

Lesson Two: Man's Religion vs God's Redemption

BIOMA TH 401 Cults, the Occult, and World Religions

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One Method of Detecting “Fake” Money



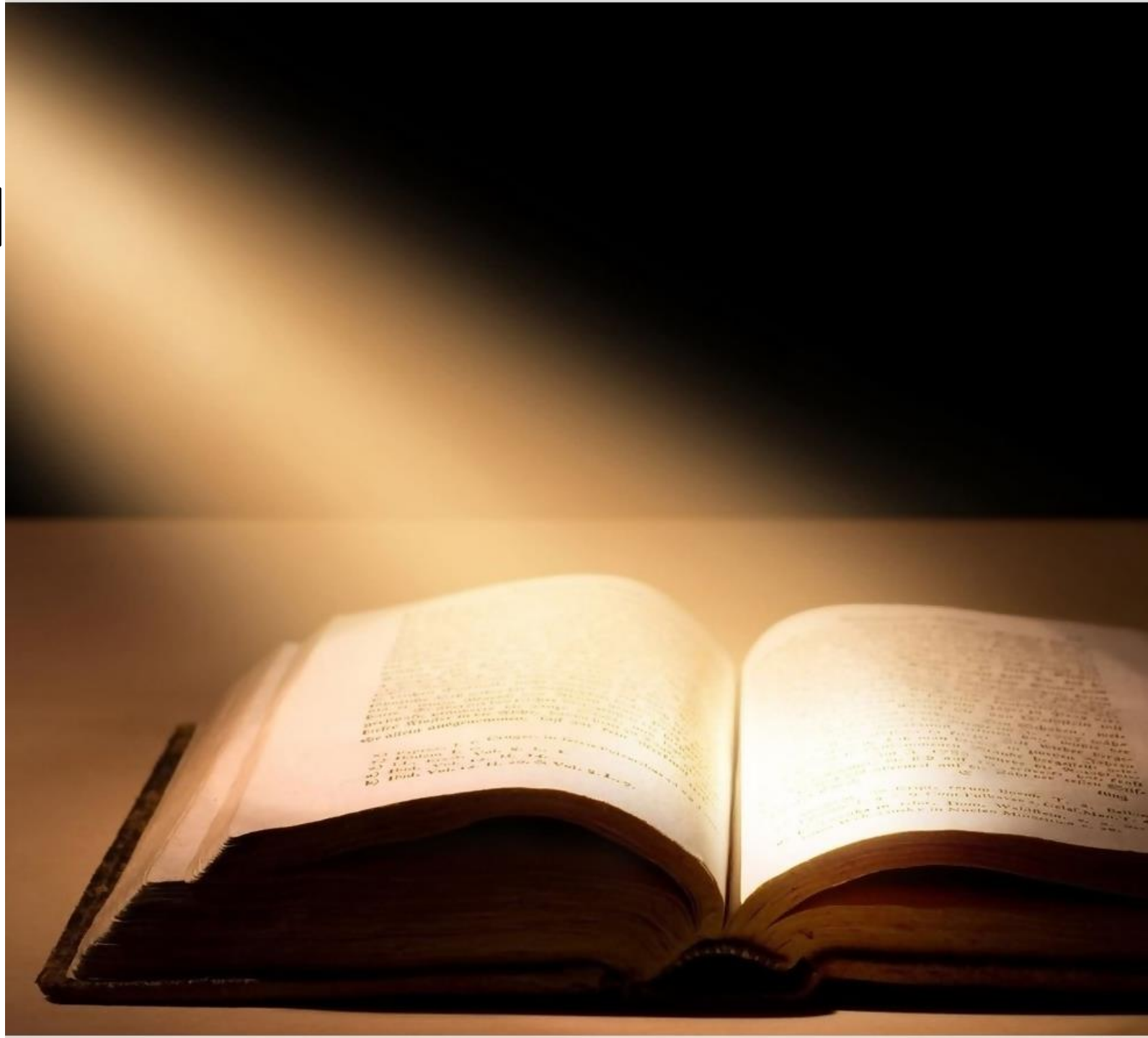
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We Must Have a Working Standard

This is Our Standard

We must weigh every thought, doctrine, teaching, and opinion next to the clear, complete, and comprehensive teachings of Bible.

