

	<b>Sigmund (Atheist)</b>	<b>Buddha (Siddhartha only Buddha after enlightenment)</b>	<b>Muhammad</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>General</b>				
Classification of position	Atheist (no after life)	Astika (impersonal life after death)	Monotheist (One God)	Monotheist (One God)
Book	Psychology	Pali	Qur'an	Bible (OT & NT)
Was he prophesied before arriving?	No	No	He wrote concerning himself that he would come ~610AD	Prophets wrote that he would come (1400-400 BC)
<b><u>THE PERSON</u></b>				
<b><u>THEIR ORIGIN</u></b>				
Where were they before they were conceived?	Nonexistent	Something of significance in a previous life (not someone because of impersonal)	Nonexistent	He is the Word of God, That God put into a virgin.
Father and Mother	Affluent Jewish parents	Royalty – Queen Mayadevi and his father King Shuddhodana.	Amina and Abdullah. His father died before Muhammad was born. And at a young age was raised by his uncle	God the Father and Mary. Virgin birth. His adopted father was Joseph.
Where and how were they born	Czech Rep. 1856. Normal conception.	Northern India, Lumbini, now part of Nepal 624-483BC. Normal conception. 560 BC most commonly communicated	Born in Mecca, 570 AD, Normal conception.	Born in Bethlehem, 4BC prophesied about before arriving, Holy Spirit came upon him.
Consecrating the child	Followed Jewish order, circumcision etc.	Brahmin seer to make predictions about him.	Tradition says he was born circumcised, and still as a young child 2 angels cut open his chest, washed his heart with water from the well of Zamzam. Later in his life the night journey to paradise, his chest was once again washed with water from Zamzam by Gabriel (Sahih Bukhai 1.345)	Followed Jewish order, circumcision etc. Acknowledgement of who he is and prediction of his life.
What training/ education did he have from the world sense?	Viennese medical doctor, trained in neurology. During this he studied Theory of Evolution which he believed to be fact.	Private tutoring as per Royal protocol, tutoring.	Merchant taught by his uncle. He could read and write; however the level of his education was not enough as to be considered educated or literate.	Taught carpentry by His step-father. And taught by Holy Spirit, Jesus was an accepted Rabbi who could read and write.
Married & Children	Wife and 6 children	Wife and a boy child he abandoned to go on this search.	Had 11 wives.	No wife. No children.
Turning point in their life.	Understanding Evolution as an alternative to God and suffering that existed in the world turned Sigmund onto humanism.	Outside his palace one day he first came across a decrepit old man, then a diseased man, a corpse and a hermit — these encounters, known as The Four Sights, were the Prince's first awakening to deeper truths about life.	Discontented with life in Mecca, he retreated to a cave in the surrounding mountains for meditation and reflection. It was here at age 40, in the month of Ramadan, where he received his first revelation from God.	No turning point as He knew what He would do from birth, he didn't have a turning point but he did have a time when he was ready to step out.

			Muhammad had an encounter with the angel Gabriel who revealed special revelations. Three years after this event, Muhammad started preaching these revelations publicly.	
How old were they when they started teaching	24+	35+	40+	30+
Time period they taught on earth	50-60 years	40-50 years	23 years	3years

**THEIR MEANING OF LIFE**

Summary of Teaching	Introducing the world to Psychology.	Taught that we mustn't rely on God but on self, and to avoid suffering it is in self, linked to a craving.	Taught that there is one God vs. many that they served and that he was the last prophet. He also dictated much of the Qur'an which people needed to follow.	Reconciled people back to God only through Him. Re-introduced a God of love to the people.
Who elevated him? Was there supernatural evidence? How do we know?	Science community and Evolutionists. None. Miracles contradict everything we have learned through empirical observation; they do not really occur.	Royalty and the people he taught? No miracles performed by him.	No miracles by him but miracles to him. Like the Quran, going to Heaven but no one saw this. When he was asked why no miracles backed him up, he answered: "Allah has not sent me to work wonders; He has sent me to preach to you."	God did. Yes many supernatural signs and all these supernatural signs were for the good of people – no curses only blessings, healings, raised 2 from the dead, blind to see, deaf and mute speak, etc. Apart from the Bible, both the historian Josephus and Jewish writings wrote about Him.

