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Compare And Contrast Essay.

**Topic:** Comparative Religions.

OUTLINE OF THE ESSAY:

1. Comparative Religions:
2. Comparative religions are the study of different doctrines and practices in different regions in the world.
3. Mainly, Monotheistic, Polytheistic, agnostic and Atheist are involved in it.
4. Monotheistic and Polytheistic religions:

Monotheistic, the one who believe in on deity. Polytheistic, one who believe in multiple deities.

1. Agnostic and Atheists:

Agnostics, for them ultimate reality is unknown or unknowable. And, Atheists who don’t believe in God.

1. Religions further included:
2. One who believe in one God include Judaism, Islam and Christianity. People who have faith in many Gods can be related to Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism etc.
3. People who are not sure about there believe and faith; those who are confused and Atheist completely resist in God existence.
4. Existence of these religions:
5. Monotheistic religion is revealed by one and only God, the divine source. Whereas, Polytheistic religions includes obedience of commands from various Gods.
6. Agnostics and Atheists both are man made believes. They are just two categories of the people who don’t follow any religion and believe in basic ethics and humanity rights.
7. Further concept of God authority:
8. Monotheists believe that only one God is there provider, sustainer and creator whereas polytheists have different Gods for different provisions.
9. Atheists believe in science and Agnostics are in between both.
10. Conclusion:

All people have different belief systems regarding our beginning, our end and our purpose in life.

From the mid nineteenth century, an academic version of comparative religions was emerged in which different traditions, cultures and histories of humankind were studied and various conclusions were made accordingly. In 1856 and 1870, **Max Müller** wrote his books on the subject of comparative religions. It’s still paramount but the oldest religions found to be is Hinduism. Apparently, comparative religions are further divided into two types which are: Monotheist and Polytheist religions. Also, there is another type which is known as agnostic. Moreover, now a days Atheism is also practiced a lot. People who go after monotheist religions actually believe in one God or those who worship single deity and polytheist are those who worship more than one God or those who believe in multiple deities. Agnostics believe that the divine or the ultimate reality is either unknown or unknowable. While, in Atheism there is absence of believe in existence of God.

Monotheistic religions, mainly involves three different religions and they are Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Judaism and Islam are low-key similar to each other. Judaism is the world’s oldest monotheistic religion and its followers do believe in one God and God himself revealed it through ancient prophets. The book they follow includes Torah. The founder of this religion is Abraham. Moreover, jews are religiously not allowed to eat animals with split hooves and can not chew there cud as well. While Islam was revealed in seventh century and founder of it is Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the book they follow is Quran. They are not allowed to eat all products from pork, carrion and blood are forbidden. Christianity, whose founder is Jesus, has its book named Bible. They are not allowed to eat animals with cloven hooves, fish without fins and can not drink blood. In comparison to polytheists, which include many religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism etc. Hinduism, which believe on multiple Gods like Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu etc, follow the texts Puranas; Ramayana; Bhagavad Gita. There belief is known as “Samsara” and they worship in a Hindu temple. Buddhism is a religion is closer to human behavior and meditation. They don’t really have any specific book. Jainism, an Indian religion practice ahiṃsā (non-violence), anekāntavāda (non-absolutism), and aparigraha (non-attachment). They have there to practice called Jain temples. Moreover, if we talk about Atheists and Agnostics, also believe in good behavior, inner peace, ethics and human rights. As mentioned above, they don’t believe in existence of God so, there main focus in life is to achieve good and live for your own happiness and therefore they have no restrictions. They are free to practice anything.