

	THEISM	DEISM	NATURAL-ISM (ATHEISM)	NIHILISM	THEISTIC EXISTENTIALISM	ATHEISTIC EXISTENTIALISM	EASTERN PANTHEISTIC MONISM	NEW AGE
ULTIMATE REALITY	Imminent, personal Creator-God	Non-imminent; distant Creator-God	Matter and energy	Matter and energy or no reality at all	God, known by a "leap of faith" experience, not by reason	Individual man's Being; Solipsistic	Impersonal, undifferentiated Oneness; Brahman	The Self in unity with Mind at Large is divine; Solipsistic
EXTERNAL REALITY	God created ex nihilo; Uniform; Open; Material & Spiritual	God created ex nihilo; Uniform; Closed; Material & Spiritual	Uncaused; Uniform; Closed; Material	Uncaused; Uniform or capricious; Closed; Material	Determined; Hostile and absurd; Closed; Material	Determined; Hostile and absurd; Closed; Material	Illusion-Maya; Atman in process of recognizing Oneness	Material Universe & Mind at Large
HUMAN NATURE	Image of God; Fallen but redeemable; Free	Mechanistic; Not fallen; Determined	Biochemical machines; Determined or self-determined	Meaningless; Determined	Meaningful; Free; Responsible to choose God	Meaningful; Free; Create own essence by choices & actions	Atman in process of recognizing Oneness; No Self	Deity in process of experiencing unity with Mind at Large
DEATH	Eternity with or w/o God based on relationship to God	Differs, Eternity with God, or personal extinction	Personal extinction	Personal extinction	Eternity with or w/o God based on faith and experience of God	Personal extinction; The ultimate, objective absurdity	Reincarnation or personal extinction by union with Brahman	Reincarnation
HUMAN HISTORY	Linear, Teleologic; Kingdom of God	Linear, Teleologic; Utopia with or without God's imminence	Linear, Non-teleologic	Linear, Non-teleologic	Linear, Literally unimportant but mythically valuable	Linear, Non-teleologic; Only individually significant; Solipsistic	Cyclical; Teleologic but time is ultimately maya	Cyclical; Time/History exist only in Visible Universe
KNOWLEDGE	General and Special revelation; all epistemologies valid but limited	General revelation only; Empirical/Scientific	Trust of reason & senses; Empirical/Scientific	Admits no reason to trust reason or the senses	Objectively Empirical & unimportant; Subjectively Experiential & valuable	Objectively Empirical & unimportant; Subjectively Experiential & Valuable	Non-rational; Based on the experience of meditation	Based on experience of the altered state of consciousness
ETHICS	Based on God's character	Because we're determined is=ought No Ethics	Varies; is=ought No ethics, or based on human preference	Varies, is=ought No ethics, or based on human preference	Based on experience of God	Based on individual internal experience of moral obligation; Solipsistic	Good=Oneness Evil=Differentiation; Karma	Because we're divine, is=ought No ethics