**THEIR ETHICS – RIGHT FROM WRONG**

Anything he did that was surprising?	Cocaine, which he believed would become a common treatment for depression -- and perhaps even for other ailments, including indigestion. He himself became an enthusiastic user of cocaine, handing it out to colleagues and relations (including his sisters) and praising its merits in various scholarly papers.	Buddha criticized only those portions of the Vedas which prescribe animal sacrifice and that he did out of compassion for the animals. Yet how can he criticize when he said worship a deity if you get the results you want. Saying there is no wrong and then criticizing someone for something based on what he believed is wrong, is a contradiction.	After each major battle with the Medinans, Muhammad accused one of the Jewish tribes of treachery (see Surah 2:100) and attacked it. After Badr, Muhammad besieged the Banu Qaynuga and forced their surrender. He wanted to put all the men to death, but was convinced not to do so by Abdullah who was an old ally of the Qaynuqa. Instead, he expelled them from Medina with their families and possessions. After Uhud, after the battle of the Trench in 627, the Muslims accused the Jews of conspiring with the Meccans, then beheaded the adult male members of the Banu	Whipped those in the temple who made the temple of God a market place and prevented people from worshipping and praying.
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What is truth? What do we use to govern right from wrong?	Truth is relative to the situation and it changes accordingly.	Quest to find the truth and believed he would discover it as he lived it.	Truth is the word of God including the Torah, Psalms, Gospel as long as it doesn't contradict Muhammad's text of the Quran. If it does then the Quran is the authority e.g. Jesus was not put on the cross in the Quran.	He is Truth.
Did they believe they were sinless? Were they sinless?	No such thing as sinless.	Yes believed that he was perfect yet needed to be rebirthed to be more perfect.	He was a sinner and asked for forgiveness (Surah 47:8,19). However Islam does teach that all the prophets are infallible but the Quran says the all prophets (except for Jesus) asked for forgiveness of sin/fault in the Quran; Moses (Surah 28:16); Abraham (Surah 26:82); Muhammed (Surah 47:8,19)	Yes knew he was perfect and thus went to the cross as a lamb sacrifice for other's sins.
<b><u>THEIR DEATH</u></b>				
How old at death? How did he die?	83, in 1939 London, after suffering from cancer of the jaw and throat. Although he had battled the disease for sixteen years he never gave up the huge cigars with which he became so identified. He was 83 years old when he asked his doctor to end his life - committed suicide	80, Buddha ate his last meal, which, according to different translations, was either a mushroom delicacy or soft pork, which he had received as an offering from a blacksmith named Cunda. Falling violently ill, he died. When a person who has realized Nirvāna dies, his death is referred to as his parinirvana, his fully passing away, as his life was his last link to the cycle of death and rebirth (samsara), and he will not be reborn again. (The following - Buddha didn't	632 AD, 63 years old of a fever. The fever was a result of being poisoned. A Jewish woman gave Muhammad a gift of grilled lamb which she poisoned. She did this to validate if he was truly a prophet. Saying if he was a prophet he would know that the lamb was poisoned and not eat it or if he ate it he would not die. Muhammad did die as a result within 2 weeks of eating it. (Al-Bukhari (# 2474), Al-Muslim (# 2190), Al-	33 years old, He was condemned by the Jewish people primarily because he was leading people to Him. They handed Him over to the Romans who executed him based on being "King" and there is only one King i.e. Caesar. He was crucified on a Cross thus fulfilling the prophecy concerning Him.

