifestations of Kali
 - Kali - The Goddess as Time
 - Tara - The Goddess as Space
 - Chinnamasta - The Goddess as The Cycle of Life and Death
 - Bhuvaneshvari - The Goddess as Perfection
 - Tripura Sundari - The Goddess as the Most beautiful
 - Bhairavi - The Goddess as the Most frightful
 - Bagalamukhi - The Crane headed Goddess as upholder of Universal Order
 - Dhumavati - The Widowed Goddess as Chaos and Misery
 - Matangi - The Goddess as Leftovers and Salvage
 - Kamala - The Goddess as Perfection

- Durga - The Goddess of Power and War
 - The Nine Manifestations of Durga
 - Shailaputri
 - Brahmacharini
 - Kushmanda
 - Skanda Mata
 - Katyani
 - Chandraghanta
 - Siddhi Dhatri
 - Maha Gauri
 - Kaal Ratri
 - Maya - The Goddess of Illusion and Mystery
- The Adityas
 - Indra - god of weather and war
 - Mitra - god of honesty, friendship and contracts
 - Ravi, Surya - the Sun gods
 - Varuna - god of the oceans and rivers
 - Yama - god of death

Some of the most important Devas:

- Agni - god of fire
- The Asura - Demons, Anti gods
- The Aswini - gods of sunrise and sunset
- Dyaus-pitar - ('Heaven-father') cognate of the Roman god Jupiter
- Ganesh - personified with the head of an elephant, god of wisdom, intelligence, education and prudence
- Parjanya - god of wind
- Parvati or Parvathi, wife of Shiva
- Prithivi - the Earth goddess
- Purusha - the Cosmic-Man
- The Rudras - the storm deities
- Soma - the lunar deity
- Ushas - The goddess of sunrise
- Vasus
- Vayu - god of wind
- The Visvedevas
 - Ishvara - One who gives prosperity.
 - Hari - One who destroys sins (obstacles on the way to Moksha (liberation from the cycles of birth-death-birth)).
 - Narayana - The final destination towards which all individual souls are traveling.

Igbo

- Aha Njoku
- Ala
- Chukwu

Incan

- Apo - mountain god
- Apocatequil - god of lightning
- Chasca - goddess of dawn, twilight, and Venus
- Coniraya - moon god
- Ekkeko - god of hearth and wealth
- Illapa - weather god
- Inti/Punchau - sun god
- Kon - god of rain and wind from the south
- Mama Allpa - multi-breasted fertility goddess
- Mama Cocha - goddess of sea and fish
- Mama Pacha - dragoness fertility goddess
- Mama Quilla - moon goddess
- Mama Zara - goddess of grain
- Manco Capac
- Pacha Kamaq - creator god
- Pariacaca - water god
- Supay - god of death
- Urcaguay - god of metal and jewels
- Viracocha - creator of civilization
- Zaramama

Islamic

- Allah (Monotheism).

Isoko

- Cghene

Jehovah's Witnesses

- Jehovah

Judaic

- Adonai/Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh/El/Elohim/Shaddai/Shalom/Yah/YHWH/YHWH Tzevaot (God) ("YHWH" is often transliterated "Jehovah" or "Yahweh", but only by people outside of Jewish tradition)

Khoikhoi

- Gamab
- Heitsi-eibib
- Tsui'goab

Korean

- Dangun - the grandson of the god of heaven.
- Hwanin - the grandson of Hwang-gung, one of the Four Men of Heaven and considered a direct ancestor of the Korean people.

Xū

- Mantis
- Prishiboro

Lotuko

- Ajok

Latvian

- Auseklis
- Dēkla
- Dievs - a god (the name was later used for the Christian god)
- Jumis
- Kārta
- Laima
- Māra
- Pērkons
- Saule
- Ūsiņš

Lugbara

- Adroa
- Adroanzi

Lusitani

- Ares Lusitani
- Atégina
- Bandongga
- Bormanico
- Cariocecus
- Duberdicus
- Endovelicus
- Geleshus
- Mars Cariocecus
- Nabia
- Nantosvelta
- Runesocesius
- Sucellus

- Tongoenabiagus
- Trebaruna
- Turiacus

Lydian

- Annat
- Anax
- Artimus
- Asterios
- Atergätus
- Atys
- Baki.
- Bassareus
- Damasēn
- Gugaie/Guge/Gugaia
- Hermos
- Hipta
- Hullos
- Kandalulēs
- Kaustros
- Kubebe
- Lamētrus
- Lukos
- Lydian Lion
- Mēles
- Moxus
- Omfalē
- Pldans

Maya

- Ahaw Kin - Sun God
- Bacabs - Gods of the 4 directions
- Balac - War God
- Balam - Protector God
- Bolon tza cab - Ruling God of All
- Chaac - Rain God
- Hunah Ku - Creator God
- Itzamna - Reptile Creator God
- Ix Chel - Moon Goddess
- Kukulcan - Feathered Serpent God
- Xbalanque - God of the Jaguar
- Xi Balba - God of the Death
- Yum Kaax - Corn God

Mesopotamian

- [Anshar](#) - father of heaven
- Anu - the god of the highest heaven
- Apsu - the ruler of gods and underworld oceans
- Ashur - national god of the Assyrians, thought by the Assyrians to be king of the gods
- Damkina - Earth mother goddess
- Ea - god of wisdom
- Enlil - god of weather and storms
- Ereshkigal - Goddess of Darkness, Death, and Gloom
- Hadad - weather god
- Ishtar - goddess of love and one of the highest-ranking deities in Mesopotamian myth
- Kingu - husband of Tiamat
- Kishar - father of the earth
- Marduk - national god of the Babylonians, later thought to be king of the gods
- Mummu - god of mists
- Nabu - god of the scribal arts
- Nintu - mother of all gods
- Ninurta - god of war
- Nergal - god of war, disease, death and destruction; ruler of the underworld
- Shamash - god of the sun and of justice (Shapash in Ugaritic, Shamsa in Sumerian)
- Sin - moon god
- Tiamat - dragon goddess slain by Marduk

Mormonism

- Heavenly Father
- Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit

Native American

Abenaki

- Azeban - trickster
- Bmola - bird spirit
- Gluskab - kind protector of humanity
- Malsumis - cruel, evil god
- Tabaldak - the creator

Haida

- Gyhldeptis
- Laguna
- Nankil'slas
- Sin
- Ta'axet
- Tia

Ho-Chunk

- Kokopelli

Hopi

- Aholi
- Angwusnasomtaka
- Kokopelli
- Koyangwuti
- Muyingwa
- Taiowa

See also: kachina.