- **Clear** – we do not base doctrines on obscure or unclear references of the Scripture
- **Complete** – we do not build our doctrinal systems on verses taken in isolation from context (local, book, and Bible wide)
- **Comprehensive** – the Bible does not contradict itself and all our doctrines arise from the totality of Scripture

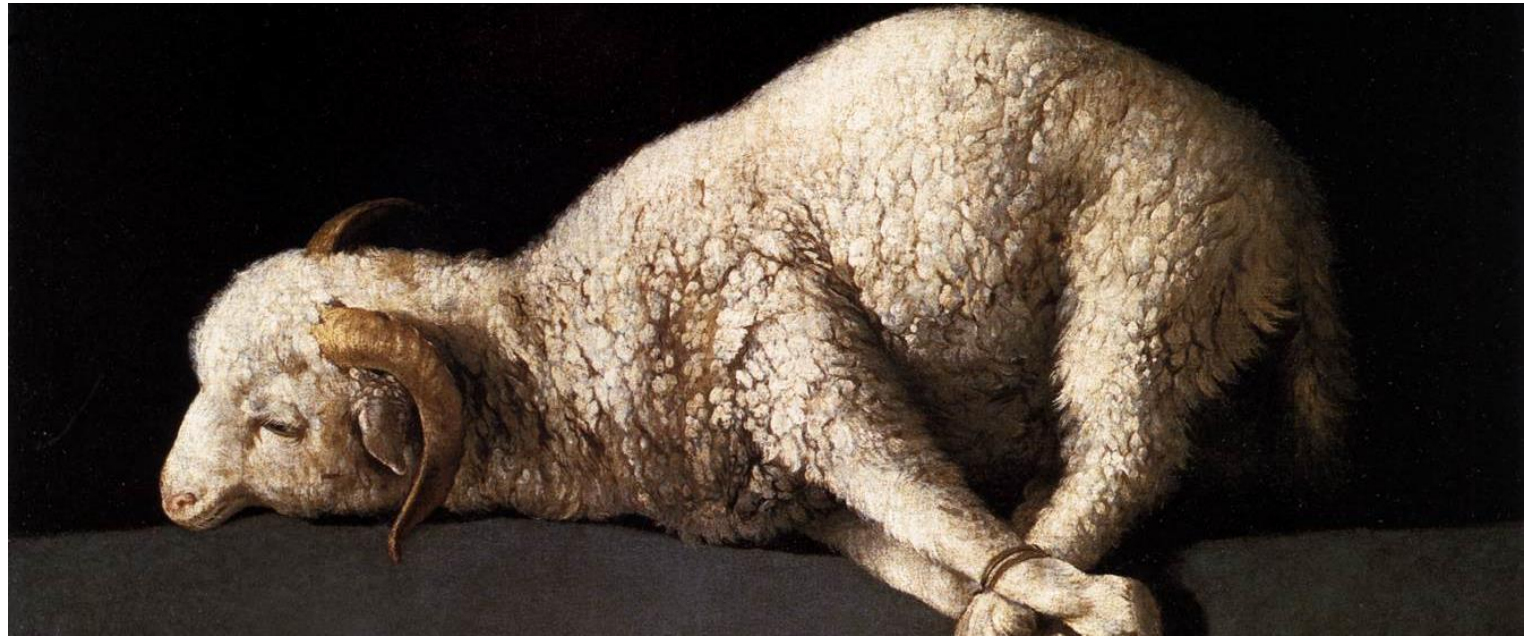


A Few Definitions to Remember

Religion = to bind back, Man's attempt to repair the breach he feels between God and himself

