

GOD AMONG SAGES SYNTHESIS

Kenneth Richard Samples notes/backdrop



The Prince Krishna: HINDUISM

Not an historical religion: 3200 BC

Nature: Mythical

Story: Krishna the Warrior Prince

Teaching: Soul/Karma/Reincarnation/Multiple Paths to god/10 Incarnations of Vishtu

Siddhartha Gautama/the Buddha: BUDDHISM

Undocumented existence: 500-599 BC

Nature: Man resulting in death

Story: Life of Siddhartha

Teaching: Truth & Suffering/The Eightfold Path/Karma/The Wheel of Life

Confucius the Teacher: CONFUCIANISM

Documented existence: birth 551 BC

Nature: Man resulting in death

Story: Master Kong was focused on correct living

Teaching: Personal and governmental morality/correctness of social relationships/justice and sincerity.

Muhammad the Prophet: ISLAM

Documented existence: 570-630 AD

Nature: Man resulting in death

Story: Allah is the one true god, Mohammed is his prophet (messenger)

Teaching: Koran is truth/Jesus is not God/no original sin/meditate & think/social equity & justice/righteousness

Judaism: Testimony of the Living God (founded in Genesis 12 by the choice of God)

Documented existence: Genesis 1-11, Torah, the Prophets of Israel, The Promise of Messiah

Claimed pre-existence: Creator of World/eternal companion of the Father of all living

Nature: God and Man resulting in resurrection

Story: Messiah is coming, will be born a Jew, Jesus murdered on behalf of the world (true Messiah yet to come)

Teaching: Torah, Mishna, Talmud (rabbinical interpretation)

Historic Christianity (post 1st Century)

Documented Existence: Torah, the Prophets of Israel, The Life and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Lord

Nature: In Adam all died, in Jesus Christ the Son all may live

Story: Jesus was foretold from the beginning of time, witnessed by thousands in the fullness of time, was crucified, then resurrected from the dead

Teaching: God made the world for His glory, through belief in Jesus we may find personal peace and eternal life

Other: Baha'i/Jainism/Shintoism/Sikhism/Taoism/Zoroasterism

Also: Catholicism (and the unfolding post-apostles/into the middle ages/through the present day)

Also: Protestantism (and a consideration of the unfolding of religion as it crossed the pond/denominations)

Also: Secular Humanism, Atheism, Agnosticism

American false teaching denominations which compromise/co-opt the authority of the Word (not limited to...)

Christian Science/late 1800's/metaphysical overcoming of sickness

Jehovah's Witnesses/late 1800's/the Son is inferior to the Father

Mormonism/mid-1800's/revelation by the angel Moroni - interpreted by Joseph Smith's now lost spectacles

Seventh-Day Adventism/Millerites in 1863 - Ellen G. White/the Law, the Sabbath, twisted christian beliefs

Unitarianism/1560's in Transylvania/oneness of free and open thought/God is one/Jesus was a simple man

In short, those who do not practice John 5:31-47; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 1 Corinthians 4:6; Revelation 22:18-19.

Authenticity = accurate assessment - applied embrace of Scripture - identifying common ground - solid conclusions - measured action.