Huron

- Airesekui
- Heng
- Iosheka

Inuit

- Igaluk - lunar deity
- Nanook - master of bears
- Nerrivik - sea mother and food provider
- Pinga - goddess of the hunt, fertility, and medicine
- Sedna - sea goddess, ruler of the underworld
- Torngasoak - sky god

Iroquois

- Adekagagwaa
- Gaol
- Gendenwitha
- Gohone
- Hahgwehdaetgan
- Hahgwehdiyu
- Onatha

Kwakiutl

- Kewkwaxa'we

Lakota

- Canopus
- Haokah
- Whope
- Wi

Navajo

- Ahsonnutli
- Bikeh Hozho
- Estanatelhi
- Glispa
- Hasteoltoi
- Hastshehogan
- Tonenili
- Tsohanoai
- Yolkai Estasan

Pawnee

- Pah
- Shakuru
- Tirawa

Salish

- Amotken

Seneca

- Eagentci
- Hagonés
- Hawenniyo
- Kaakwha

Norse

- Balder - god of beauty and light, slain by the trickery of Loki
- Bragi - god of bardic poetry
- Freyja - goddess of fertility
- Freyr - the brother of Freyja and a fertility god
- Frigg - goddess of marriage, household management, and love, Queen of Heaven, and wife of Odin
- Heimdall - god of the rainbow, a bridge to heaven. His job is to blow his horn if danger approaches.
- Hel - daughter of Loki and the giantess Angrboda, Queen of the Dead
- Hodur - brother of Balder and tricked by Loki to kill him
- Idunn - guardianess of the Apples of Youth that kept the gods young
- Loki - trickster-god, giant, blood-brother of Odin, will eventually lead the forces of evil against the gods in Ragnarok
- Niord - god of sailors and fertile seaside land
- Odin - king of the gods, god of wisdom and runes
- Sif - the wife of Thor
- Thor - god of war and storms, famous for his hammer, Mjolnir
- Tyr - god of war and glory

Philippine

- Amanikable - God of Hunters.
- Amihan - North Wind.
- Anitan - Guardian of lightning.
- Anitun Tabu (Anitong Tao) - Goddess of wind and rain.
- Apolake - God of war, guardian of the sun.
- Bakonawa - Celestial Serpent, devourer of sun and moon.
- Bathala - Supreme god of the ancient Tagalogs.
- Dian Masalanta - Goddess of love.
- Hukluban - Goddess of death.
- Idianale - Goddess of agriculture and husbandry.
- Ikapati/Lakan Pati - Goddess of fields, fertility, and lands.
- Kalinga - God of Thunder.
- Kan-Laon - Ancient Visayan god, king of time.
- Lalahon - Goddess which resides in Mt. Kanlaon. Bringer of famine if unappeased.
- Manggagaway - Goddess of sickness.
- Mangkukulam - God of fire.
- Manisilat - God of broken homes.
- Maria Makiling - Protector of Mt. Makiling.
- Mayari/Bulan - Lunar goddess.
- Magwayen - Ferryman of the dead.
- Tala - God/Goddess of the stars.
- Mandangan- God of War
- Mabuyan/ Bai Bulan - Goddess of the underworld.

Polynesian

Hawaiian

- Atea
- Ina
- Kane Milohai
- Lono
- Maui
- Papa
- Pele

Māori

- Haumia-tiketike - deity of uncultivated food, especially fern root
- Hine-nui-te-pō - deity of death
- Hine Tītama - deity of the dawn
- Hine Raumati - deity of the summer
- Papa-tū-ā-nuku - deity of the earth
- Rā - deity of the sun
- Ranginui - deity of the sky

- Rongo - deity of cultivated food
- Ruaumoko - deity of earthquakes
- Tāne Māhuta - deity of the forest and its creatures, man
- Tangaroa - deity of the sea and its creatures
- Tāwhiri-matea - deity of the weather, especially storms
- Tū Matauenga - deity of war
- Uenuku - deity of rainbows

Prussian

- Ukapirmas - the chief god, creator of the world
- Perkūns / Perkuno - the god of thunder
- Pikullos (Pikuls; Pickollo) - god of war and death (in Christian times, he was vilified as the devil)
- Kauks - a deity
- Swāikstiks / Suaixtix / Swaixtix - a deity
- Dēiwas - a god (in Christian times, the name was applied to the Christian god)
- Zempat - god of the earth and of cattle

Pygmy

- Arebati
- Khonvoum
- Tore

Roman

- Acis - river god near the Etna, son of Faunus and the nymph Symaethis
- Aesculapius - god of health and medicine
- Apollo - god of the sun, poetry, music, and oracles, and an Olympian
- Aurora - goddess of the dawn
- Bacchus - god of wine and sensual pleasures, not considered an Olympian by the Romans
- Bellona - war goddess
- Caelus - god of the sky
- Carmenta - goddess of childbirth and prophecy, and assigned a Flamen Minore
- Ceres - goddess of the harvest and mother of Proserpina, and an Olympian, and assigned a Flamen Minore
- Consus - chthonic god protecting grain storage
- Cupid - god of love and son of Mars and Venus
- Cybele - earth mother
- Diana - goddess of the hunt, the moon, virginity, and childbirth, twin sister of Apollo and an Olympian
- Discordia - goddess of discord
- Fama - goddess of fame and rumor
- Faunus - god of flocks
- Febris - goddess who prevented fever and malaria
- Flora - goddess of flowers, and assigned a Flamen Minore
- Fortuna - goddess of fortune

