

Analysing diversity within personal worldviews aligned with organised worldviews

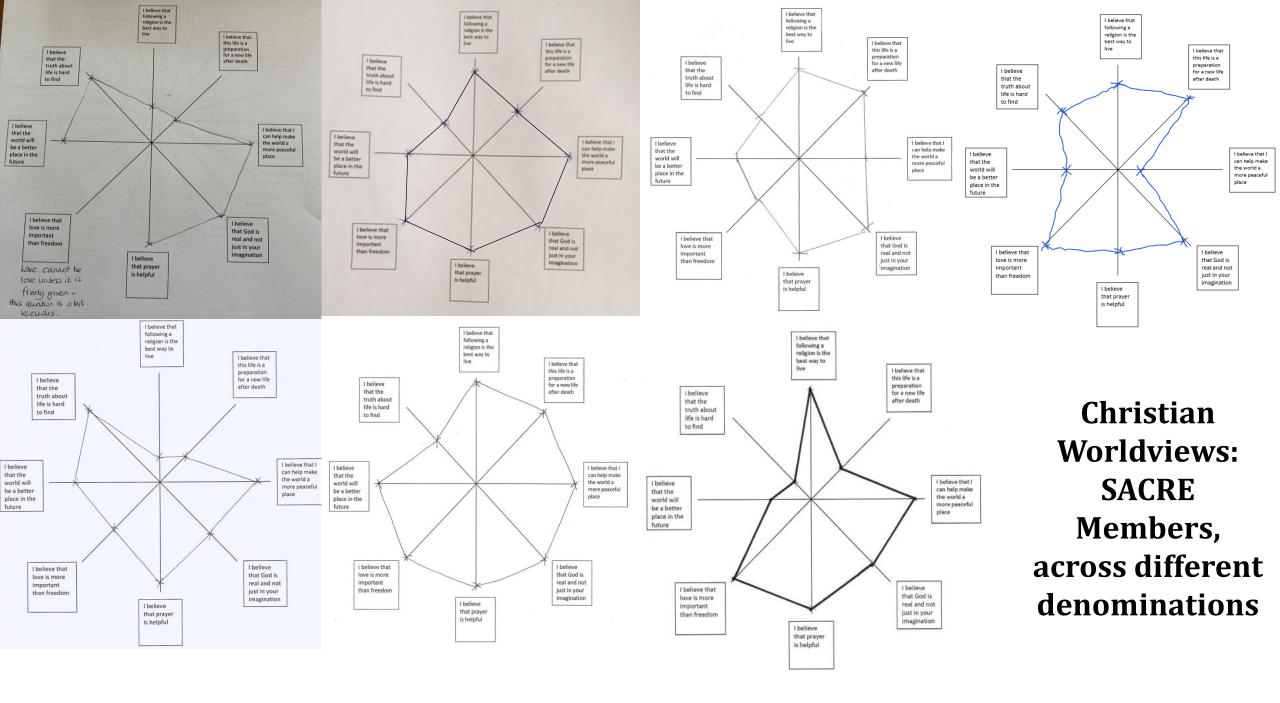
## SACRE Worldviews Snowflakes

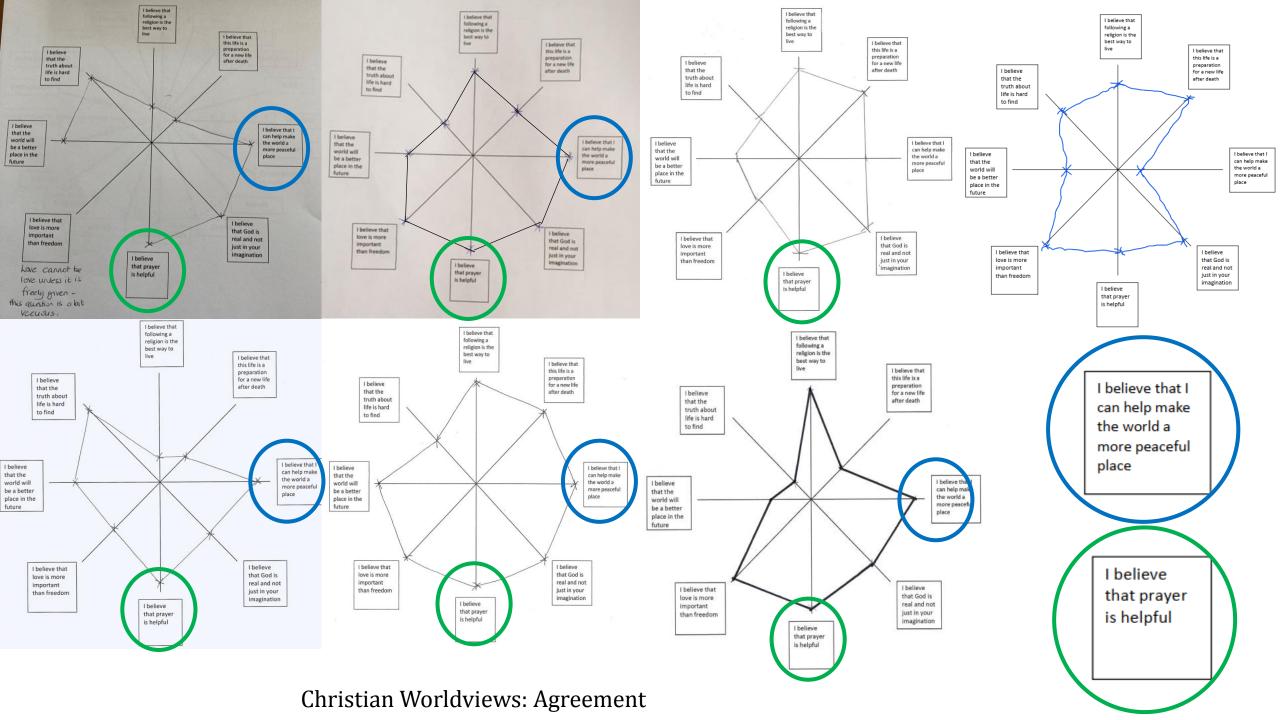
#### Important Points

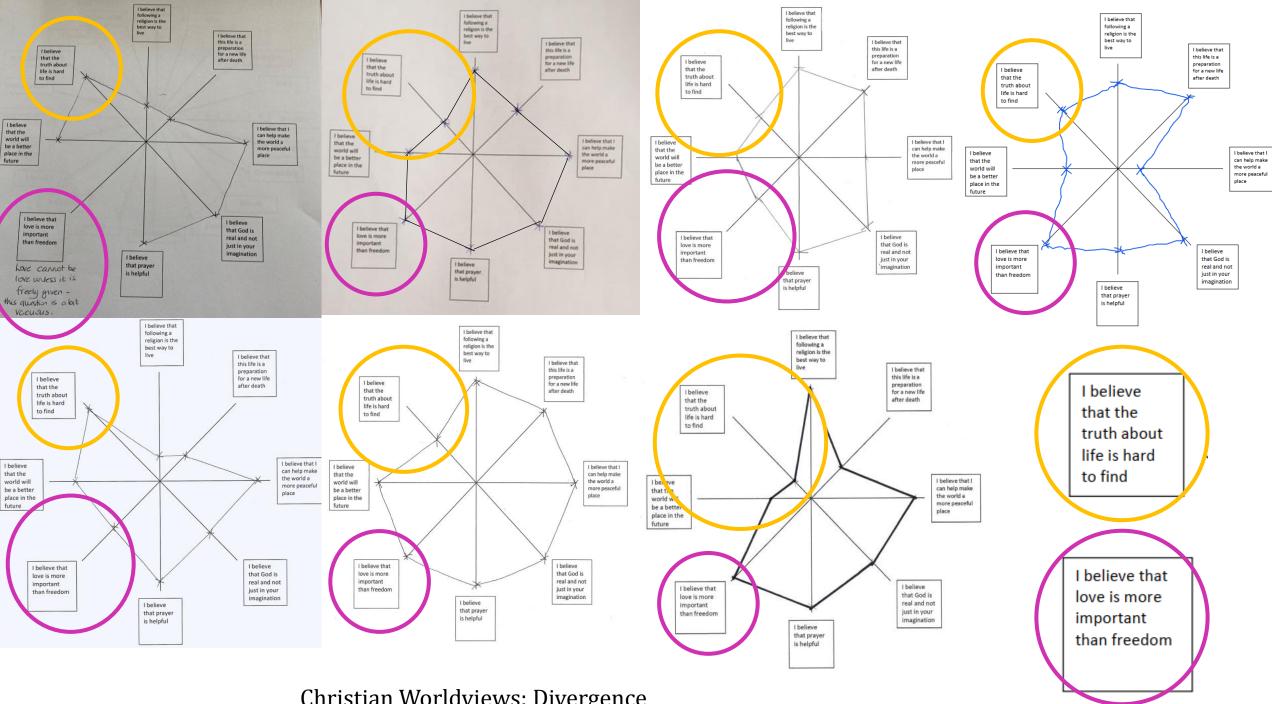
- Some of our representatives, particularly from Dharmic traditions, found the snowflakes did not match their way of thinking, perceiving or believing.
- Some of our representatives felt uncomfortable 'scoring' God. In particular, Islamic representatives felt the 99 Names of Allah were the most appropriate way for them to think about God and not through the descriptors in the snowflake.
- This exercise illustrates the need to move away from putting religions into set categories, often based on Western ideas and Christianity, and towards doing our best to understand worldviews (in terms of faith, belief and lived experience) through the eyes of those who inhabit them.
- The snowflakes are still very helpful as a starting point for work on worldviews and lead into high quality classroom discussion. These are used courtesy of Stephen Pett, RE Today.

