Studies of Religion Homework

1. Explain the difference between polytheism and monotheism

Polytheism is the belief that there are multiple gods, whereas monotheism is the belief that there is only one divine being or power.

1. Which religious traditions would be classified as polytheistic and which as monotheistic?

Semitic religions such as Christianity, Judaism and Islam are examples of monotheist religions whereas the two Eastern religions, Buddhism and Hinduism are examples of polytheistic

1. Why do the Islamic and Jewish religious traditions oppose images of God?

They believe that the image of God is beyond human imagination

1. Define the concept ‘transcendent religious worldview’.

The transcendent worldview is the belief that the divine being/power lies beyond the human spirit and is presented to us by some intermittent form like a holy text

1. Define the concept ‘immanent religious worldview’.

The immanent worldview is the belief that divine beings/power dwell within humans and can be found through a path