- Hercules - god of strength
- Hespera - goddess of dusk
- Hora - Quirinus' wife
- Janus - two-headed god of beginnings and endings and of doors
- Juno - Queen of the Gods and goddess of matrimony, and an Olympian
- Jupiter - King of the Gods and the storm, air, and sky god, and an Olympian, and assigned a Flamen Majore
- Juturna- goddess of springs
- Juventas - god of youth
- Libitina - goddess of the underworld
- Lucina - goddess of childbirth
- Luna- moon goddess
- Lupercus - god of shepherds
- Mars - god of war and father of Romulus, the founder of Rome, and an Olympian, and assigned a Flamen Majore
- Mercury - messenger of the gods and bearer of souls to the underworld, and an Olympian
- Minerva - goddess of wisdom and war, and an Olympian
- Mithras - god of Mithraism, a separate religion
- Morpheus - god of dreams
- Nemesis - goddess of revenge
- Neptune - god of the sea, earthquakes, and horses, and an Olympian
- Orcus - a god of the underworld and punisher of broken oaths
- Pluto - King of the Dead
- Poena - goddess of punishment
- Pomona - goddess of fruit trees, and assigned a Flamen Minore.
- Portunes- god of keys, doors, and livestock, he was assigned a Flamen Minore.
- Priapus - god of fertility
- Proserpina - Queen of the Dead and a grain-goddess
- Quirinus - Romulus, the founder of Rome, was deified as Quirinus after his death. Quirinus was a war god and a god of the Roman people and state, and was assigned a Flamen Majore.
- Saturn - a titan, god of harvest and agriculture, the father of Jupiter, Neptune, Juno, and Pluto
- Silvanus - tutelary spirit of woods
- Sol Invictus - sun god
- Somnus - god of sleep
- Suadela- goddess of persuasion
- Terra - goddess of the earth and land
- Terminus - the rustic god of boundaries
- Trivia - goddess of magic
- Venus - goddess of love and beauty, mother of the hero Aeneas, and an Olympian
- Vesta - goddess of the hearth and the Roman state, and an Olympian.
- Victoria - goddess of victory
- Voltumnus- a god of water, was assigned a Flamen Minore.
- Voluptas - goddess of pleasure
- Vulcan - god of the forge, fire, and blacksmiths, and an Olympian, and assigned a Flamen Minore

Sardinian

Sardinian deities, mainly referred to in the age of Nuragici people, are partly derived from Phoenician ones.

- Janas - Goddesses of death
- Maymon - God of Hades
- Panas - Goddesses of reproduction (women dead in childbirth)
- Thanit - Goddess of Earth and fertility

Semitic pagan

- Adad
- Adonis
- Amurru
- An/Anu
- Anat
- Anshar | Asshur
- Asherah
- Astarte
- Beelzebub
- Ba'al/Hadad
- Dagon
- El
- Enki/Ea
- Enlil
- Ereshkigal
- Inanna/Ishtar
- Kingu | Kishar
- Lahmu & Lahamu
- Marduk
- Mot
- Mummu
- Nabu
- Nammu
- Nanna/Sin
- Nergal
- Ninhursag/Damkina
- Ninlil
- Tiamat
- Utu/Shamash
- Yaw

Gods of Ur of the Chaldeans (only appearing in the LDS Book of Abraham)

- Elkenah
- Libnah
- Mahmackrah
- Korash

Shinto

- Aji-Suki-Taka-Hiko-Ne - god of thunder
- Amaterasu - sun goddess
- Ama-no-Uzume - fertility goddess
- Amatsu Mikaboshi - god of evil
- Chimata-No-Kami - god of crossroads, highways and footpaths
- Ho-Musubi - god of fire
- Inari (mythology) - god of rice
- Izanagi - creator god
- Izanami - creator goddess
- Kagu-tsuchi - god of fire
- Kura-Okami - god of rain
- Nai-No-Kami - god of earthquakes
- O-Kuni-Nushi - god of sorcery and medicine
- O-Wata-Tsu-Mi - god of the sea
- Sengen-Sama - goddess of the Mt. Fujiyama
- Seven Gods of Fortune
 - Benzai-ten or Benten - goddess of money, eloquent persuasion, and knowledge
 - Bishamon-ten - god of happiness and war
 - Daikoku-ten
 - Ebisu (also spelled Yebisu)
 - Fukurokuju
 - Hotei-osho
 - Jurojin
- Shina-To-Be - goddess of wind
- Shina-Tsu-Hiko - god of wind
- Sojobo - king of the tengu
- Susanoo - god of storms and thunder, snakes and farming.
- Taka-Okami - god of rain
- Take-Mikazuchi - god of thunder
- Tengu - minor trickster deities
- Tsukuyomi - god of the moon
- Uke-Mochi - goddess of food
- Wakahiru-Me - goddess of the dawn sun

Sikhism

- Waheguru.

Slavic

- Belobog - god of light and sun (speculative)
- Berstuk - evil god of the forest
- Cislobog - moon goddess
- Crnobog - god of woe (speculative)
- Dajbog - sun god
- Dziewona - equivalent of Diana

- Flins - god of death
- Hors - god of the winter sun
- Jarilo - god of vegetation, fertility, spring, and associated with war and harvest
- Juthrbog - moon god
- Karewit - protector of the town of Korzenica
- Lada and Lado
- Marowit - god of nightmares
- Perun - god of thunder and lightning
- Podaga - weather god, and god of fishing, hunting and farming
- Porewit - god of law, order and judgment
- Radegast (god) - possibly a god of hospitality, fertility and crops
- Rugiwit
- Sieba - fertility and love goddess
- Siebog - god of love and marriage
- Stribog - god and spirit of the winds, sky and air
- Svarog - god of fire
- Svetovid - god of war, fertility and abundance
- Triglav - three-headed god
- Veles - god of earth, waters, and the underworld
- Zirnitra - dragon god of sorcery

Sumerian

- An
- Enki
- Enlil
- Inanna
- Nammu
- Nanna
- Ninhursag
- Ninlil
- Sin
- Utu
- Zibelthiurdos

Ugarit

- Anat - war goddess
- Athirat - mother goddess
- Athtart - goddess of fertility
- Dagon - god of earth
- El - the father god and head
- Haddu - commonly titled Ba'1, a rain god and storm god.
- Mot - the god of death
- Yam - the god of the sea

A simple internet search for God...God's are ubiquitous...Every society in human history has had many gods for many things or one God for everything...Gods are constructs created by a connective, developing, self-aware intelligence...Gods are not real, but they are very human...

Religion is the product of a developing intelligence in a hostile world...