# Worldviews

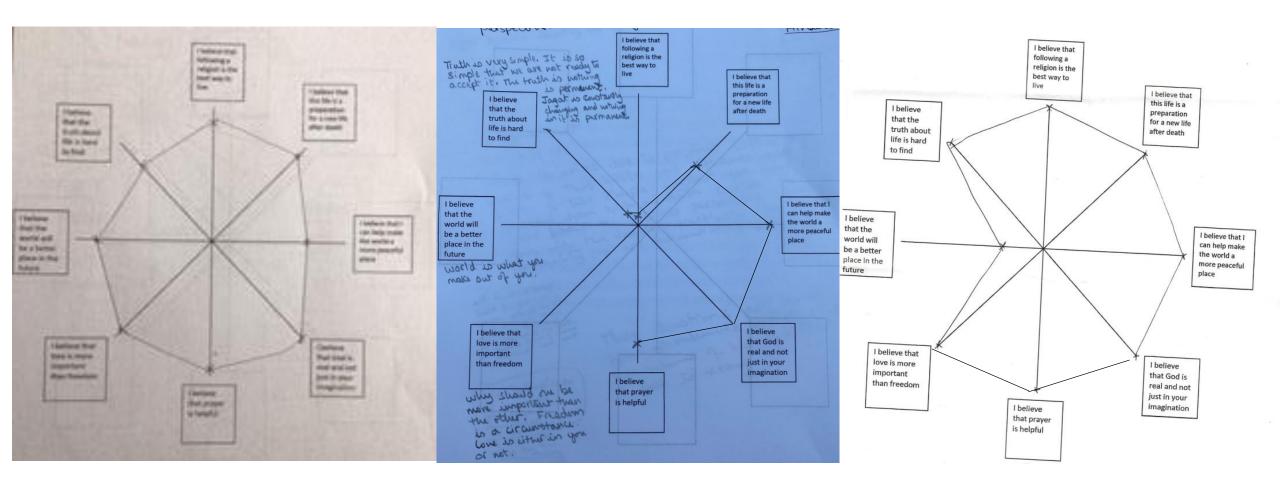




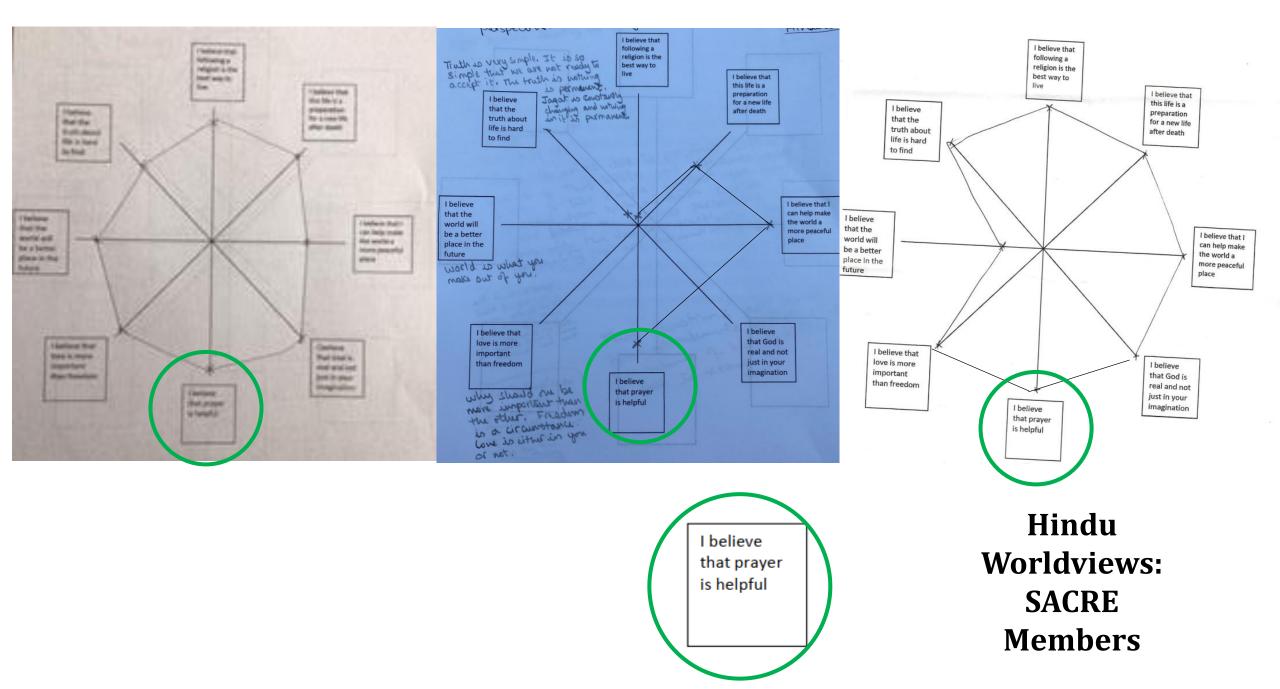




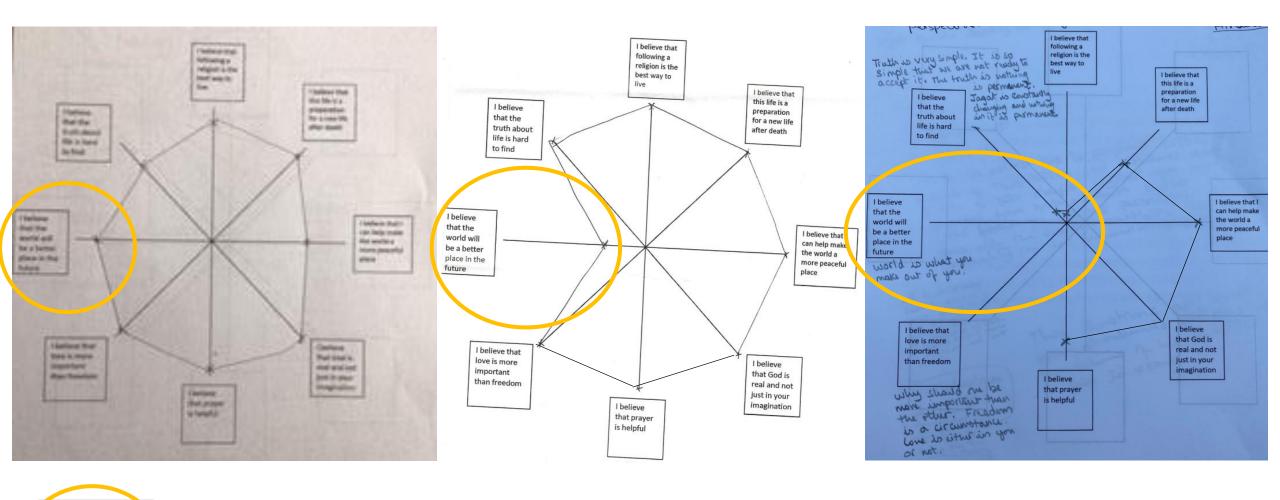
Christian Worldviews: Divergence



# Hindu Worldviews: SACRE Members



Hindu Worldviews: Agreement



I believe that the world will be a better place in the future

Important
observation
Here about
framing,
could lead to
discussion
about Hindu
traditions

Unfortunately the questions are asked from an abrahamic perspective. The framing of the questions descrit suit.

Hinduism.

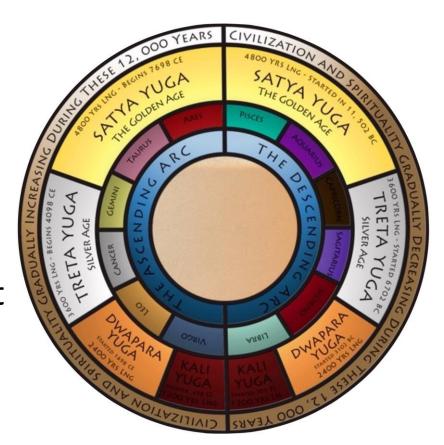
Hindu Worldviews: SACRE Members