Redemption = the grand work of God where He ALONE has repaired the breach between Himself and fallen man on the basis of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and attested to by the miracle of the resurrection of Christ





One Redemption vs
MANY Religions

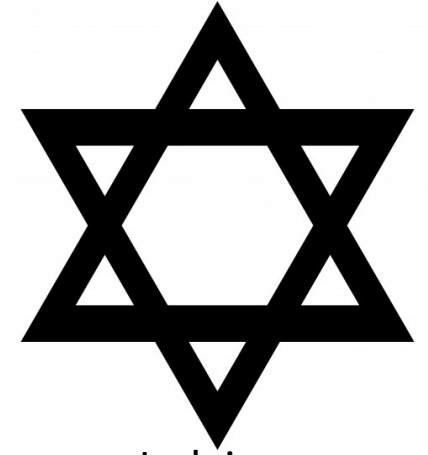
Another Definition

World Religions = belief systems that attempt to explain reality and often attempt to bridge the gap they believe exists between themselves and deity or deities – all are based on something an adherent must do for the deity/deities

These may (and often are) be composed of very splinter groups who claim to restore the original meaning or values of the parent religion



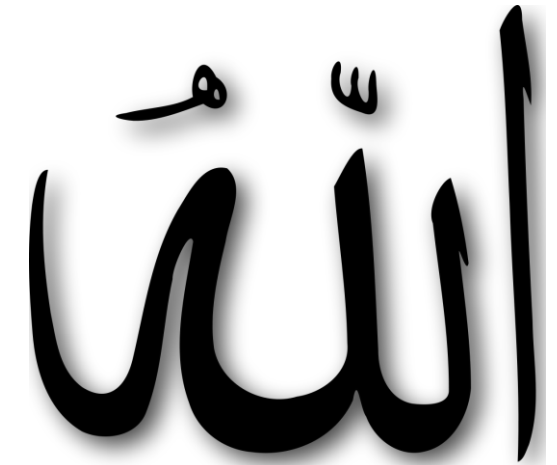
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Judaism