All the stories, myths, legends, gospel and writings that have tried to explain and understand human reality since the beginning of human history are historical, entertaining, insightful, contradicting and necessary progressions in the developmental evolution of human awareness and human intelligence and throughout recorded history these writings on philosophy, religion and spirituality are equally brilliant explorations of the nature of human existence or just plain silly...It's easy in retrospect to wonder how Greeks might have believed in the gods we now know as the Greek myths, but 2,500 years ago humans did not understand laws of nature or the laws of science known today...One definition of intelligence is a need to understand and explain the nature of the reality each intelligence experiences through sensory input and conceptual thought and the existence of gods, demons and the many variations of speculative supernatural phenomenon were rational constructs to a curious emerging species seeking to explain the forces of nature and understand the mystery of existence...Life was a mystery without scientific order and life is still a mystery today but the questions are bigger, stranger and structurally organized around an evolved intelligence and awareness stretching billions of light years in all directions...The human species has been looking out from Earth and asking these existential questions for thousands of years and the telescope, a fundamental tool of human exploration and analysis, was only invented some 400 years ago...Since that time the advancement of science and unbounded human curiosity has proven to our species the nature of our existence in three-dimensional space and the natural wonder and real mystery of a reality that is now definable and increasingly understood...Humans now *know* the answers to many of the questions asked by every civilization throughout time and it's changed the way intelligence explores this continuing question of existence...

Almost no human being on Earth today believes the Greek gods actually existed and all religions on Earth will someday suffer the same fate...

Humans are tiny biological creatures living on a rock circling a black hole with billions of stars, comets, planets and moons, everything moving incredibly fast in a mysterious emptiness growing larger every second, a universe with a chaotic and violent beginning in unending motion that will continue to 'grow' for trillions of years...The *why* of human existence and the *why* of existence itself is the essential question our species will explore for the next billion years and the reality of what might be possible is mostly unknowable at this time simply because the human race is so young...Is there a vast intelligence beyond the boundaries of human awareness and beyond all human science that understands the reality of this 'eternity'? Are there unknown multiple dimensions of existence in exotic possibilities not yet discovered, ways to travel faster than the speed of light, ways to teleport matter, cross-dimensional travel, molecular re-cohesion or modification that could extend a human lifespan thousands of years?

The answers to these questions are unknown but it's clear the reality of human existence and the why of everything is a much bigger question than any religion ever imagined on Earth...Today it's increasingly clear that all the religions, myths and fantasy which have influenced and dominated human culture and civilizations since the beginning of human history are simply the result of a self-aware, sentient species exploring and recognizing the reality of their own existence...Human stories of man's 'relationship' with deities and gods from every culture, every civilization and every religion are a remarkable mixture of memories, history, metaphor, illusion, dreams, story-telling, observable reality, unexplained phenomenon and the need to understand *why* we exist...Just to understand *where* humans exist in physical space and time has taken thousands of years of discovery and it's unknown if we can

ever know why this universe exists or the nature of reality beyond the Big Bang but it's clear in this century, after a chaotic, unscripted, creative, violent and enlightened 200,000 year history of human expansion and occupation, it's clear that all of Earth's religions are the invention of man...

The famous philosopher Descartes who tried to understand human reality without God still believed in God and how could he not, knowing something existed somewhere beyond Earth...Still, he believed physical phenomena must be explained by the laws of nature and God could not change nature after creating these laws in the beginning...

An advanced alien race visiting this planet today would view every church, every temple, every mosque, every single religious structure on Earth as a clear indication of the level of human intellectual development, a planet full of monuments reflecting dogma, ignorance and the absence of a shared intellectual awareness on an overpopulated world consumed with selfish ideologies and violence...At this time in the history of human evolution, with war, widespread ignorance, millions of babies dying, children neglected and discrimination, greed and abuse on a planet-wide scale, it's clear that the many idealizations of a deity or deities and their imagined involvement with life on this world are without foundation...There is no evidence for even a single deity, no miracles, no resurrections, no spells, no witchcraft and no magic...The reality of human religion is clear to all intelligent creatures but the question of eternity and the reality of origins and existence are questions that might never be fully answered...*How can answers be known to questions this big?* How does life exist and why does life exist and what will existence be like in a trillion years of unending expansion? Are such vast, endless time scales possible and how can they not be possible? Where does physical reality end on the scale of the very large or the impossibly small? Humans exist in a continuum of size and spatial awareness that has no solution in either direction...How can this be? Think of the speed of light, the speed limit of the universe...How can there be a speed limit if we don't exist in a reality of laws and restrictions and why are there laws and restrictions? How can there be forever and how can there not? As a species humans can no longer attach superstitious meaning or superficial reasoning to these ancient questions...We must wait for answers...It's likely our species will continue to make scientific progress for a billion years and still not know what exists beyond our measurable, observable reality...Or will we? A sentient species who seek to know the reality of their existence will not accept conjecture without proof...Humanity will continue to ask these ancient questions, explore their reality, observe, measure, survive and wait...

There is no mystery of God because there is no evidence of God...

The North Carolina Constitution states: "The following persons shall be disqualified for office: First, any person who shall deny the being of Almighty God." Arkansas, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas have similar provisions in the constitutions of their states...

The Reality of Religion

(in no particular order)

MONESTARY OF THE ANGELS - A group of Nuns who trace their history back 800 years...The response to why they don't actively help the needy? "We sit and pray...God will help the needy"

"For most of it's existence, Christianity has been the most intolerant of the world faiths doing its best to eliminate all competitors with Judaism a qualified exception" Diarmaid MacCulloch "Christianity"

In 1996, Pope John Paul II declared evolution was "more than just a hypothesis"...

CATHOLIC CHURCH – A religious organization that traces it's history back 2000 years with a global following estimated at over a billion humans and a single supreme leader...The recent history of this organization has been a revelation of secrecy, abuse, intolerance and injustice on a global scale...

The only way so many abuse cases can be from so many different places is if the abuse has been ingrained for centuries, a long standing culture and history of sexual abuse on woman and children that has continued unquestioned for over a 1,000 years...New evidence of this systemic abuse in nearly every nation with a Catholic hierarchical structure has been uncovered recently due to the emergence of technology, the beginning of a world civilization and a global spotlight impossible to avoid when an institution has such a sordid history cloaked in deliberate secrecy...In the 21st century the bureaucracy of this church is using every defense possible to turn the spotlight away from the reality of their history but their attempts are weak and transparent with 'leaders' and policies entrenched in the Vatican hoping beyond hope the masses will be too unaware to sort things out and believers will continue to support waste, excess and wealth without reason...With this knowledge of the church and a history that is unforgivable by any standards, no intelligent human would support the ideas of this organization but over a billion members of the Catholic faith still believe that these men, who wear costumes and molest innocent children while hiding a culture of the worst kind and destroying lives without remorse, these men are the chosen representatives of God...An all-powerful, all-knowing deity with the best interests of all of Earth's men, women and children in mind...Imaginary nonsense...

