

Do all religions lead to God?

As a church we agree with the EA statement of faith in which it states we believe....

1. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
2. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: Dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
3. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the **only** Saviour of the world.
4. The justification of sinners **solely by the grace of God, through faith in Christ.**
5. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

RECOGNISE

What worldviews adopt this ideology?

- **POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (RELATIVISM)** – Political Correctness is relativism - values and truth are determined by each individual. What is right for one is not necessarily right for another. Political Correctness is a worldview that is anti-exclusivity, saying that all must be inclusive and respectful of other's values and beliefs.



- **RELIGIOUS PLURALISM**
The philosophy which recognises and affirms all faiths.
E.g. The Blind Men & The Elephant

- **UNIVERSALISM** – Belief God will save all people regardless of faith in Jesus

REVEAL

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (RELATIVISM)

THE GOOD	THE BAD
<p>EVERYONE IS OF EQUAL VALUE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christians Can Affirm:</p> <p>Made in the image of God (Gen 1:27) All fallen short of God's Glory (Romans 3) God shows no partiality (Romans 2:11)</p>	<p>WE SHOULD ACCEPT OTHERS' BELIEFS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Christians:</p> <p>Can respect others without affirming their values</p> <p>TO NOT ACCEPT IS TO EXCLUDE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Logical Argument:</p> <p>By this claim they are showing exclusion to those who adhere to Christian/Biblical Worldview.</p>

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

THE GOOD	THE BAD
<p>A MORAL STANDARD/CODE</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSON OF JESUS</p>	<p>SALVATION/ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH WORKS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Christians:</p> <p>Believe Salvation through Christ Alone (Grace)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JESUS IS A MORAL TEACHER / AN EXAMPLE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Christians:</p> <p>Jesus is the Son of God, Our Redeemer, Lord & King <i>(See opening EA Statement of Belief)</i></p>

UNIVERSALISM

THE GOOD	THE BAD
<p>GOD’S DESIRE THAT NONE PERISH Christians Can Affirm: (2 Peter 3:9)</p> <p>GOD IS INCLUSIVE Christians Can Affirm: (John 3:16)</p>	<p>NO PLACE FOR REPENTANCE</p> <p>Christians: Believe God calls us all to repentance (Acts 17:30) This creates an issue what was the point of Jesus? Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1John 2:2) The Bible notes God’s Judgement & Separation (Matt 25:31-46; Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 1:18-20)</p>

REASON

The Bible declares There is only one way to God:

- Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **(John 14:6)**
- Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” **(Acts 4:12)**

This is a big claim and to such worldviews we can be seen as **ARROGANT & EXCLUSIVE**

1. We are not making the claim JESUS IS – We are simply trusting Him to be who He says He is
2. We are not arrogant – We are like all people (Sinners who have fallen short of God’s Glory)
3. We are not being exclusive – Christianity is inclusive (John 3:16 – Whoever Believes)

How can we be assured that Jesus is the only way to God?

4 things that sets Jesus apart

1. **His Power** – No other religious leader DID what Jesus Did (Miracles)
2. **His Prophecies (100s)** – Evidence to affirm Prophecies (week one: Trusting The Bible)
3. **His Preaching / Message** - No other religious leader Taught the way Jesus Taught
 Jesus is the only one to give a solution for the issue of sin – GRACE
4. **His Perfection** - No other religious leader Lived the way Jesus lived.
 Self-Claim (John 8:58) / Declared by Disciples (1 Peter 2:22) / Acknowledged by His Persecutors (Luke 23:4)

REINFORCE

Self-Examination (Not solely a world issue) – (Matthew 24:24)

Jesus + NOTHING (Colossians 2:6-14) Let’s make sure we preach the Jesus in The Bible.

3 QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK A PCR, PLUARLIST/UNIVERSALIST

1. What do you mean by that? When asked but don’t all religions lead to God?
2. How did you come to that conclusion? Have you studied world religions?
 - a. How did you come to conclusion of who Jesus is?
 - b. Have you considered why many religions recognise Jesus?
3. If the Bible is a reliable historical document account of this Jesus and verified by external sourcesHave you ever considered the Jesus presented in the Bible and what He said to be true?