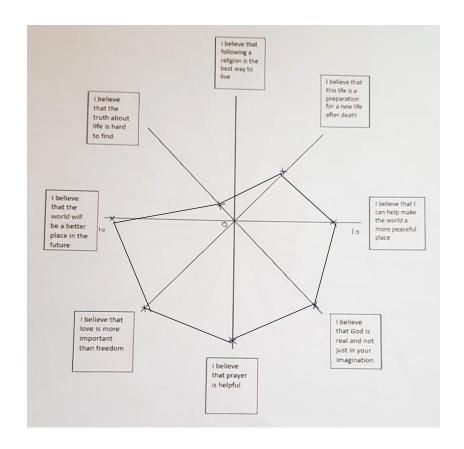
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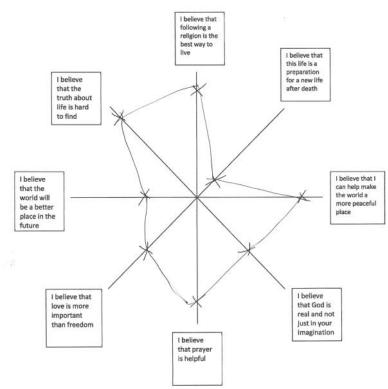
### Posing Theological Questions From:

I believe that the world will be a better place in the future

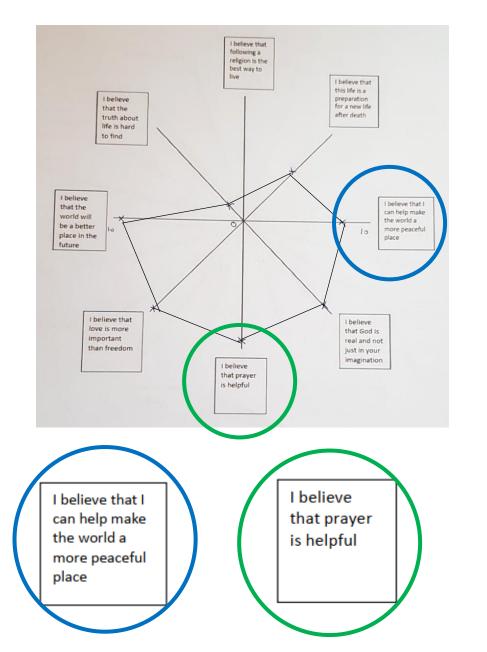
- Are the divergent beliefs about the future linked with Hindu beliefs about karma?
- How do Hindu teachings impact upon climate change and the future of the planet and the sense of responsibility a Hindu might feel?
- What is Hindu eschatology? Does this impact on lived experience for Hindus?

