# THEOLOGY—Is There a God? And What Is He Like?

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|  | ***Position*** | ***Description of God*** | ***Reasons for Position*** |
| **Christianity** | Theism | Eternal, infinite, personal, transcendent, immanent, triune, sovereign, good; Father, Jesus—God as a man gives fullest revelation of God | * Testimony of Scripture * Need for First Cause in the beginning of the universe * Life and resurrection of Jesus * Existence of absolute moral laws * Complexity and design in nature |
| **Islam** | Theism | Eternal, sovereign, judge, Creator, God is One, Master | * Writings of Mohammed/Koran * Teachings of Muslim leaders |
| **Secular Humanism** | Atheism | “God” and religion are cultural artifacts; legends and myths | * Exclusive faith in science * Problem of evil * Behavior of believers |
| **Marxism** | Atheism | “God” is a fictional entity invented by the deprived classes in an attempt to find hope and comfort in their misery | * Exclusive faith in science * Problem of evil * Behavior of believers |
| **New Age/**  **Cosmic Humanism** | Pantheism | Everything is god and god is everything; a cosmic force; the “flow” of being, each person is god | * Personal feelings and experiences * Eastern religions (Hinduism, Buddhism…) * New Age teachers |
| **Postmodernism** | Agnosticism | “god” is a literary construct | * Language is unreliable * Skepticism is natural posture |