In 2013, the new pope Francis enraptured the world with his humility and concern for the poor while maintaining that women are inferior and have no place on the dais, reaffirming that birth control and a female's right to control her own health are always secondary to God's ordained role for women (subservient and obedient to man) and that all homosexual acts are unacceptable, "a moral disorder" (including the acts forced upon children with no voice by trusted representatives of the church) while stating that being homosexual is ok ("who am I to judge?")...Pope Francis seems to understand in some kind of way the diversity, the commonality of all humans and the negative impact of unequal resource distribution on the extreme scales currently experienced in almost every nation on Earth and he talks of a global waste culture without limit, the perversity of wealth accumulation driven by primitive instincts and a lack of awareness or responsibility on a single world of 7.4 billion humans where over two billion people have no access to sanitation and many millions go hungry every day...Yet his refusal to judge 'homosexuals' does not prevent him from judging 'females' every day convinced that they are inferior to males, unsuitable for the responsibilities his imaginary God has assigned only to males and obligated to be subservient to males in any and all situations continuing the same ignorance of reality with the same self-serving rhetoric that has been the foundation of this organization built upon a myth...

In a recent tour of the United States, Pope Francis continued to treat women as 'pets', patting their head and telling them what a 'good job' they are doing, essential to the church, but you are still just women...He is incapable of recognizing that men and women are equal while discouraging birth control on an overcrowded planet...

In 2010, over 60% of American Catholics polled stated they still viewed the pope in a favorable light which represents over 65 million Catholics in America with many variations of what they choose to believe in...The Catholic Church has criticized the removal of funding in it's effort to help sex trafficking victims but is steadfast in refusing to refer these abused women to health organizations who provide birth control...(Throughout the history of the church a woman's health and well-being has always been secondary to the Catholic 'rules of God')...In April 2012, after four years of investigation by the 'Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith', the Vatican admonished the largest organization of nuns in America (The Leadership Conference of Women Religious) saying they promoted "radical feminist themes" by challenging the church on homosexuality, contraception, male-only priesthood and accused the nuns of spending too much time on 'poverty' and 'economic issues' and not enough time voicing concerns of the Vatican's social morals...In keeping with the mantra 'the pope's word is final' the Vatican appointed a man (archbishop) to rewrite the rules for the sisters and approve or reject every single item, every project, every speaker, all literature and any statements at his sole discretion...The sisters who head this organization criticized these invasive actions and it's a rare sign of independence

by women who give their lives helping others who are less fortunate creating some hope that this ripple could eventually challenge the authority this small group of men believe they have over millions of humans... 'The Catholic Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth' has looked into the Girl Scouts of America for “problematic relationships with other Organizations” criticizing their links with groups like Doctors Without Borders, the Sierra Club and Oxfam because they support family planning and emergency contraception...In 2013, Pope Benedict resigned (the 1st resignation in almost 600 years) with a statement "my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the ministry"...The backdrop of his resignation is a Vatican riddled with financial inconsistencies, sexual misconduct at the highest levels and a hierarchical system that's been broken and ineffective for many years...The Catholic church is a religion trapped in a myth of their own making supported by huge sums of money from the very poor and the powerful exhibiting all the symptoms of a religious organization that is primitive, redundant and hopelessly mired in policies of the past, dedicated and beholden to an ideology from the Dark Ages...

In 1854, Pope Pius IX revealed that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived without sin...

In a speech in Aparecida, Brazil in 2007, the 80 year old pope defended the Catholic Church's bloody campaign to Christianize indigenous people...

In one of his first actions since becoming pope in 2013 Pope Francis released a statement supporting the church's crackdown on the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, an umbrella group of U.S. nuns who help the poor and needy...The nuns have been accused of "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith." and are being disciplined and restructured by a group of old men including Archbishop Gerhard Mueller who insists that a 'program of reform' is necessary to keep these women in their place...In the latest effort to stop free thinking women from doing what is needed and necessary to improve the lives and circumstances of the world's oppressed, the Vatican appointed Seattle Archbishop Peter Sartain and two other bishops to oversee a rewriting of the conference's statutes, to review its plans and programs, approve speakers and ensure the group properly follows Catholic prayer and ritual in an ongoing effort to control their females and keep them subservient the way God intended...A group of 60,000 women being restricted, supervised, admonished and controlled by a small group of self-appointed men...

In 2014, the UN committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) denounced the Catholic church for adopting policies that allowed priests to sexually abuse thousands of children with concealment and collusion among the Catholic hierarchy in the Vatican to “manage” a problem strongly believed by the church to be a matter of “Canon Law” (church law) without regard to criminality or the welfare and safety of the children...The Vatican said it would “examine” the report while accusing the world of interference in church matters...

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS – Founded in 1845...16 million humans...This group claims to be the largest Protestant body in the US and the largest Baptist denomination in the world...Emphasis on the International Mission Board to enable the members to “respond faster and more efficiently to disasters worldwide as a way of introducing their religion to non-Christians” “It helps us take the hope of the gospel to the ends of the earth, literally”...The church uses disasters as membership drives and who wouldn't join when the church approaches in the middle of a disaster with the resources to help...They support a male-only pastorate and passed a resolution to ensure the offices requiring ordination be restricted to men...They have over 40,000 churches in the U.S. and the funds collection and distribution program for 'ministry support' claimed over \$10 billion in collections in 2008...

CREATION MUSEUM, Kentucky, USA...\$29.95

“The state-of-the-art 70,000 square foot museum brings the pages of the Bible to life casting it's characters and animals in dynamic form and placing them in familiar settings. Adam and Eve live in the Garden of Eden, children play and dinosaurs roam near Eden's Rivers. The serpent coils cunningly in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Majestic murals and great masterpieces brimming with pulsating colors provide a backdrop for many settings.”

An evangelical baptist in Kentucky, Ken Ham, teaches the world was created only a few thousand years ago and the Bible is literal truth, word for word...His ministry, Answers in Genesis, has a publication with over 70,000 readers, is heard on more than 1,000 radio stations and promotes the Creation Museum as historical fact...

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – The largest mainline Protestant denomination in the U.S. with close to 8 million members in America and over 4 million in the rest of the world, mostly Africa, voted in 2012 to keep intact their proclamation in the church's "Book of Discipline" that homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching" and there would be no support or tolerance for humans who are born with a different orientation...