		believe this but there are sects that do - Reincarnation is offered as the process for a person with all the qualities needed to get to the state of Nirvana). Nirvana is a state which all six bases (Eye, Ear, Nose, Tongue, Body and Mind) no longer feel.	Mustadrak (# 4967 and 7090), Abu Dawud (# 4508, 4509, and 4512), Bayhaqi (# 15784, 15786, 15789, 15791, and 19500), Darami (# 67), Darqutni (# 130), and Imam Ahmad's collection (# 2785 and 3547)).	
Did he conquer the biggest obstacle - physical death? i.e. is he still in a physical body?	No	No, his` bones are in India.	Body buried at Madina (Medinah) in Saudi Arabia.	Yes, raised Himself from death after 3 days and then spoke and appeared to people over 40 days – he also spoke with over 500 people.
His Destination after Physical Death?	Unknown, Body was cremated, the remains are in London. He believed there was nothing that we just cease.	Believed he went to Parinirvana, a place that cannot be explained, as it is outside of all conceivable experience. Parinirvana is a state of impersonal nothingness.	His soul is in Barzakh. This is not Heaven but a kind of "cold sleep" where the soul will rest until the Qiyamah (Judgement Day). In the Bible this place is called "Death" (used to be called Paradise)	Heaven in a Physical Body and will come back down to earth to reign after the 1000 years of Christ.
How do we know his after life? Based on their Words are they around today?	He said so – there is nothing.	He said he would go to this place, also said destination is unknown.	Quran says Barzakh. People have also seen him there in their dreams.	Besides the 500+ eyewitnesses, his disciples and followers witnessed his resurrection. These are the same people who turned to run from Jesus when He was persecuted when they saw Jesus was resurrected and ascended into heaven willingly gave their lives to teach about Jesus as Messiah the only way to God – even to the point of death.
Anything he left them when he died?	His Thesis and notes	His teachings.	The Quran and his Sunnah and Mecca	His Person and Teachings. Theologically His Blood (to bring them into a position to be able to call on God as Father) and his Body (to sustain them, give them a sense of meaning as they tell others about Him) and Holy Spirit (to teach them, comfort them and help them).
<b><u>THEIR BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS TO OTHERS</u></b>				
<b><u>ORIGIN</u></b>				
Who created man?	Evolution.	Unknown – no need to answer such questions. "We do not believe that this world is created and ruled by a God." It just is – don't	Allah. The Creator (the One who needs none and whom all are in need of)	Elohim (Father, His Word and His Spirit)

		waste time thinking about it.		
Who is God?	Self as a god. Actually crusaded against God whom he considered an obstacle to human intelligence and maturity.	There is no God or personal God, but a system of fitting in which we are all part of. We are God collectively. Once we think there is no God then we can be free of God. God is a craving to be extinguished.	Allah - One God.  (Some have said the greatest difference between Allah and Elohim is that Allah promised hell fire and torture for his followers while Elohim promised heaven and eternal life for his followers. But not completely true. Allah is said to be merciful and compassionate)	There is One God whose name is Yahweh, who has a Son, Jesus the Christ. Christ wasn't created like Adam, He always was, always existed because the Word of God always was. God sent His Spirit (Holy Spirit) to empower His Word so people would recognize Him. God the Father is the head, God the Son, Jesus Christ, is His Word and Holy Spirit is His Spirit. They are all One thus the Hebrew word "Elohim" is God of plurality.
Is the God of Israel the only way that the true God revealed Himself?	No scientific evidence (as he saw it). And especially if the hardship was suffering – how can an all powerful God, a loving God cause suffering? Surely He would cause it to stop? So therefore there is no God.	He didn't know the God of Israel. But the Dali Lama and the leaders say, "If God created the world, where did God come from?" the answer would be, "of course God was created as well".  (why do we think create? Is it because all we see is created? God wasn't created but always was and He created all things in which all things operate. Does a star fish on the bottom of an ocean know there is dry land? Is it possible that the star fish will never know dry land because all it sees is wet land. Doesn't Buddha teach that there are things that we don't fully know?. God is definitely one that we will spend eternity getting to know)	No, God has sent prophets to all of mankind from the first prophet Adam to prophet Muhammad. Israel is not the chosen people and God didn't reveal salvation through Israel.  The Jewish people were the biggest obstacle to Muhammad's teachings (they were sceptical of a non Jewish prophet - Muhammad). Once it was clear the Jews would not accept him, Muhammad began to minimize and eliminate the Jewish influence on his beliefs. For example, he shifted the direction of prayers from Jerusalem to Mecca, made Friday his special day of prayer, and renounced the Jewish dietary laws (except for the prohibition on eating pork). Originally, he said the Arabs were descendants of Abraham through his son Ishmael, but in the Qu'ran Abraham's connection to the Jews is denied, with Muhammad asserting that Abraham is only the patriarch of Islam, not Judaism as	God revealed Himself through Nature, through Israel, through His law and prophets. All pointing to the need to surrender to the Messiah, Jesus.  Ps. 2:11-12 "Serve Yahweh with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (12) <u>Kiss the Son</u> , lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."  Deut. 18:18-19 "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. (19) And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him."