Hindu



Islam

Worldviews and How to Test Them

Worldview = the mental glasses through which we see the world

Three Tests of the Validity of Our Worldview

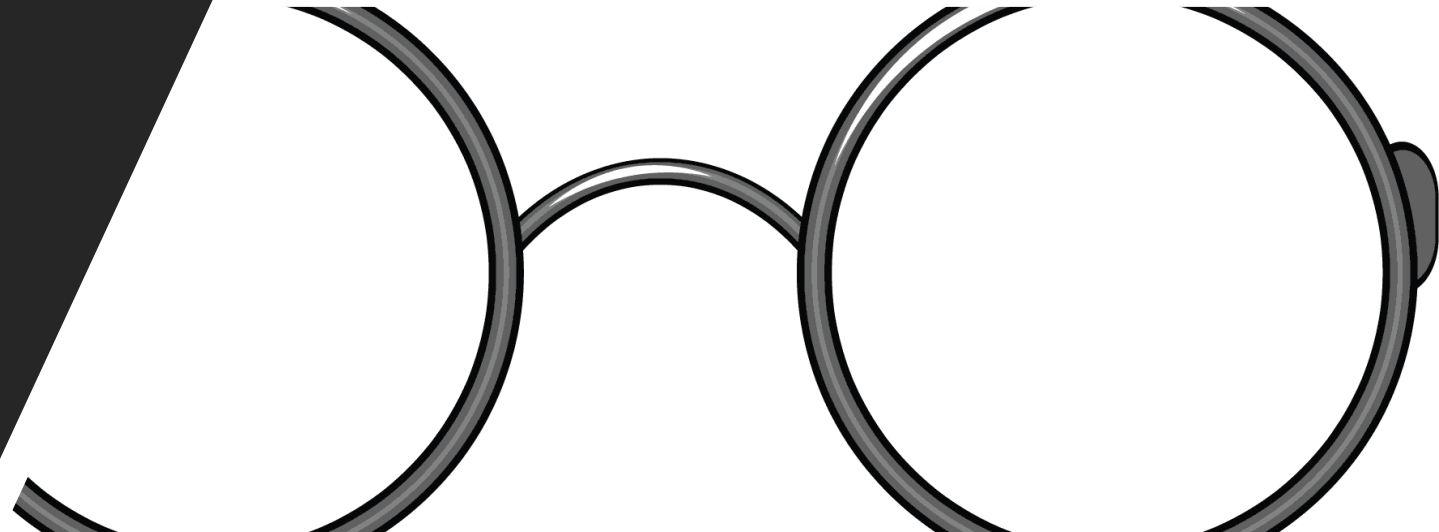
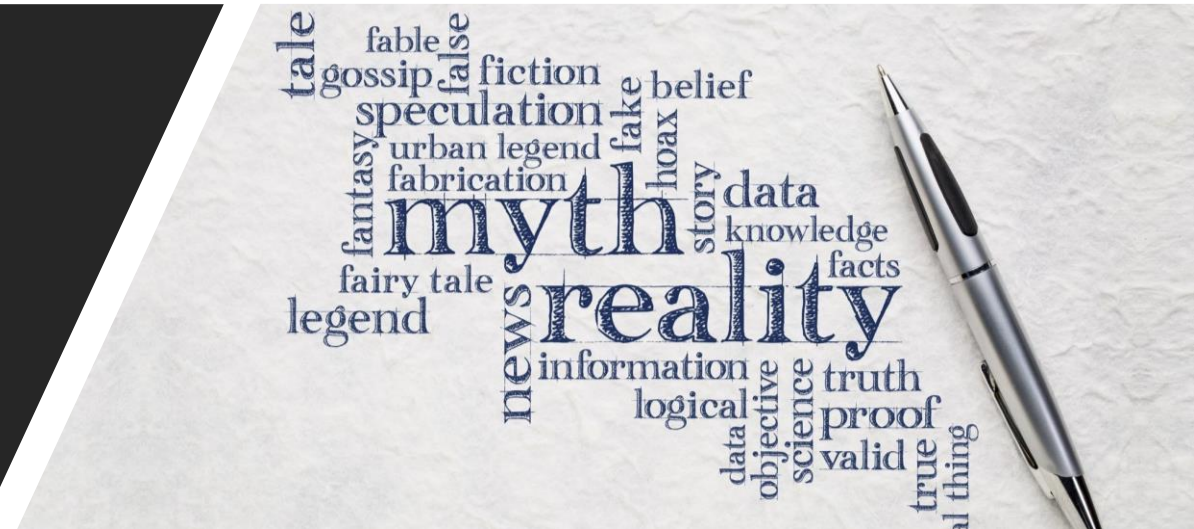
- Logical Consistency
- Empirical Adequacy
- Experiential Relevance

