

# Further Investigation...

## Books

### Great Places to Start...

*The Problem of God* by Mark Clark

*The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller

*Mere Apologetics* by Alister E. McGrath

### Digging Deeper...

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

*The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel

### Off the Continental Shelf...

*Reasonable Faith* by William Lane Craig

## Websites

[reasonablefaith.org](http://reasonablefaith.org)

[veritas.org](http://veritas.org)

[rzim.org](http://rzim.org)

[iamsecond.com](http://iamsecond.com)

## Videos

On YouTube:

*"Vince Vitale—Pluralism: A Culture Without Truth"*

On Vimeo:

*"Truth and Relativism"* by Meridith Tan

On RightNow Media:

*The Thinking Series* by Andy Steiger

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## Is it arrogant to believe in one truth?

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## Overview

Cultural Pluralism: Treat all religions with respect, dignity, and tolerance.

Ideological (Metaphysical) Pluralism: All religions are equally true and valid.

1 Peter 3:15

### 1. Every major world religion makes \_\_\_\_\_.

All religions are not the same. All religions do not point to God. All religions *do not* say all religions are the same. At the heart of *every* religion is an uncompromising commitment to a particular way of defining who God is or is not and accordingly, of defining life's purpose.

Anyone who claims that all religions are the same betrays not only an ignorance of all religions but also a caricatured view of even the best-known ones. Every religion at its core is exclusive.

- Ravi Zacharias, *Jesus Among Other Gods*.

### 2. The world's religions do not share the same \_\_\_\_\_.

Everything which begins to exist has a cause.

The universe began to exist.

Therefore, the universe has a cause.

What is the Uncaused Cause?

### 3. Not all religions are \_\_\_\_\_.

Jim Jones, Ammonites, Branch Davidians

### 4. The Bible makes \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus.

John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 5:11-12

## So what about the ELEPHANT?

1. It ASSUMES that there is an elephant.
2. It makes an ARROGANT claim from a superior vantage point.

The story is constantly told in order to neutralize the affirmation of the great religions, to suggest that they learn humility and recognize that none of them can have more than one aspect of the truth. But, of course, the real point of the story is the exact opposite. . . . The story is told by someone who can see and is the immensely arrogant claim of one who sees the full truth all the world's religions are only groping after. It embodies the claim to know the full reality [which it claims that religions can't]. (Leslie Newbigin)

## Next Steps...

## Follow-up Questions...

We encourage you to dialogue about today's topic with others:

1. What did you learn today that you didn't know before?
2. What are some notable differences between the world's religions? How are they the same?
3. When you hear, "not all religions are equally valid," what does it make you think?
4. Have you heard the parable of the elephant before? What kind of person can truly "see" the elephant?
5. Are there questions you need to further investigate? (The back page of this pamphlet has some helpful leads!)

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