# 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
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| **Islam** | Theism | Eternal, sovereign, judge, Creator, God is One, Master  | * Writings of Mohammed/Koran
* Teachings of Muslim leaders
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| **Secular Humanism** | Atheism | “God” and religion are cultural artifacts; legends and myths | * Exclusive faith in science
* Problem of evil
* Behavior of believers
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| **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
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| **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
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| **Postmodernism** | Agnosticism | “god” is a literary construct | * Language is unreliable
* Skepticism is natural posture
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