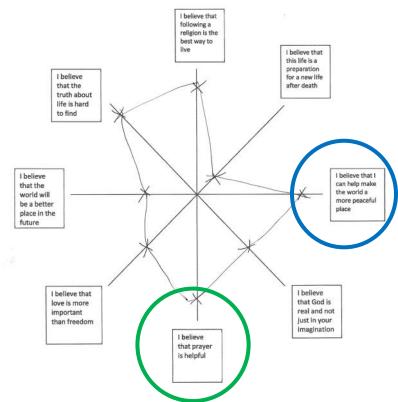






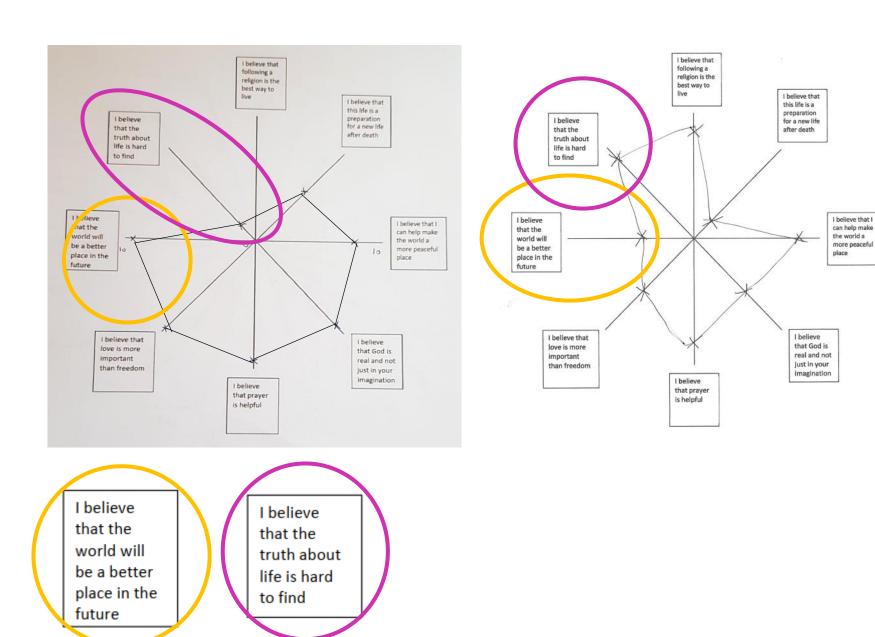
Jewish
Worldviews:
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Jewish Worldviews: Agreement



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**Worldviews:** 

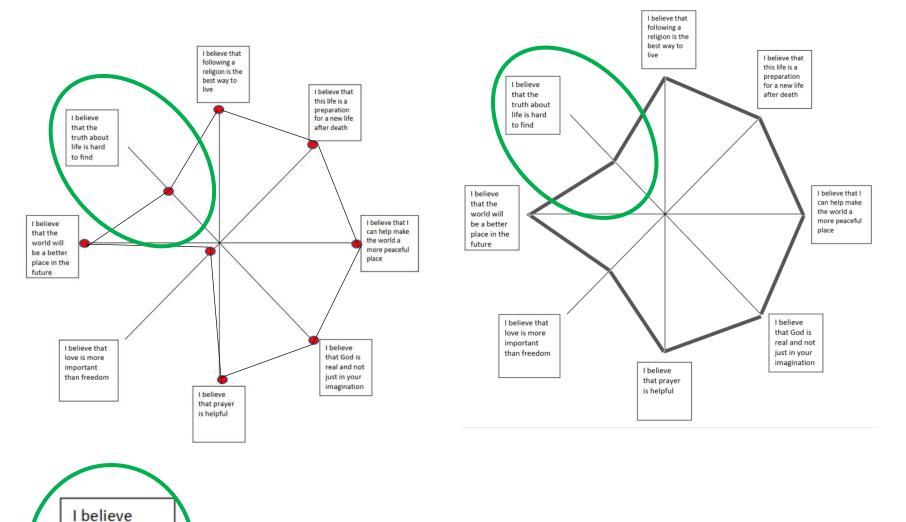
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Jewish Worldviews: Divergence



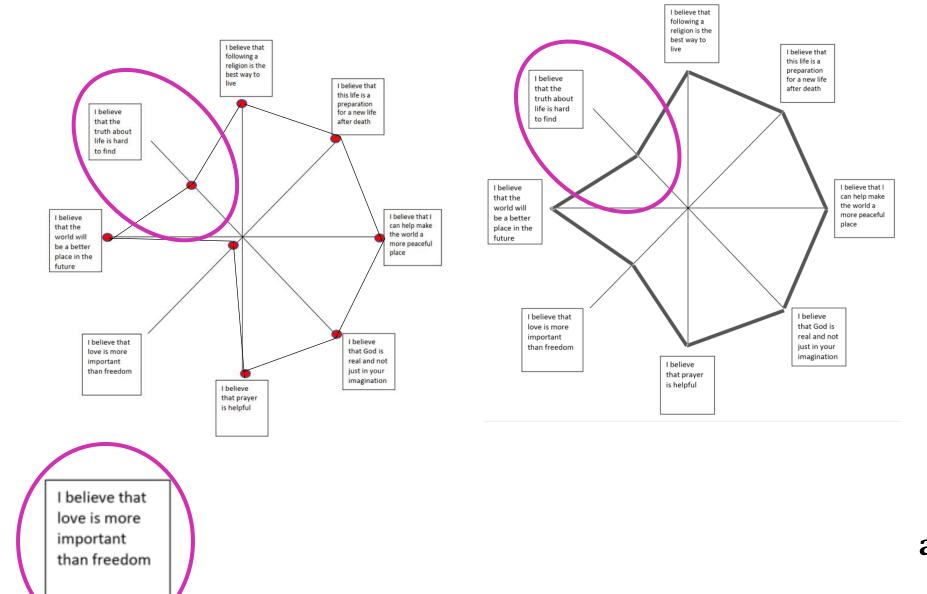
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Muslim Worldviews: Agreement

