

CHOOSING A RELIGION



A few months ago, a lady said to me, “I am so confused! With the thousands of religions, how do you know which is the right one?” So I said to her, “Well, that’s easy. Presbyterian, of course!” She laughed, but assured me she was serious – she really wanted to know. This is what I shared with her.

There are far fewer choices than you might think. Yes, there are lots of varieties, but they break down into simple categories. First of all, you are a Theist (you believe there is a God or gods) or you are an A-theist (you believe there is no God).

If you are an atheist, you believe that you and I are six chemical elements (calcium, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus) that have managed somehow to organize themselves to walk and talk. That is it. When you are dead, you are dead. Like a candle snuffed out. Extinction. Any meaning in life for the atheist comes solely from his own construction, because in his mind, there is no REAL meaning to life. Frankly, I have never met an atheist with that extreme a commitment. To me it seems like a philosophy of despair.

If you are a Theist, then you have two choices. You are a Monotheist (one God) or a Polytheist (many gods, like Hinduism). If you are a Monotheist, then you are down to three choices: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

The most prominent figures of the monotheistic religions are Moses, Mohammed, and Jesus Christ.

Of those three --

Only one claimed to be the Son of God.

Only one claimed to forgive sins.

Only one claimed to be THE way to God.

Only one rose from the dead. His name is Jesus.

Obviously, I vote for Jesus Christ. I have put all my eggs in his basket. If he is wrong, then I am wrong. However, I have complete confidence in Jesus.