

## Religion – a cynical viewpoint – part 1

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A religion has come to be associated with a Prophet, a book and preferably one God.

Some religions say that there is only one God and it is their God. If you call Him by any other name would tantamount to worshipping false God! Their place of worship is the sacred place of worship and all others are not sacred.

World is made up of many languages and each language has a different name of God. While so, how can any body say God is to be worshipped only in this or that name?

**Who is God?** I could not find a good answer for this question.

**Where is God** – ah – all religions are unanimous in answering this – some sort of **Paradise** – above earth some where in the sky out of reach for mortals. One can go there only after death – if and only if you had been a good practitioner of this or that specific religion.

Then where do all the others go after death – there is a convenient location called **Hell** – again all religions are unanimous on this aspect too. Hell is a place that is terribly hot or cold and equipped with some one ready to torture the non-conforming soul.

Some religions believe that all the souls have to wait till the **Day of Judgment** – expected to come at the end of civilization as a result of flooding of the planet and till then the soul has to rest in peace in its grave.

Now the previous Day of Judgment was quite sometime back – say six thousand years or more – now the number of souls in waiting should be a very large number. How many? Your guess is as good as mine – could it be millions? Billions? I think billions – now if God has to judge a billion people how much time does it take for him – let us say one hour per person to account for his actions and be judged – it will be a billion hours. Wow that is pretty large – about **115,000** years – right now the population is about 6.5 billion – that means if the End of Days comes now and Judgment day starts in the next one-minute, how many souls have to be judged? Present 6.5 billion and let us assume another 3 billion from the last six thousand or so years – that is about **9.5 billion** people. How about birds, animals and insects? Will their souls be judged? Let's us assume not – their souls will not be judged. Even so, the time taken to judge 9.5 billion souls would amount to about a **million years**. It may be a minute for the God – but for mortals it still is one million years. That is the last person dying would have to wait one million years to be judged for his actions of say eighty or ninety years !

Now I understand why the punch line of almost all religions is “**those who is part of us would be judged fist**” – the waiting line is shorter for them. Clever isn't it? But many religions use the same punch line – so how are we to know which will be the first line to be judged?

What happens after the judgment – they say the soul would be either ensconced in luxury in heaven or tortured in hell – here comes the interesting part – eternally. Where will the supplies for luxury or torture come from; which organization would provide them

