

(d) "There is only one God."

Evaluate this statement, showing you have considered different points of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(12)

I believe that there is only one God.

However, atheists would all say that there is no God at all! ~~Karl Marx, for instance, believed that Marx, like Jean-Paul Sartre,~~ would say that there is ^{not enough evidence for God.} ~~no metaphysical world for God to exist in.~~ They would say that the evidence for God is, at best, sketchy, and, at worst, fraudulent. For instance, many of the 'relics' scattered around Catholic cathedrals in Europe are fakes. The shroud of Turin, which purports to be the burial shroud of Christ, has been dated to medieval times! If the evidence for God is so sketchy, then ~~he~~ He can't possibly exist. He would have revealed himself to us!

This argument is strong in that much of the evidence for God is undoubtedly sketchy, but ~~they~~ the problem with it is that those making it would seem to attempt to know the mind of God, which all religions agree is impossible.

However, most Christians would say that there is only one God, based on



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the teachings of Jesus Christ. There is good evidence for the resurrection, in that the Romans never produced Jesus' body, which they certainly would have done if they had it, and that a band of disciples were prepared to be killed for this 'resurrected' Lord. If Jesus really were resurrected by divine power, surely he would tell the truth about the number of Gods there are? And he does: he teaches that God there is only one God. This is a strong argument, in that it is based on physical evidence, but also ~~describes~~ is based on scripture. It unifies the two great religious strands of reasoning.

To conclude, although the evidence for God is not overwhelming, arguing that that means He does not exist would seem to presume to know God's mind & have knowledge of how he would reveal himself. Therefore, coupled with Jesus' teaching in the Bible, I have concluded that there is only one God.

To conclude, although the evidence for God is ~~not overwhelming~~ ^{there is strong evidence} for Jesus, and he teaches that there is only one God.
being resurrected

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

