

Erroneous Views of God

"By seeing what He is not, we shall be helped to a better understanding of who He is."

Agnosticism -- from two Greek words meaning not Knowing

Denies the human ability to know God

From the same etymology as ignoramus

The agnostic declares the finite can not grasp the infinite

Refutation to this view

We can know of God without comprehending Him

The Scriptures declare that God is knowable

" And I will give them a heart to know me, that I Am the LORD:"Jer. 23:254

the people that do know their "God shall be strong, and do exploits. -- Dan. 11:32"

Polytheism -- the worship of many gods

Characteristic of ancient religions

Still practiced today in heathen lands

Hinduism

New age cults

Based on the idea that the universe is governed by many forces

God of water

God of fire

God of other forces of nature

Worshipped the creature more than the creator -- Rom. 1:25

Refutation to this view

Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. -- Ex. 20:3

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. -- Jn. 4:10

And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent -- Jn. 17:3

" Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is "one LORD: -- Deut. 6:4

God is One

Three persons within One God

Monotheism -- the worship of One God

Pantheism -- all is god

The earth is all part of god

"Trees, birds and all the animals"

Man is also god

According to the pantheist god lives and expresses himself through nature

Refutation to this view

Pantheism confounds God with nature

The poem is not the poet

The creature is not The Creator Rom. 180:199-23

Materialism -- matter is the cause of all life and mind(Big bang theory)

Denies any distinction between mind and matter

Man is simply an animal

Evolution

Humanism

Refutation to this view

Life only comes from existing life

No instance has ever been demonstrated of life coming from dead matter

God is the creator of all life

**"Deism -- admits there is a personal God, who created
"the world; then left it to be governed by natural law**

A wound clock left to run on its own

Leaves no room for Divine intervention

No miracle is possible

Refutation to this view

Scriptural testimony of Divine intervention

Historical record of God's providence

**Dualism -- there are two opposing forces of good and
evil**

Portrayed as good angel verses bad angel

Refutation to this view

God is more than an impersonal force

Satan's kingdom has been defeated