

Jesus' Resurrection: Comparing Views of 'God'

Below are three types of belief systems and the stories they tell about 'God'.

How does the 'God(s)' relate to humanity?

	FULL CONTACT	ONE POINT OF CONTACT	NO CONTACT
EXAMPLE	HINDUISM	CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM
This WORLD :	HAS EVIL , decay, and death	HAS EVIL , decay, and death	HAS EVIL , decay, and death
Does the God(s) <i>claim</i> to be GOOD OR EVIL ?	BOTH . Good and Evil eternally cycle around each other. Or, the difference is an illusion.	GOOD . 'God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.' (1 John 1:5)	GOOD . 'He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting' (Psalm 107:1).
Can the God(s) personally TOUCH humanity?	YES . There is NO MORAL PROBLEM for the God(s). Hindu gods appear in human forms: avatars, incarnations, gurus.	IN JESUS ALONE . God takes humanity onto himself as Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus struggled to clean self-centeredness completely out of himself, and succeeded.	NO . Judaism's God, Islam's Allah, and the God of Jehovah's Witnesses sends only messengers.
WHY? For what purpose?	TO ROLE MODEL TRANSCENDING THE SELF . This life is a test for us.	TO SHARE JESUS' FRESH, GOD-SOAKED HUMANITY with the rest of us by the Spirit.	TO GIVE US BETTER LAWS . God expects us to follow (and politically implement) his laws.
Will the God(s) HEAL the actual world?	NO . This world is only a testing ground or an illusion. Healing or enlightenment takes place only in the minds of people.	YES . God will renew the actual world, with justice and mercy in a messianic era, evidenced by Jesus' resurrection.	YES . God will renew the actual world, with justice and mercy in a messianic era. But will any human beings have done enough?
What adjectives would you use to DESCRIBE the God(s)?			