

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY RELIGIONS?

THINKCUBE 3 | OPEN-BOOK REVIEW

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Instructions: Read ThinkCube 3 carefully. Use the article and Scripture to complete this open-book review. Circle one answer for each multiple-choice question and respond thoughtfully to the written prompts.

PREMISE 1: WHY THERE ARE SO MANY RELIGIONS

1. Which three needs does the article identify as important reasons people seek religion?

- A. Entertainment, wealth, and travel
- B. Meaning, awareness of the divine, and moral accountability
- C. Politics, technology, and fame
- D. Competition, status, and convenience

2. What does Ecclesiastes 3:11 say God has placed in the human heart?

- A. A desire for power
- B. Perfect knowledge
- C. Eternity
- D. Fear of all traditions

3. According to Acts 17:26–27, why did God order the times and places of human societies?

- A. So that people might seek Him
- B. So that all religions would teach identical doctrines
- C. So that worship would disappear
- D. So that geography would determine truth

PREMISE 2: MOST RELIGIONS ARE HUMANITY'S ATTEMPT TO RECONSTRUCT GOD

4. According to Romans 1:18–23, what can happen when people reject God's revelation?

- A. They automatically discover the truth
- B. They lose the ability to make any moral choice
- C. They begin forming false ideas about God
- D. They stop asking spiritual questions

5. Which example best illustrates reshaping God to fit human preferences?

- A. Accepting correction from Scripture
- B. Imagining a god who never judges wrongdoing
- C. Seeking to understand what Scripture teaches
- D. Acknowledging personal moral responsibility

6. What is the article's main point about the existence of many competing religions?

- A. Every religious teaching is equally true
- B. The number of religions proves there is no God
- C. All religions have the same founder

D. Human spiritual longing can be redirected into man-made beliefs

PREMISE 3: MULTIPLE RELIGIONS ARE MAN'S ATTEMPT TO CREATE HIS OWN ENTRANCE TO HEAVEN

7. How does the article contrast biblical Christianity with many other religious paths?

- A. Christianity emphasizes grace through faith in Christ rather than earning salvation
- B. Christianity teaches that all religious paths are identical
- C. Christianity has no teaching about salvation
- D. Christianity teaches that rituals alone guarantee eternal life

8. What does Ephesians 2:8–9 emphasize?

- A. Salvation comes by ancestry
- B. Salvation is earned by sufficient good deeds
- C. Salvation is a gift of grace through faith, not works
- D. Salvation depends on religious popularity

9. Which statement best reflects John 14:6?

- A. Jesus taught many equally valid ways to the Father
- B. Jesus identified Himself as the way, the truth, and the life
- C. Jesus denied that truth could be known
- D. Jesus said salvation comes through human achievement

10. What is the central image of the “one door” in the article?

- A. All religious claims are interchangeable
- B. No one needs to consider salvation
- C. People must invent their own way to God
- D. God has provided salvation through Jesus Christ

PART TWO | WRITTEN REFLECTIONS

Use the ThinkCube article to support your responses. Write in your own words.

1. Premise 1: Describe the three reasons the article gives for widespread human religiosity. Which do you find most compelling, and why?

2. Premise 2: Using Romans 1, explain how people can have an awareness of God yet develop distorted ideas about Him.

3. Premise 3: Compare salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ with one other religious approach described in the article.

PART TWO | WRITTEN REFLECTIONS (CONTINUED)

4. How would you respond to someone who argues that the existence of many religions means nobody can know which religious claims are true?

5. Explain the article's "one door" analogy and how John 10:9 and John 14:6 support its message.

PART THREE | SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Ephesians 2:8–9 — Read these verses in your Bible. Write them below and underline the words that describe how salvation is received.

PERSONAL TAKEAWAY

What is one argument or biblical truth from this ThinkCube you want to remember when discussing why there are so many religions?

INSTRUCTOR ANSWER KEY

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PREMISE 1: WHY THERE ARE SO MANY RELIGIONS

1. B — Meaning, awareness of the divine, and moral accountability
2. C — Eternity
3. A — So that people might seek Him

PREMISE 2: RECONSTRUCTING GOD

4. C — People form false ideas about God
5. B — Imagining a god who never judges wrongdoing
6. D — Spiritual longing can be redirected into man-made beliefs

PREMISE 3: HUMANITY'S ENTRANCE TO HEAVEN

7. A — Grace through faith in Christ, not earned salvation
8. C — Salvation is God's gift, not the result of works
9. B — Jesus is the way, truth, and life
10. D — God has provided salvation through Jesus Christ

REFLECTION GUIDANCE

1. Look for meaning and purpose, an intuitive sense of transcendence, and accountability to a higher power; personal reasoning may vary.
2. Romans 1 describes awareness of God through creation and the exchange of His truth for false conceptions.
3. Christianity teaches salvation by grace through faith; comparisons should fairly represent the chosen religion.
4. Look for recognition that disagreement does not imply truth is unknowable; examine evidence and competing claims.
5. The door symbolizes Jesus as the exclusive means of salvation according to John 10:9 and John 14:6.

Memory verses: Ephesians 2:8–9. Assess accurate transcription from the student's Bible translation. Personal takeaway: Answers will vary.