JUDAISM – Based on Abraham (leader of the Hebrew people almost 4000 years ago) and the teaching of the Torah (the Jewish holy book) the practice of Judaism as a religion is believed by many to be the obligation of every Jewish individual but there are many variations of belief and structure even within this strict one faith view of a supreme god...There are currently around 16 million humans worldwide who identify themselves as Jewish and maintain a group identity through a core ancestry and a shared belief of history and religion...Any human on Earth can be Jewish simply by 'converting' to Judaism and accepting Jewish religion but this doesn't make one 'Jewish' to all Jews because of the radical interpretations of God's word among differing Jewish populations...Ethnically, Jewish people are identified as belonging to one three major groups, the *Ashkenazim* from central European descent (the majority of Jewish people worldwide), the *Sephardim* of Portugal and Spanish descent and the *Mizrahim* of mostly middle-eastern and African descent...The divisions, similarities, tensions, beliefs, practices, restrictions and diversity among Jewish ethnic groups are generally confusing and certainly at odds with their stated belief in one defining god of wisdom and power...The *Ashkenazi* group represents ultra-Orthodox Jews, radical, strict religious practitioners of Judaism and only the Ultra Orthodox all male Rabbinical court can give permission for a woman to divorce a man which is not allowed unless the man says 'yes' even if the husband is in a coma, in jail or missing...Ultra Orthodox Jews are very extreme in their views on religion and social morals within their community and in this misogynist, closed society women are not allowed to sing and are encouraged to marry very young and bear as many children as possible...These men restrict the education of their children and believe in a Hebrew bible that states all daughters of Eve should suffer divine punishment forever believing that woman are unclean and untouchable during childbirth and during their menstrual cycle, a biological function of more than three billion humans and billions of other mammals on Earth...Within the Ultra Orthodox community, two groups, the Ashkenazi and the Sephardic, are frequently forcibly kept separate to avoid conflict, another example of ignorance, racism and a lack of understanding in a highly discriminatory society...The Jews are not 'the children of god' or 'the chosen ones' anymore than any human on this planet...The Jewish people are a fascinating cultural group of long descending bloodlines and ethnicity who have a sad history of persecution by ignorant, misguided groups of humans with little awareness of human reality...It's impossible to discuss the Jewish state, the Jewish people, their politics or their society outside of their religion...Israel is basically a religious state without exception...

At a meeting of over 40,000 Ultra-Orthodox Jews at stadiums in New York to discuss internet dangers, this community that allows adults to access the internet from home only for work related business and only with a rabbi's authorization, prevented women from attending the meetings instead giving females the option to watch at local community facilities as this group's discrimination against women continues...More focus on the high occurrence of child sexual abuse within the Ultra-Orthodox community would seem to be a priority but was ignored...

GOD, YAHWEH, ALLAH

Christians, Jews and Muslims all worship the same god, only by different names...This object of worship is vengeful, insecure, jealous, confusing, vain, angry, a war monger and a product of vivid imaginations, ancient storytelling and legends based on the occurrence of natural phenomenon in all three religions...All scientific evidence for a supreme being, if written out in any language, would not color the point of a needle...There is no evidence...

Jesus Christ had no birthday for almost 400 years until the Catholic Church, Saint Gregory Nazianzen, created a birth certificate for Jesus in 379 AD...

BUDDHISM – a belief system established around 2,500 years ago by Siddhartha Gautama, the son of a royal family in India who developed a philosophy called Dhamma, Enlightenment or the Truth...Questionable as a religion because there are no Gods associated with Buddhism, its teachings are followed by over 500 million humans worldwide based on texts in three categories, the *Mahayana Sutras*, the *Abhidharma* and the *Vinaya*...A complex philosophy with many teachings and interpretations, followers believe happiness can only be attained by modifying behavior concerning desire and aversion and accepting that life is suffering and the ultimate state of happiness, *Nirvana*, can only be reached by giving up wants and desires and living life one day at a time...Siddhartha Gautama was raised as a baby in a rich environment of constant attention and most likely grew up aware of the reality of his world, the injustice to the poor and the unhappiness of the rich despite their wealth...He spent his last 50 years of life living simple, poor, teaching and practicing enlightenment and simplicity to his followers...

In 2013, archaeologists unearthed a 6th century Buddhist Shrine at Lumbini in Nepal, long believed the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama...These remains are the earliest known evidence of Buddhism...

“You only lose what you cling to”...Siddhartha Gautama

HINDUISM – Recognized as the oldest religion on Earth based on the four Vedas, *Rig, Sama, Yajur and Atharva*, Hinduism is a deep chasm of beliefs with many gods, subdivision of 'types' and two schools, Vedanta and Yoga...Followers are allowed to believe in one god or many gods according to interpretation...The Rig Veda and the Sama Veda are collections of more than 1,000 hymns and songs subdivided into ritualistic sections that tell histories and stories of ancient societies based on the Rig-Vedic civilization...The mantras in the Veda's are some of the earliest forms of Sanskrit dating back past 1300 B.C...The Yajur Veda is a liturgical guidebook for ceremonial rituals performed by Hindu priests and the Atharva Veda is a controversial collection of songs, spells and charms from a later time describing historical and societal practices...Hinduism has many gods and goddesses for many things which are all considered different lower incarnations of a single Supreme Being...The Hindu belief system is rooted in reincarnation with rebirth dependent upon past life behavior and on 'karma', human actions that produce an effect that is cyclic in always coming back to the originator of the action or 'actions'...The religion of over 800 million humans in the second most populous nation on the planet...

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed that 'Hell' is real and it is 'Eternal'...

ISLAM - The Qur'an is the central religious text of Islam which Muslims consider the verbatim word of God (Allah) and is often misinterpreted and used by radical Islamists to spread fear and enforce their agenda (By example according to scholars, the Qur'an states that men and women are equal, a truism not accepted in any way by the majority of Muslim and Arab males)...The origin of this religion is the birth of the said prophet Muhammad in Mecca, the holiest site of Islam, in 570 A.D. to bring the word of Allah to the people...Over 1.4 billion humans are followers of the Islamic religion, the majority being Sunni Muslims totaling more than 85% of worshipers with Shiite Muslims being the second largest group...A continuing source of social stratification and tension in the Middle East is the ongoing separation and strife between these two groups who are essentially the same people...Both claim Muhammad as their prophet and both claim Allah as their God so the perceived differences and the continuous violence between Shiite and Sunni are a perfect example of two identical groups of humans with similar beliefs, different ideologies and an inability in the majority of either group to understand the reality of their existence and consequently, the benefits of a non-threatening coexistence that would be profitable and peaceful for both populations...For more than 1,300 years thousands have

died and continue to die over this imaginary difference which splits governments, ostracizes individuals and threatens the destruction of entire nations and their people...

