

How did all the gods and religions come about?

Introduction

One of the things that surprised me when I was young was the various religions and numerous gods. I did not know how to find one that is real, true and satisfying. If one god can satisfy our inner longings then there is no need for another let alone so many.

Christians' Holy Bible gives a satisfying answer

The only place I found a satisfying answer was in the Christians' Holy Bible. Not only it talks about a Creator God, it also explains in detail how all the other gods and religions originated. With that as the background let me share with you what does it say about it.

As I was reading the book of Romans I was surprised to see the reason behind why we have so many gods.

What does the Holy Bible say about it?

Apostle Paul, one of the disciples of Jesus, wrote the following under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Romans.

Romans 1:18-20, "But God shows

His anger shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them. For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Since earliest times men has seen the earth and sky and all God made, and known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse [when they stand before God at Judgment Day]."

Romans 1:21-23, "Yes, they knew about him all right, but they wouldn't admit it or worship him or even thank him for all his daily care. And After a while they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what he wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused. Claiming themselves to be wise without God, they became utter fools instead. And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they took wood and stone and made idols for themselves, carving them to look like mere birds and animals and snakes and puny men."

Romans 1:24—25, "So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin, and do whatever they wanted to—yes, vile and sinful things with each other's bodies. Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to

believe lies. So they prayed to the things God made, but wouldn't obey the blessed God who made these things."

Romans 1:26-27, "That is why God let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against God's natural plan for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. And the men, instead of having a normal sex relationship with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with other men and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the penalty they so richly deserved."

Romans 1:28-32, "So it was that when they gave God up and would not even acknowledge him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness and sin, of greed and hate, envy, murder, fighting, lying, bitterness, and gossip. They were backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud braggarts, always thinking of news ways of sinning and continually being disobedient to their parents. They try to misunderstand, broke their promises, and were heartless—without pity. They were fully aware of death penalty for these crimes, yet they went right ahead and did them

anyway, and encouraged others to do them, too."

How true indeed! The above explanation mostly resembled my past life. Then I realized how all these numerous gods and the associated religions originated. Families and friends grouped together worshiped one or the other god. As the population grew they formed into larger groups and called themselves belonging to that particular belief or religion.

This really made sense to me and I was convinced that this was true in deed.

Therefore I decided to cling on to the truth, because truth will always win out in the end.

Therefore, I took the writings in the Holy Bible seriously and decided to worship the one and only Creator God instead of His numerous creations.

This Creator God is an all sufficient God

In the Holy Bible, Apostle Paul wrote this under the inspiration of God, in the Book of Romans 1:16-17, "*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is God's powerful method of bringing all who believe it to heaven. This message was preached to the Jews alone, but now*

everyone is invited to come to God in this same way. This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven—makes us right in God's sight—when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the scripture says, 'The man who finds life will find it through trusting God (Creator God).'"

To me the God of the Bible sounded like an Almighty, Eternal, All-knowing, Creator God who could fulfill all our inner longings and who cares about our eternal destiny.

Because He cares for us so much, He has prepared a way for us to enter into the Kingdom of God. It is through Jesus Christ His only Son whom He sent into this world to die in our place for the forgiveness of our sins. Now He has appointed Him to be the Savior of the world by raising Him from the dead. Acts 4:12, "*There is salvation in no one else! Under all heaven there is no other name for men to call upon to save them.*"

Does this all make sense to you?

If it does and you want to know this Creator God personally, I invite you to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord right now and establish that relationship with Him

right away. The moment you receive Him, many things will happen to you including the following:

- God will give you the right to become a child of God (John 1:12).
- You will experience the forgiveness of all your sins (Colossians 1:14).
- You will have peace with God (Romans 5:1).
- God will seal you with His Holy Spirit for eternity (2 Corinthians 1:22).
- He will open your mind to understand the 'Scriptures' as you never experienced before (Luke 24:45).
- As He satisfies your inner needs, you will realize that you don't need to look for another god any more (John 4:14).
- God will transform your life to become more and more like His Son Jesus Christ as you trust and obey Him moment by moment (Romans 8:29).

This Creator God is all that you need.

If you are ready to make that decision, here is how you could receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.