




Christ's Deity in Top Religions

I. Introduction

A. What is the definition of deity?

B. The top 9 religions:

1. **Christianity (Bible)**  -Jesus is the only sinless, virgin-born, miracle-working prophet, priest, and king, the wisest teacher, the Word, the way, the truth, and the life, **God in the flesh**. Jesus will come back, judge, rule, and reign forever. Believe Jesus is the only eternal Savior by His grace through **faith alone**, not by any of our works.
2. **Catholicism (Bible + Apocrypha)**  -Jesus is a sinless, virgin-born, miracle-working prophet, priest, and king, the wisest teacher, the Word, the way, the truth, and the life, **God in the flesh**. Jesus will come back, judge, rule, and reign forever. Believe Jesus is the eternal Savior by His grace through **faith, and** by the Catholic Church 7 sacramental **works**.
3. **Islamism (Koran/Quran)**  -Jesus is a sinless, virgin-born, miracle-working prophet and wise teacher who was **not God**. Jesus will come back and judge (Sura 43:61). Muslims do NOT even say that about Mahammad. Believe might be saved by repenting, obeying God, doing the 5-pillar **works** (1-Profession of **Faith**, 2-Prayer, 3-Alms-Giving, 4-Fasting, 5-Pilgrimage), hoping for God's mercy to be saved.
4. **Hinduism (Veda)**  -Jesus is a holy man, wise teacher, only **one of many gods**. Believe can be saved by 3 ways (of works): the way of **works**, the way of **knowledge**, or the way of devotion.
5. **Buddhism (Tripitaka)**  -Jesus is a holy man, enlightened man, a wise teacher, but **not the one true God**. Believe can be saved by **works** of understanding the ways things really are (enlightenment) according to the Buddha's Dharma.
6. **Mormonism (Bible + Book of Mormon)**  -Jesus is a sinless, virgin-born, miracle-working prophet, priest, and king, a wise teacher, **a god, not the one true God**. Believe Jesus is the savior by his grace through **faith, plus** repentance, baptism for remission of sins, and other **works** of obedience to be saved and you can become a god.

7. **Judaism (Old Testament of Bible)**  -Jesus is a miracle-working prophet, a wise teacher, a man, **not God**, who died. Believe can be saved by **faith** in God, His promised Messiah, **and by works** (keeping God's commandments).
8. **Sikhism** (The Guru Granth Sahib)  -Jesus was a man, wise teacher, who died, is **not God**. Believe no one really gets saved and everyone goes back into "God" when die, but believe in **good works** meditating upon and devotion to the Creator, truthful living, and service to humanity.
9. **Atheism** (None)  -Jesus was a man, a wise teacher, who died, did unexplainable things, is **not God**. Believe no one gets saved, there is no purpose or afterlife. Believe **science/knowledge can physically save, do great things, or prolong life, but do not believe in immaterial of eternal life** after physical death.

C. All world religions want Jesus, why?

D. Why is believing that Jesus Christ is God a fundamental of the Christian faith?

II. Scripture

A. Biblical facts showing Jesus Christ is God.

1. Jesus has Divine attributes, qualities, and nature (only God possesses, e.g., Self-existence (life), Pre-existence, Eternality, Sovereignty, Immutability, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence...).
2. Jesus was Virgin Born (cf. **Isa. 7:14; Mat. 1:23, 25**) as He came directly from God's Holy Spirit through virgin Mary.
3. Jesus is the only sinless man when all other men "**have sinned and come short of the glory of God**" (**Rom. 3:23**). **Heb. 4:15**—Jesus "...**was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**" **2Co. 5:21**—"**For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.**" **1Pe. 2:22**—"**Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.**" **1Jo. 3:5**—"**And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.**"
4. Jesus did Divine things that only God can do, e.g., Creation of the universe and everything it contains (**John 1:3; Col. 1:16**), sustains the universe and everything in it (**Col. 1:17**), God commands the angels to worship Jesus and the angels command men to worship

Jesus (**Heb. 1:6; Rev. 19:10; 22:9**), Jesus raised Himself from the dead (**John 2:19; 10:17**), etc.

5. Jesus' names and titles are only used of God, e.g., "**Holy One**" (**Luke 2:11**), "**Jehovah**" (**Zec. 2:10; Jer. 23:5-6**), "**Elohim**" or "**God**" (**Isa. 9:6**), "**Emmanuel**," "**Immanuel**," or "**God with us**" (**Isa. 7:14; Mat. 1:25**), "**Mighty God**" (**Isa. 9:6**), etc.

B. Biblical statements saying Jesus Christ is God.

1. **Col. 2:9**—"**For in Him** [Jesus Christ] **dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**"
2. **Joh. 1:1-4, 14**—"1-**In the beginning was the Word** [Jesus Christ], **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** 2-**The same was in the beginning with God.** 3-**All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.** 4-**In Him was life; and the life was the light of men...**14-**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**"
3. **Heb. 1:8**—"**But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.**"

III. Application

A. Why is the fact that Jesus is God important?

B. Do you believe Jesus Christ was, is, and always will be God?

C. Why is the Deity of Christ more than just fulfill our need to be eternally saved?

D. What is one of the biggest reasons you believe in the Deity of Christ?

E. How do you personally apply the fact that Jesus is God?