			well, because he "surrendered himself to Allah"	
<b>MEANING OF LIFE – DESTINATION TO FOLLOW ON EARTH</b>				
What is the Meaning or purpose of life?	Absolutely not! <b>There isn't a purpose.</b> We cannot even, from our scientific point of view, address the question of whether or not there is meaning to life. <b>But from observing humans you would observe that they desire happiness to find pleasure.</b> Getting what they want, when they want it and how they want it.	Every living being has the same basic desire - to be happy and to avoid suffering. Even newborn babies, animals, and insects have this desire. To be happy. <b>In Buddhism, the purpose of life is to end suffering, to get to a state of nothingness.</b> The Buddha taught that humans suffer because we continually strive after things that do not give lasting happiness. And it teaches that in accepting that all life is suffering, bliss can be achieved in this life.	<b>To worship God. And the way it is done is Pray 5 times daily (Salah), Fast at Ramadan (Fasting), give 2.5% of income to the needy (Zakah), pilgrimage to Mecca once in your lifetime(Hajj).</b>  Whatever you want will be available in Heaven not earth.	Our primary purpose is to <b>establish an intimate relationship with God. The only way that is done is by repenting of our rebellion against God and accept Jesus as our Lord. Jesus is the One who washes our sins away so we can live life serving Him through true love.</b>  The starting point isn't about being good but about relationship with Him and then His presence will result in us being good.
<b>Rationale for this meaning?</b>				
Desire for all humans.	Getting what they want and being positive results in happiness on earth for self.	Avoiding suffering on earth results in nothingness which is similar to Happiness. Absence of suffering is similar to happiness. Happiness itself is also a craving that needs to be extinguished. Better position for next rebirth to get to state of eternal nothingness.	Obedying God (not loving God) results in happiness for eternity. Happiness is not necessary on earth.	Reconciled to God, to have an intimate relationship with Him. This results in true happiness for eternity, including earth. The good news.
How?	Work to get it from efforts of positive thinking. Think about something that makes you feel good. Get what you want.	Work to extinguish self desires, get rid of suffering. This provides enlightenment (or is that a craving). We get it by having a mind free from craving, anger and other afflictive states.	Surrender to Allah and the teachings of Muhammad	Surrender to Jesus Christ, which allows His peace to enter the person. A peace of being reconciled back to God. He dwells inside and the blood of Jesus washes away their sin as they walk with Him. As they walk with Him they tell others of this good news.
<b>ETHICS – GOVERNING DAILY DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES</b>				
What is truth? What do we use to govern right from wrong?	Truth is relative. It comes from human experience, like our traffic laws. We make them up because they benefit us. If they didn't benefit us then don't make them. They vary based on culture.	Truth is relative – There is no right or wrong. Relative truth, relative to the suffering. One persons suffering varies from another. And one person's happiness varies so there isn't absolute truth. Absolutely no wrong or right.	Truth is absolute that was revealed to Muhammad. And today the people are to follow the Islamic Law (Shariah)	Truth is absolute. Absolute truth is based on God's Word which is centered on Love. The Word of God can be summed up – 1) Know that God loves you. 2) You Love the God of Israel with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and 3) love others like you love yourself. Not possible to do the 3 <sup>rd</sup>

				without the 1 <sup>st</sup> two.
Where does Suffering and Pain come from?	Evolution, genes and our mind.	Cravings and previous life actions.	From their sins or a test from God.	Sin in the world from Adam (in genes), Our Sin, Sin from others.
What is sin or Craving?	No such thing as sin because we are in fact our own god, it is a choice to be happy or not.	No such thing as sin because we are in fact our own god, part of everything. A craving is something imposed by self that causes suffering.	Sin is opposing God's Will in the Qu'ran. God is higher than us – He created moral laws. His authority is to be honoured and obeyed.	Sin is opposing God's law found in the Bible. Root is rebelling against God of Israel.
Getting rid of sin? Or getting rid of craving?	n/a – the choice to be happy and find something to be happy about, and take something to remove the suffering.	We need to abstain from them by our own efforts through the 4 nobles. 1) Identify the suffering 2) Abandon the cause of suffering – cause of the craving 3) Stop the craving 4) Develop the path leading to stopping the suffering called the noble 8-fold path. (right view; right resolve - "panna"); (right speech; right action; right livelihood; the beginning of the training "sila" virtue); (right effort; right mindfulness; right concentration). At every step of the way a person practices generosity "dana" as it fosters a development of a compassionate heart and counters the hearts habitual tendency for craving.	Sincere repentance which includes remorse, giving up the wrong action and determination not to return to the sin. Maybe God forgives you. It is up to Him to decide.	We can't get rid of it as we are sinners. They are only covered by repentance but when a person comes to Jesus Christ, then their sins are forgiven. God no longer keeps a record.