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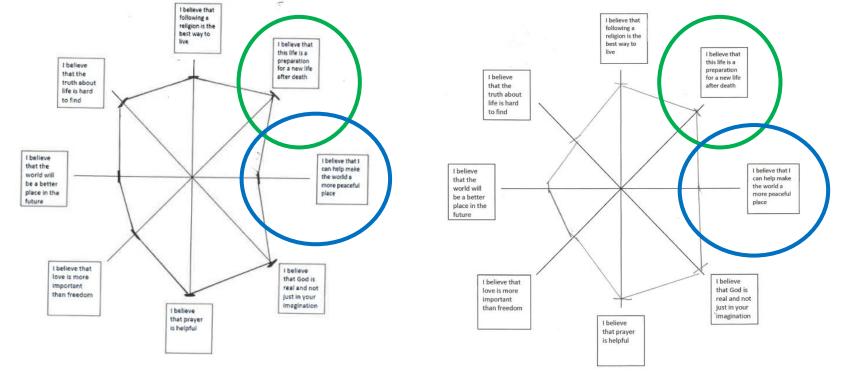
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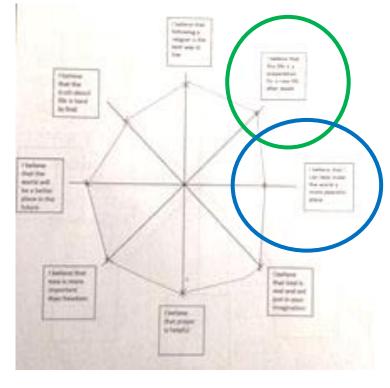
truth about life is hard



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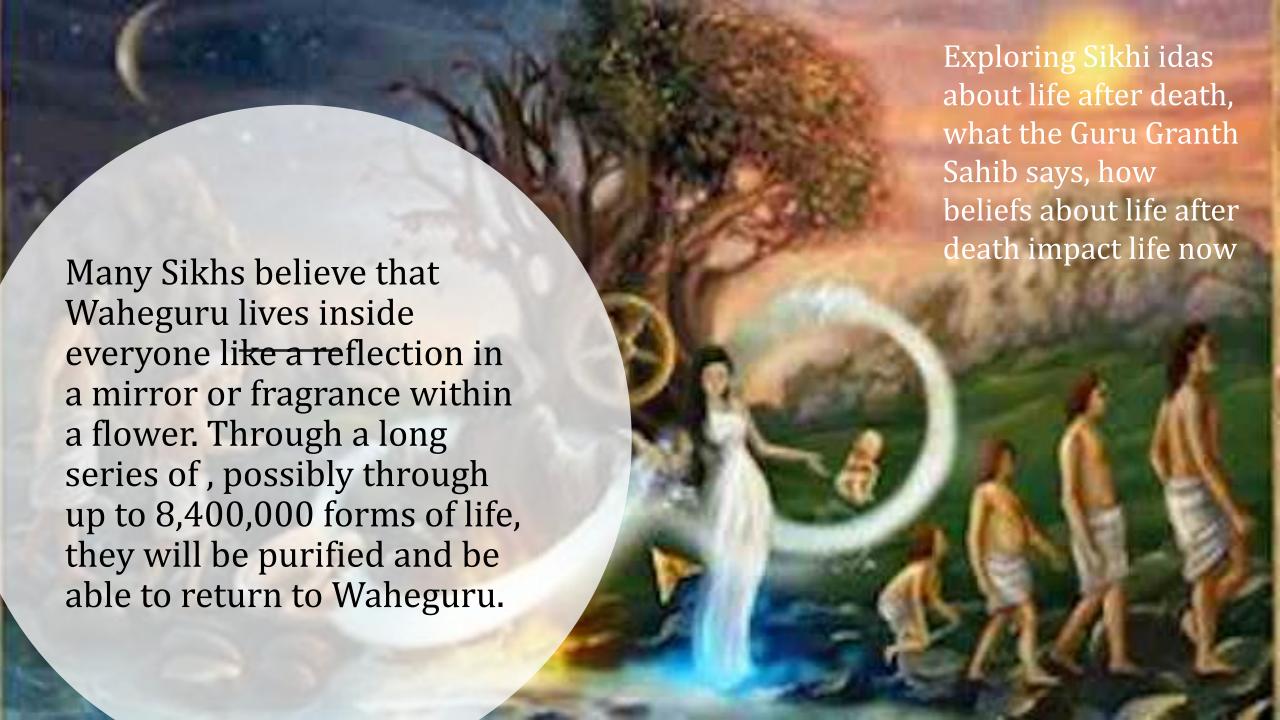
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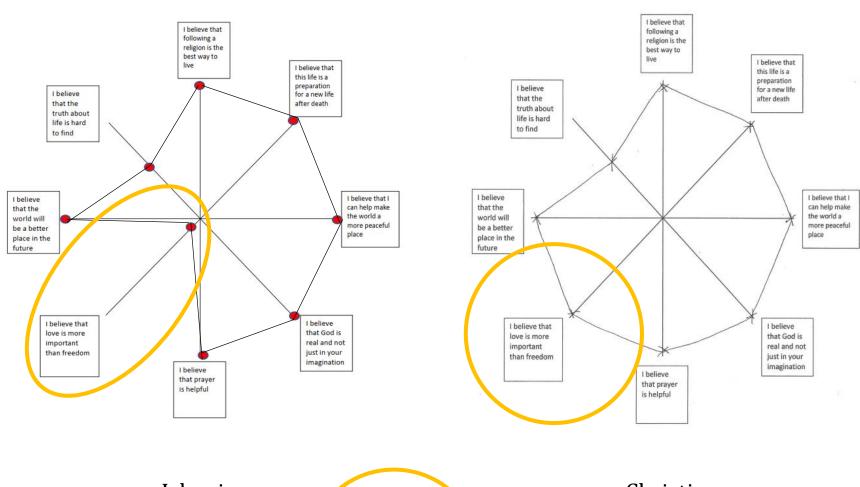
Hindu

