

COMPARISON BETWEEN WESTERN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS VS. ACIM UNDERSTANDING

GOD

Creator, First cause
Separate and distinct from His creations
Dualistic There is something outside God
God has a personality. God actually has human traits and needs
God plays favorites
God can be bribed or bargained with
Judgmental
Conditionally loving at best
Unsharing. What God gives must be earned or He'll take it back
Keeps special powers for Himself
Wants creations to obey Him or else they will be forever damned
May grant creations some happiness if you make the "grade".
Requires sacrifice and suffering from His creations
Suffering is part of God's vengeance.
God's creations are sinful limited and weak inferiors to their Creator.

GOD'S WILL

Changeable
Up for sale. Require a price be paid to stay on God's good side
Can be opposed by others and can not be followed
God's Will is not shared with His creation. God keeps secrets
Creations are punished for not following God's Will
Earth is real battleground. Fight between opposing wills
Rules over "heaven" but can be questioned everywhere else.

FREE WILL

Different for God's Will
Can oppose God's Will
Get us in trouble Could get us ticket to Hell
Obstacle to overcome. Must do God's will not our own if to get to heaven.
Battle against the Will of God with severe consequences if don't obey
Action on earth, are test to see if we will "make the grade"

GOD

Creator, First cause
Creations are part or an extension of God
Oneness There is nothing outside of God
God is impersonal. A Oneness of unconditional love
law of God work equally for all
You cannot bribe God since only Oneness
Non-judgmental
Unconditional love
Sharing. God gives everything fully to all to His creation
Sharing all his power with His creations
Wants creations to only know happiness, love and peace.
Gave eternal happiness to all he created
Requires no sacrifice or suffering from His creations since all is a Oneness
Any suffering on Level #2 (provisional reality) is self-imposed. Not God's Will
God's creations are perfect, whole and complete. Sinless replicas of God

GOD'S WILL

Changeless
Cannot be brought. Since One, God's Love cannot be lost
Must be followed since there is nothing else. There is only a Oneness.
God's Will is shared equally with His creations. There are no secrets.
No punishment, for reality (Level #1) is eternal and cannot be opposed
Level #2, provisional reality, is only dream battleground that is not real.
Rules over everything, which is all God created, as He created it.

FREE WILL

God's Will in His creation. This is same as God's Will
Cannot oppose God's Will
Never gets us in trouble. Since God's Will gets us eternal happiness & peace
In Level # 1 we are aware of the Oneness of our Joint Will with God's
In level # 2, free will is reflected through forgiveness
In dream world of time, it allows how much and when we take lesson of ACIM