The Five Pillars of Islam Central to the Islamic Religion...

Bearing witness that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah...

Observance of Prayer (5x's daily while facing in the direction of Mecca)...

Paying Zakat (money every adult Muslim should pay to support specific categories of people)...

Fasting during Ramadan (the ninth month of the Islamic calendar)...

Pilgrimage to Mecca, called the 'hajj' at least once during a lifetime...

It is believed the Prophet Muhammad gave his last sermon at Mount Arafat east of Mecca over 1,400 years ago...The hajj is an experience that includes a visit to the Grand Mosque, an animal sacrifice to mark the beginning of Eid al-Adha and a symbolic stoning of the devil...

WAHHABISM – a form of Sunni Islam that is puritanical and strict in its interpretation and application of Islamic Law, followers of this brand of Islam seek to 'purify' Islam of any practices that do not date back to the 7th century teachings of the prophet Muhammad...The state religion of Saudi Arabia, Wahhabi beliefs have dominated the educational and judicial policies of the Saudis resulting in one of the most repressed, controlled populations in the world...Women have absolutely no voice in this society where men rule everything and dictate all policy, another example of an Arab country whose male population is frightened of their females...Human males in this nation, who cannot understand causality or the definable reality of human existence, are scared to talk to women, interact with women, live with a woman, let women drive, let women work, let women play, a completely stagnant society with one source of income (oil) and 50% of the population unable to participate because of an ignorant fear that has frozen the male population in the 7th century...By that standard one could say their religion works...Also called Salafiyya (preferred by a majority) this is the adopted conservative Islam promoted by Al Qaeda who embrace the 7th century and wish to govern every nation under the strict application of Shari'a Law, a very violent and repressive variation of Islamic Law which advocates beheading, dismemberment, murder and the stoning of women to control behavior...Saudi Arabia has denied supporting religious extremism through education or culture but they are challenged by the facts...The majority of Muslims around the world who practice Islamic religion in a rational, progressive and beneficial way do not agree with or adopt the teachings of this extremist religion...

TAOISM – one of the great ancient religions of China, Daoism (the modern form of Taoism) dates from before the 4th century B.C. (although references go back much further in Chinese history) and embraces a philosophical view with various interpretations as a guide to mysticism, transcendent monism, ethical intuitionism and supernaturalism with an emphasis on 'living in harmony' with forces both mystic and naturalistic...This religion has a long complex interaction with all of Chinese culture, shaping industry, medicine, invention, martial arts, astronomy and astrology and has never been recognized as a singular unified religion but rather as a methodology based on teachings arising from original revelations...The cosmological beliefs of Taoism are often cited by scientists who study the fate of the universe with its description of the two forces in play, entities of *yin* and *yang*, which promote a cyclic evolving universe that is continually reinventing itself...There are multiple deities and estimates of the followers of Taoism range from 20 million to more than 300 million...

Most religions are complex stories of philosophy, history, tradition, sacrifice, ambition, calculation and visions of an unseen afterlife as a continuance after death...

SIKHISM – the fifth largest organized religion in the world based on the teachings of ten progressive Guru's with a following of more than 30 million humans, mostly in India...Many historians believe this religion to be an amalgamation of many independent beliefs and practices, possibly from

Hindu and Islamic teachings, but this is disputed by Sikhs who believe Sikhism is a direct revelation of God...Founded in the 15th century by the first Guru, Sikhs believe in a single formless God with many names, 'karma' (accumulated good and bad deeds), a Code of Conduct that prohibits intoxicants and 'reincarnation' a belief in rebirth after death until God judges one worthy to sit at his side...They also reject the *caste system* believing all humans are equal, a challenge in the nation of India whose very foundation is rooted in the *caste system* (a belief that one is born into their fate)...As in many religions newer generations reject and modify the fundamental practices of older generations causing violence and dissent within the religion...The Hindus, the majority religion of India, clash with the Sikhs on a continuing basis over perceived inequality, religious intolerance, governmental control and resource allocation although there are many, many similarities in the cultural and ethical views of these two religions...Thousands have died in the past 150 years from confrontations begun in confusion and misunderstanding when humans from both sides, in a frenzy of group ideology unchecked by rational thought and considerations, kill others without purpose or reason in a primitive mindset intended to avenge and satiate a god or gods that do not exist...Despite the differences in deities, idol worship, life after death beliefs, dietary practices, origins and destinations, the Hindus and Sikhs are the same people on the same planet with the same needs and concerns as every human in this world...Future generations born and raised with love, security, nutrition and stimulation will realize this simple reality one day and the differences between the communities will seem trivial and ancient...

CONFUCIANISM – another fundamental philosophy/religion that's permeated Chinese culture since the 5th century B.C., Confucianism is a non-threatening way of celebrating the power of human nature and the multiple possibilities of human achievement through self examination, teachings and practice...Believed to be actively embraced by an estimated 6 million humans with a perspective of *Heaven* as a force rather than a place, Confucianism is rooted in the principle of *ren* (benevolence) comprising of *li* (ritual), *zhong* (loyalty to the self), *shu* (reciprocity) and *xiao* (filial piety) which together comprise *de* (virtue)...Embodied in the sacred text of the Analects and the Confusion Canon, this religion is an example of the human brain seeking clarification of the natural state of things with questions of a higher existence and the possibilities of human achievement...

BAHAISM – an interesting religion founded in 19th century Persia (Iran) by Mirza Hoseyn 'Ali Nuri' which teaches that God is omniscient, inaccessible, unknowable, and that all the prophets and religious leaders throughout the history of man are manifestations of God's ultimate plan to unite all religions and all of humanity into a single belief system and establish a universal faith...The Baha'i religion is a child of the Babi faith whose founder and Ali Nuri's mentor, Mirzi 'Ali Mohammad, was executed in 1850 by a Shiite Muslim clergy and government who were afraid of his teachings...In an effort to purge the followers of the Babi teachings from the population more than 20,000 humans were killed or imprisoned for their beliefs...Currently Bahaim is practiced on multiple continents including North America and Europe by an estimated 7 million humans with no ceremonies or clergy, abstinence from all substances that affect the mind, an annual Nineteen Day Fast and a recurring Nineteen Day Feast where all religious scripture from all religions is examined and discussed...The nation of Iran does not tolerate the Baha'i religion with all adherents subject to persecution and imprisonment by an intolerant Islamic government...