I believe that this life is a preparation for a new life after death

I believe that I can help make the world a more peaceful place Comparing
Worldviews
Across
Religious
Traditions:

Agreement





Leads to questions about doctrines important to each religion

Comparing
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**Divergence** 

Islamic

I believe that love is more important than freedom Christian

## **Exploring Doctrines**

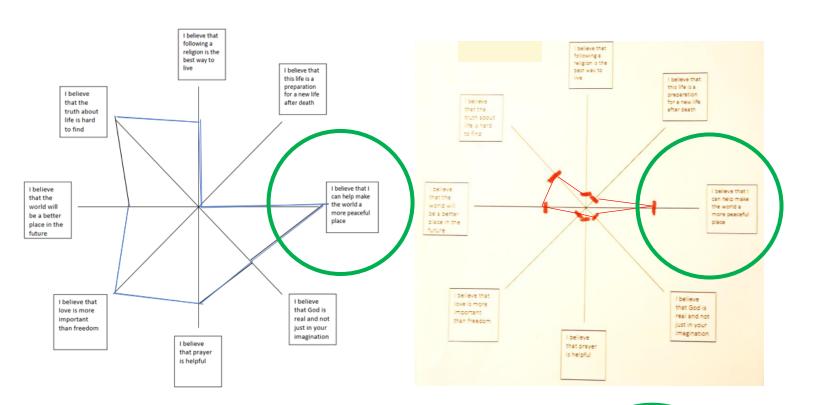
Islam teaches freedom, cherishes it, and guarantees it for the Muslim as well as for the non-Muslim. The Islamic concept of freedom applies to all voluntary activities of man in all walks of life. As already stated, every man is born free on the fitrah or in a pure state of nature. This means that man is born free from subjugation, sin, inherited inferiority, and ancestral hindrance. His right of freedom is sacred as long as he does not deliberately violate the Law of God or desecrate the rights of others.

https://muslims4liberty.org/the-concept-of-freedom-in-islam/

Engage in scholarship, pose philosophical questions, investigate these concepts in lived experience for different adherents

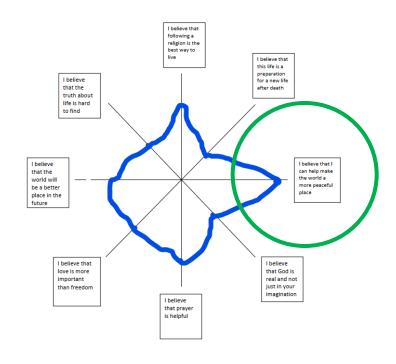
Christians believe that God made people because he loves us. He wants us to love him. We were created to be in a relationship with God and to honour him. He wants us to talk to him regularly by praying so that we deepen that relationship. Christians believe that nothing can separate them from God's love. It is permanent and eternal. And it does not depend on us. In the Bible book, Ephesians, the writer Paul – a key leader in the early Christian church - tries to show the vastness of God's love shown through Jesus Christ. He prays that believers will have the power 'to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...' Christians believe a good way to understand Jesus' love is to read about his life and see how he interacted with people during his three years of teaching.

https://christianity.org.uk/article/what-is-love



Directionality of worldview towards:

