

(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 in this statement. According to Christianity, the Apostle's Creed states that: 'I believe in one God!'

In Christianity, God is manifested into three persons:

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Christianity is a monotheistic religion that believes in the Trinitarian God, and therefore there is only one God.

However, one may say that there are more than one God. For example, Hinduism believes in different Gods who are specialists, who are responsible for different things. Many other religions ~~such as~~ ~~the Greek gods~~ also believe that there are more than one god, ^{such as the Greek gods:} ~~such as~~ the goddess of love, the goddess of war etc. Therefore they are polytheists and believe that one god is not able to deal with every problems in the world and therefore requires more than one god.

However, according to Christianity, God is omnipotent and omniscient. There is no need for specialist Gods as one God is enough to cope with everything. If there are more



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than one God, then each the gods would not be omnipotent or omniscient. Therefore there must only be one God who created the world and is responsible for everything.

Despite other religious views on ~~polytheism~~ polytheism, there is only one God and according to Bible teachings: 'Whoever sacrifices for any gods but the LORD must be destroyed.' Christians believe that if there are other ~~beliefs~~ ^{beliefs} about different gods they must be 'false prophets' who are trying to distract Christians and affect their faith. Therefore there is only one God.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