Four Questions a Worldview must answer

- Origin
- Meaning
- Morality
- Destiny

Five Disciplines

- Theology
- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Anthropology

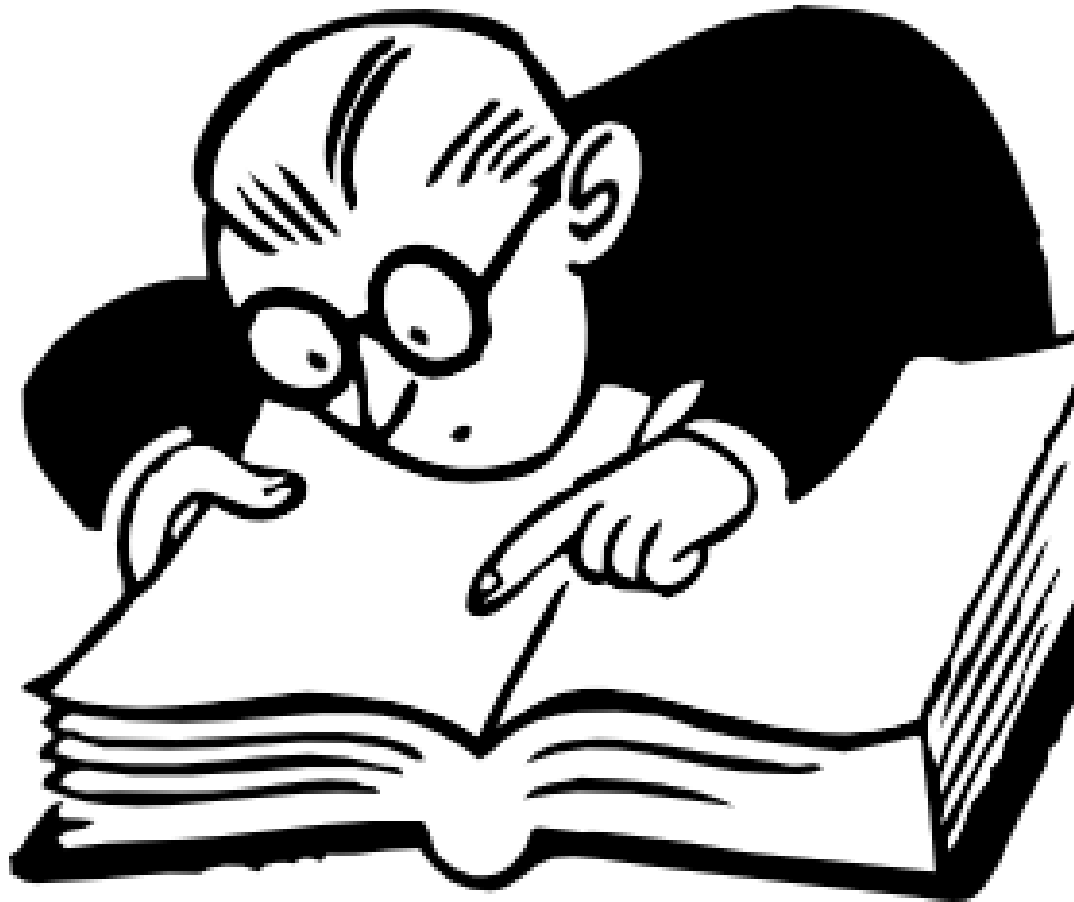


Definitions Continued

Cult – for the purpose of this study we will define a cult as a religious splinter group that has abandoned the one or more the core tenets (fundamentals) of the parent faith and declare they alone possess the truth and way of salvation



A Few More Key Definitions



- **Heresy** – for this study we will define heresy as the open espousal of fundamental error in Christian doctrine and the persistent, obstinate maintenance of that error with respect to the central doctrines of Christianity in the face of all better instruction, combined with aggressive attack upon the common faith of the church, and its defenders.
- **Apostacy** – means a falling away or departure from the core tenets of the Christian faith. This often arises from tendency of denominations to be headed and/or educated by unsaved men who embrace heresy.