### **DESTINATION AFTER DEATH**

What is a good place after Death? What is a bad place?	Good place – None Bad Place – None	Unknown exactly but a Good place in reincarnation chain is unknown. Bad place - Come back to be punished somehow, blind or worms – but unknown.	Good place Heaven Bad Place Hell	Good place Heaven Bad Place Hell
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### **BONUS Material**

General thoughts on what he believes about how we are to live life?	Self capability/ the mind / positive thinking, upbringing plays a key role.  (how to distinguish between what is positive or negative? In self and may vary by person. The objective is to avoid suffering or pain)	When things go wrong in our life and we encounter difficult situations we tend to regard the situation itself as the problem, but in reality whatever problems we experience come <u>from the side of the mind</u> . If we were to respond to difficult situations with a positive or peaceful mind they would not be problems for us; indeed we may even come to regard them as challenges or opportunities for growth and	Proclaiming that "God in One", that complete "surrender" to Him is the only acceptable religion. And he was in the prophet of God same as Adam, Abraham and Jesus.	The Torah, the Prophets and the Writings are God's Word to mankind. And mankind needs to surrender to God because this earth doesn't belong to them but Him. He is seeing who is worthy to be with Him for eternity. Those that want to be governed by self, like Adam, He will not want. The only way to be governed by Him is surrendered life to Jesus Christ. He is the true king
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		<p>development. Problems arise only if we respond to difficulties with a negative state of mind. Therefore, if we want to be free from problems we must learn to control our mind.</p> <p>(How to distinguish between what is positive or negative? In self and may vary by person. The objective is to avoid suffering or pain)</p>		of the earth (Is. 9:5-8).
<b><u>Their Follower</u></b>				
What are the people who follow their teachings called	Follow his teaching, not all – Psychologists	Buddhists	Muslims are members of Islam. Muslim means “one who submits to God.”	Jesus’ teachings pointed to Himself as the door to an intimate relationship with God. Those who follow His teachings are called Christians
What will happen to those who follow them?	On earth they will be free to exercise human intelligence.	On earth they will receive Nirvana if they avoid suffering. Then afterlife of nothingness/Pirvana or come back/reincarnated.	They will die and be resurrected for Judgment based on their works. Some say based on teachings that all will burn to clean themselves for judgment (i.e. Bible calls this place Hades).	They will have intimacy with God as Father and live a peaceful life, that isn’t based on situation but based on who He is in them. They will not go into the final judgment but pass from judgment to life and will be judged before Christ’s throne.
Are their teachings inclusive or exclusive to all?	Exclusive, It is inclusive as long as you are not part of a Religion.	Exclusive. It is inclusive as long as you don’t say there is one way, absolute truth. Inclusive except with religions who say it is the only way.	Exclusive "If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (Submission to Allah), Never will it be accepted of him; and in the Hereafter he will be in the ranks of those who have lost (their selves in the hell fire)." (Qur'an 3:85). That is, if anyone who hears of Islam and rejects it they will abide in Hell forever. As for those who believe they will abide in Paradise for eternity. Those who live and don't hear of Islam and children that passed away regardless of their parents belief will go to Paradise.	Exclusive, John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”  Jesus said (Luke 6:46), “Why call me Lord, Lord and not do the things which I say”
How does a person follow him?	Believe evolution and that everything is physical only.	He who has gone for refuge in the Buddha, his Teaching and his Order, penetrates with transcendental wisdom the Four Noble Truths - suffering, the cause of suffering, the cessation of	To become a Muslim one must simply pronounce the Shahaadatayn (Declaration of Faith) with sincerity and conviction. "I bear witness that there is no	Accept Jesus Christ as their Lord “Owner”. Which means if He is their Owner they will do what He said to do in His Word and Believe what He says.



		<p>suffering, and the Noble Eightfold Path leading to the cessation of suffering. This indeed is the safe refuge, this is the refuge supreme. Having gone to such a refuge, one is released from all suffering.</p>	<p>deity worthy to be worshipped but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger." Believe in five articles of faith, 1) Belief in one God Who has absolutely no associate with Him in His divinity; 2) Belief in God's Angels; 3) Belief in God's Books, and in the Holy Qur'an as His Last Book; 4) Belief in God's Prophets, and in Muhammad as His Last and Final Messenger; and 5) Belief in life after death.</p>	
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