

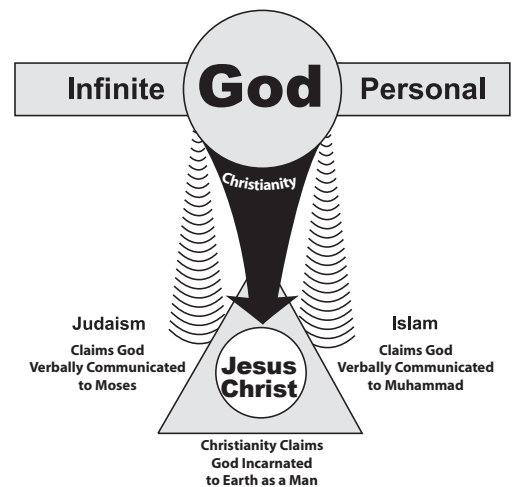
SESSION 2: Proposing an Infinite Answer

Discovering the Fingerprints of a Purpose-Giving God in History

Reference: *Surprised by Faith*, pages 11-21 (fourth edition); pages 23-31 (third edition)

Making the Discovery

1. A God who can give ultimate purpose to creation must be both an _____ and a _____ being. Only an infinite God—one who is absolute, perfect and eternal—and a personal God—one with intellect, will and emotion—is truly independent, and capable of knowing and revealing ultimate purpose to His finite creation.
2. Eastern religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism think of god as infinite, but not a _____ being capable of being verified by eyewitnesses.
3. Western religions such as those of the Greeks and Nordic peoples think of gods as personal beings, but not _____.
4. Judaism, Islam and Christianity all claim who God is _____ personal and infinite.
5. Christianity is unique from the other two in claiming that the personal and infinite God was born of a _____ woman, grew up in a real earthly family, and had a _____ adult ministry, which was testified by thousands of eyewitnesses 2,000 year ago.
6. Christianity is the only religion which claims a God who is both infinite and personal, and whose personal visit to the physical world as a human can be _____ verified.
7. According to Christianity, Jesus is not just a prophet or holy man—He is _____ incarnate.
This is our second *FaithSearch* discovery.



DISCOVERY #2

“Ah-ha!” Christianity alone claims we can know that God exists because He came to earth physically as the man Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago!

Confirming the Discovery from God’s Word

In summary of God’s Word, Jesus’ virgin birth was prophesied hundreds of years before it happened (Isaiah 7:14) and the name given Him would identify His true nature as God (Matthew 1:23). When the apostle John wrote in the first century, he identified Jesus as God, as the Creator of the world, and as God incarnate as man; He existed from eternity as a person, God in essence, and in unique relationship with the Father (John 1:1,10,14). Jesus, Himself, in His own prayer with the Father, claimed to have existed before there ever was a world, and to have existed as God (John 17:5). Finally, God has provided additional clear evidence of His existence by leaving Divine fingerprints of Intelligent Design throughout the creation (Romans 1:19-20). As a result, everyone—regardless of race, culture, economic status, or geographic location—can see and know for certain that He exists. (Compare Psalm 19:1-4.)

Answers to “Fill in the Blanks”: 1. infinite, personal; 2. personal; 3. infinite; 4. both; 5. virgin, miraculous; 6. historically; 7. God.