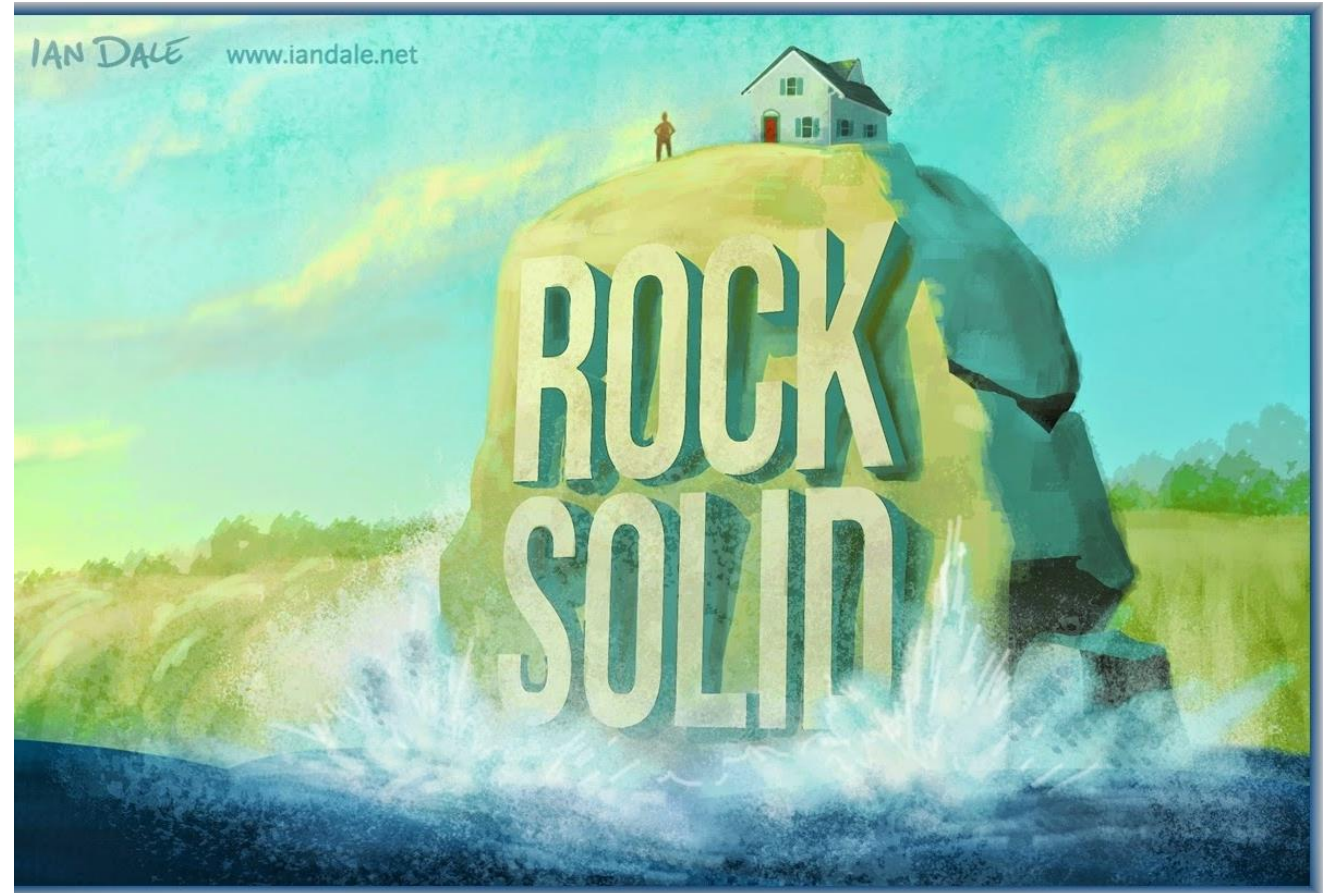
Another Key Definition

- **Denomination** – for the purpose of our study we will define denominations as the names assumed by groups of Christians who, originally embracing all the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, have honest disagreements over certain non-fundamental doctrines of Christianity such as the mode of Baptism, the method of Church governance, or the practice of worship. Since the inception of denominations many have strayed into heresy and apostacy.