JAINISM – a nonviolent religion devoted to the well being of the Universe and all beings that exist within that Universe...A belief in reincarnation in a continuous cycle until a creature obtains perfection and escapes the cycle to exist forever in a state of bliss...Jains believe the path to perfection is a life of harmlessness and renunciation with minimal impact on world resources and three guiding principles (the three jewels) *right belief, right knowledge and right conduct*...Coalesced and interpreted by Mahavira around 540 B.C. and embodied in the text Agamas, Jains believe in no Gods or spiritual

beings that interact with humans and they seek truth through vows of celibacy, truth and honesty...There are many stages of spiritual development in Jainism but the great guiding principle of the religion is nonviolence (ahimsa) with the teachings and interpretation of Jainism left to an extended community of monks and nuns...It's estimated 5 million humans follow these teachings, mostly in India...In parallels surprisingly close to knowledge being discovered by modern science the Jains believe this universe was not created by a God but instead is cyclic and self regulating...They believe nothing in the universe is created or destroyed but simply changes form in a universe that is eternal and unending...

Research by archaeologists have determined the Hebrew Bible was written in the 6th century BC and had many authors and contributors of unknown origins...

SPOTLIGHT ON RELIGION

Ipsos/Reuters Poll 2011

(18,829 people participants across 23 countries)

51% believe there is an afterlife and a divine entity
18% believe there is no god
17% aren't sure if there is a god
28% believe god created humans
41% believe in evolution
31% don't know what to believe
7% believe you are reincarnated
2% believe in heaven but not hell

Creationism belief was strongest in South Africa followed by the United States, Indonesia, South Korea and Brazil...

“Some people remain enslaved, exploited and stripped of their dignity; others are victims of racial and religious hatred hampered by intolerance and discrimination and by political interference and physical or moral coercion with regard to the free profession of their faith...Others see their own bodies and those of their dear ones, particularly their children, maimed by weaponry, by terrorism and by all sorts of violence at a time when everyone invokes and acclaims progress, solidarity and peace for all...” Pope Benedict XVI, December 2006

The National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools in America

“To date our Bible curriculum has been voted into 687 school districts (2,235 high schools) in 38 states. Over 550,000 students have already taken this course nationwide on the high school campus, during school hours for credit...” (Studies and reviews by independent groups have found this curriculum to be devotional as opposed to educational with mostly Protestant Christian perspectives)

CONCLUSION

On Earth today in a 21st century global environment that exposes dogma and the ignorance of stagnant institutions without change, there is a growing awareness that all the religions and deities of Earth were created as a normal part of the evolutionary process from a very limited intelligence and awareness to a highly evolved intelligence and awareness...Although no scientific evidence exists on Earth to suggest any of the many gods, myths and demons invented by humans have ever existed, *is there evidence anywhere in this universe that this reality was created or initiated by an unknown intelligence beyond comprehension?* It's a question without an answer but it's as possible and as serious a question as any explanation seeking to explain human existence and it's conceivable our species may be one of a select few in this reality with the intelligence and science to find evidence if any evidence exists...This question of origin and the question “why?” is a necessary question for every sentient species and the continuing search for an answer is what defines self-aware intelligence...

Pew Research estimates that around 16.5% of Earth's population (1.1 billion humans) do not identify with any religion making “non-religious” the third largest religion behind Christianity and Islam...Psychology Today 2015

The sad reality of a species with technology to manage a planet is that religion still determines behavior in billions of individuals on Earth who continue to exist within rigid separatist structures that divide populations to promote rigorous, unyielding belief systems, organizations who have dominated human culture for thousands of years helping millions in need, creating great wealth for themselves and controlling many governments and rulers responsible for the deaths of millions of people...

There are far too many people in this world who wrap their perception of reality around a non-existent God and are oblivious to the millions of infants and innocents dying every year, the billions of humans without food or shelter and the uncounted thousands who die violently in places convenient to ignore while insisting "It's God's Will" a common response from the religious to release themselves from responsibility...Why after thousands of years has religion not brought peace, enlightenment and stability to Earth? Why do humans who live in the same reality on the same world not understand the same physical processes and proven realities that define human existence? And why do humans who control the resources on this planet not understand the causality of unequal resource distribution on the daily lives of billions of creatures who are identical to them? The answer to all three of these questions is the same...This is a very small book in a very big world but the hope is there are millions of people who are disillusioned and disappointed by the failure of religion to end violence anywhere on Earth, the failure of religion to protect innocent children who are still abused by the very people they are asked to 'trust' and the failure of religion to help the poor and feed the hungry as the leaders of these large worldwide organizations live comfortable, opulent lives while focusing on money and expansion with little or no tolerance for new ideas after a thousand years of proclaiming themselves to be the "voice of truth"...Hope that the humans who are beginning to understand human reality will leave these religious organizations or change them with a new realization that *the singular cause of human suffering and death is human activity and human behavior*...It's not "god's will" and it's not 'ok' to allow human policies, human activities and human ignorance to permit the premature deaths of millions of innocents while the majority of people on Earth practice their faith and "look the other way"

To survive as a species humans must move forward and embrace life and the 'nature of man' rather than the tenuous existence of a belief without substance while practicing all the good aspects of faith by aiding any individual who is hungry, sick or oppressed and uniting in organized ways to create institutions essential and critical in helping any and every baby born anywhere on Earth experience love, adequate nutrition, abundant sleep, security and positive stimulation for the first 3 years of life...A global focus on initial brain growth, the next evolutionary step for this species...

If large religious organizations focused their efforts on expectant mothers and newborn babies anywhere and everywhere on Earth to provide adequate nutrition and a secure, safe environment for growth and learning, this world would begin to change in just a few generations...Promoting outreach and sensible government intervention everywhere on Earth to lift any restrictions as it applies to babies, these organizations could use their influence and power to persuade political structures everywhere to admit interactive caregivers into all societies, the Palestinian territories, war-ravaged African nations, Middle Eastern countries and the barrios of South America, anywhere on the planet where babies need human love and protection...With a growing intellectual awareness of human possibilities that exceed any religious teachings of the past, these religious structures (who all preach a desire and obligation to help humanity) could use their influence and money to access women in societies across the globe with education, resources and human caretakers to provide whatever is needed to promote maximum brain growth in every baby without concern for any group's philosophy or religion...If these organizations wish to "find God", promote intellectual development in every baby born and the future generations of Earth will find these deities if they exist...