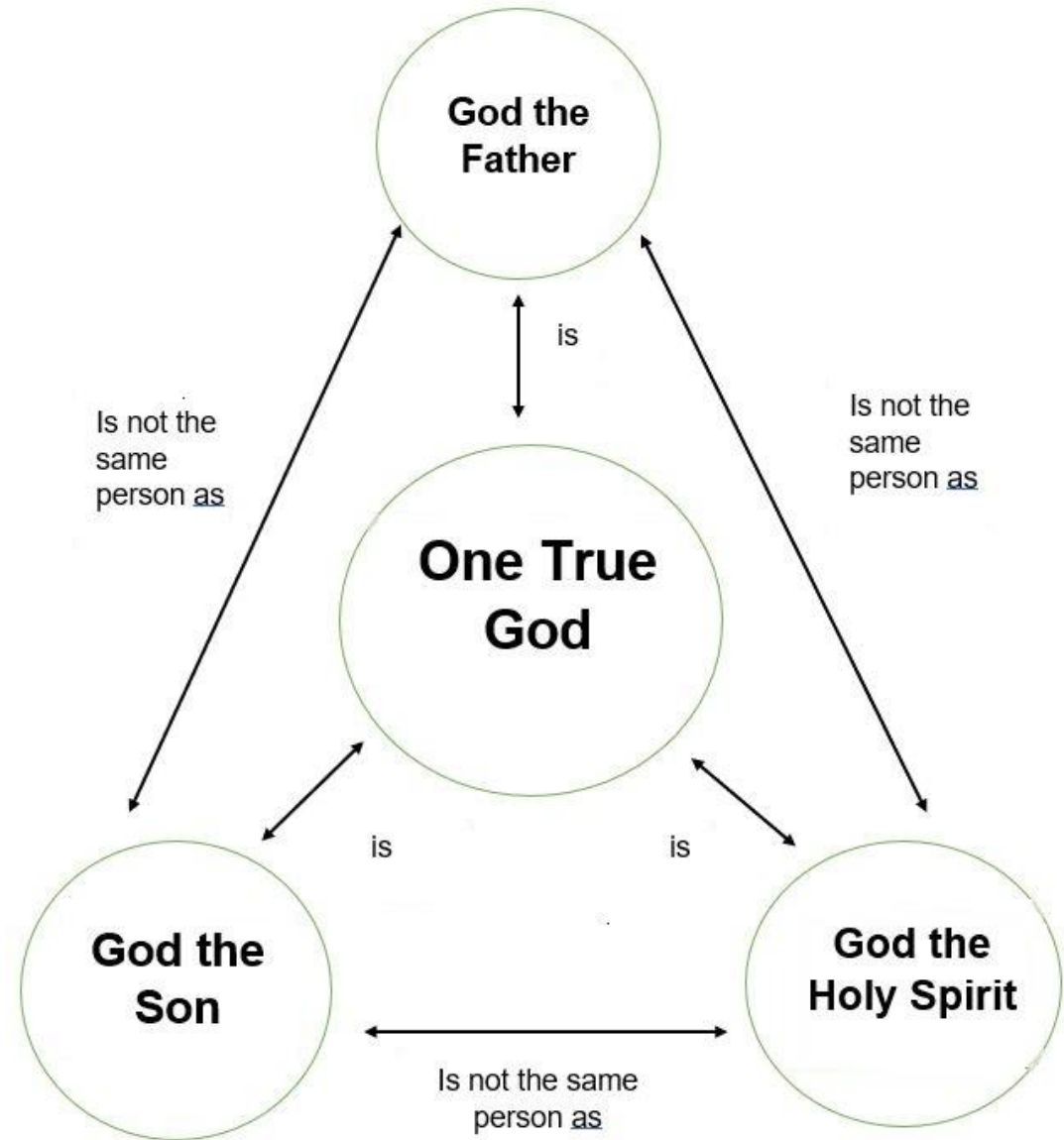


The Fundamentals or Core Tenets of the Faith

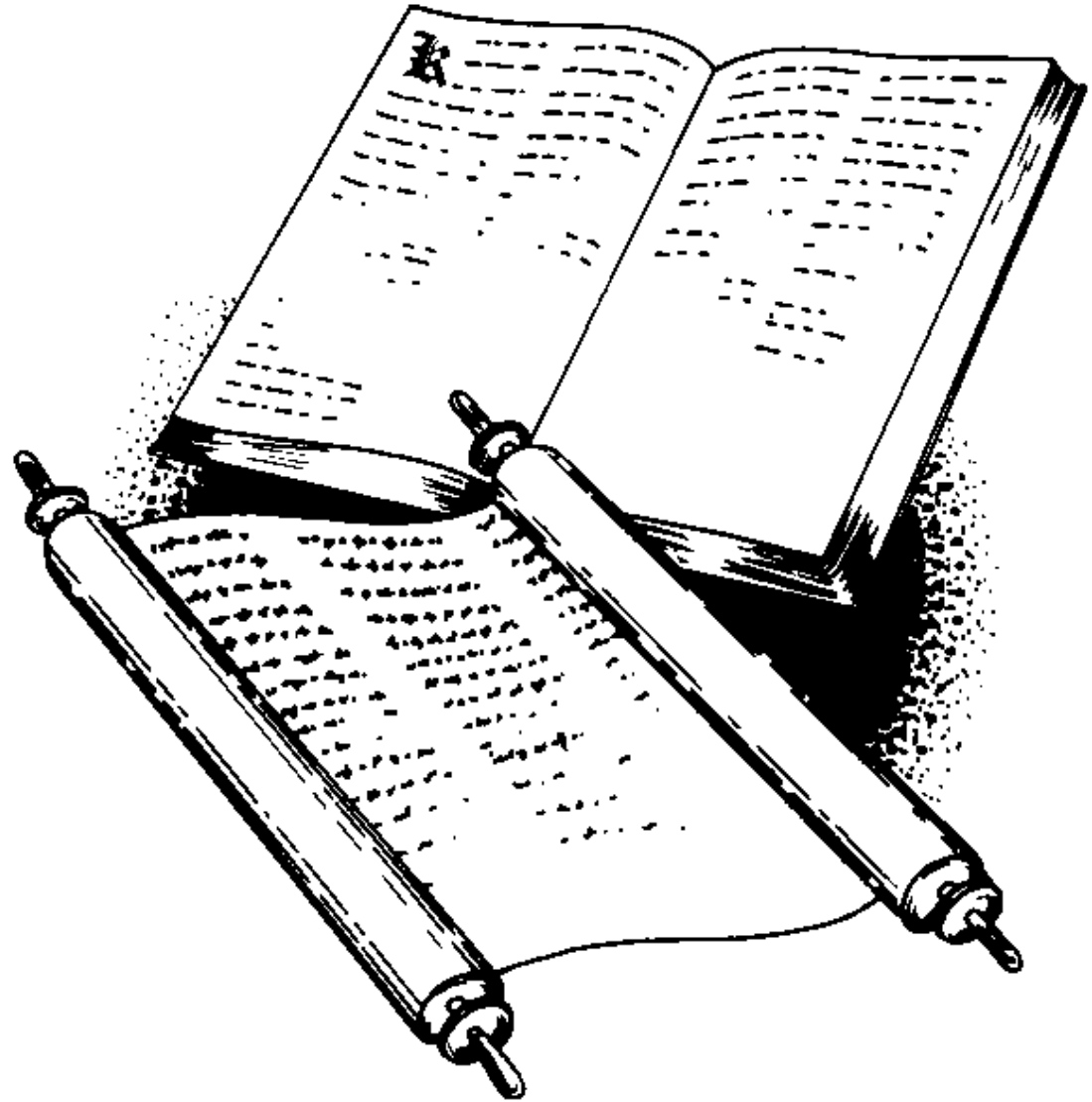
- **Fundamentals** – the core tenets of true Christianity as taught in the Bible by the Holy Prophets and the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the essential beliefs of Christianity and cannot be diminished, denied or redefined without fundamentally forsaking Christianity. They are: God is Triune, Transcendent, and Caring; the Bible is trustworthy, preserved, and authoritative; the Direct Divine Creation of the Universe, the Earth and all life; A real and dangerous enemy; a fallen and helpless humanity; Direct Divine Redemption through the incarnation, vicarious atonement, and bodily resurrection of Christ; and the actual and eternal destiny of Human Souls to Heaven or Hell.



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Your Questions and God's Answers



Q&A

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