I believe that I can help make the world a more peaceful place

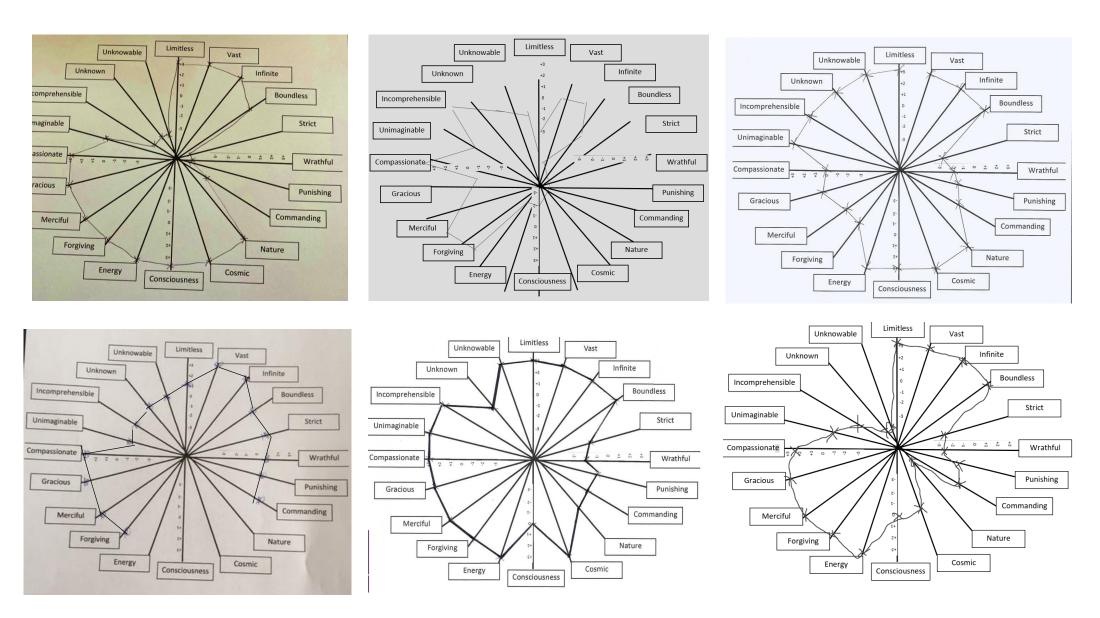


Comparing
Worldviews that
Aren't Affiliated with
Major Religious
Traditions: Humanist,
Pagan, Quaker

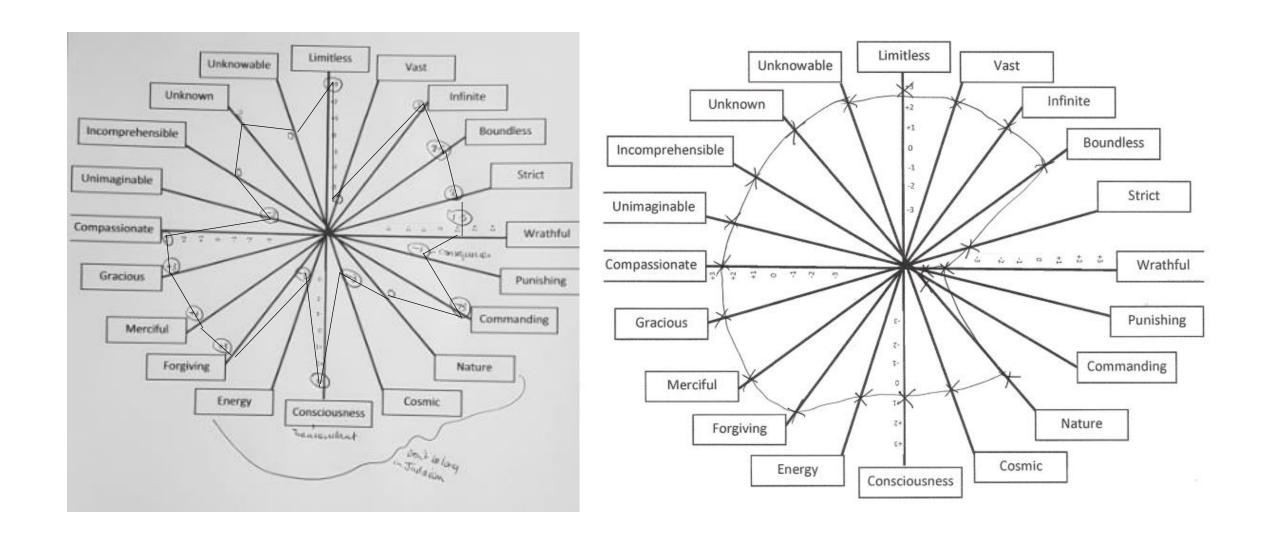
#### Agreement

## God/The Divine/ Beyond

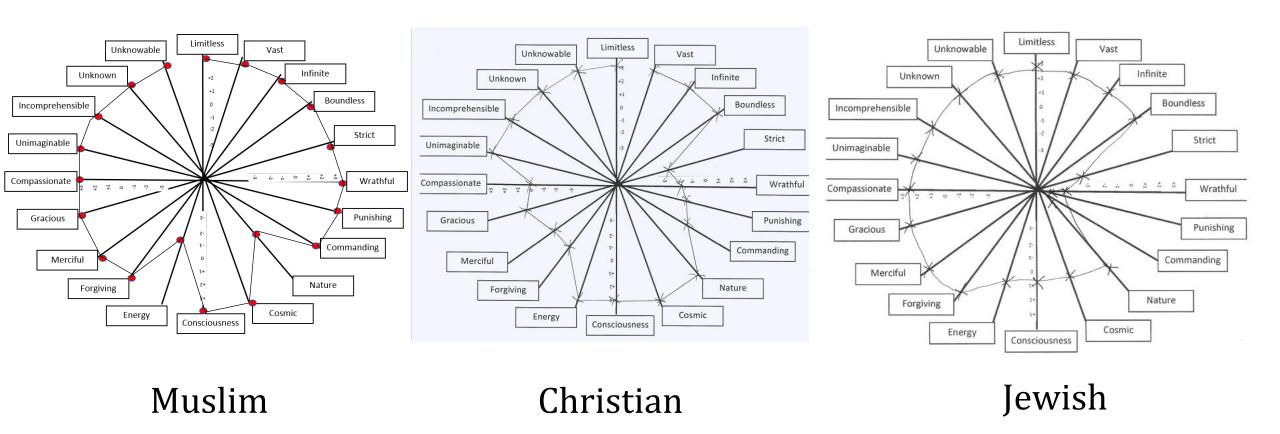




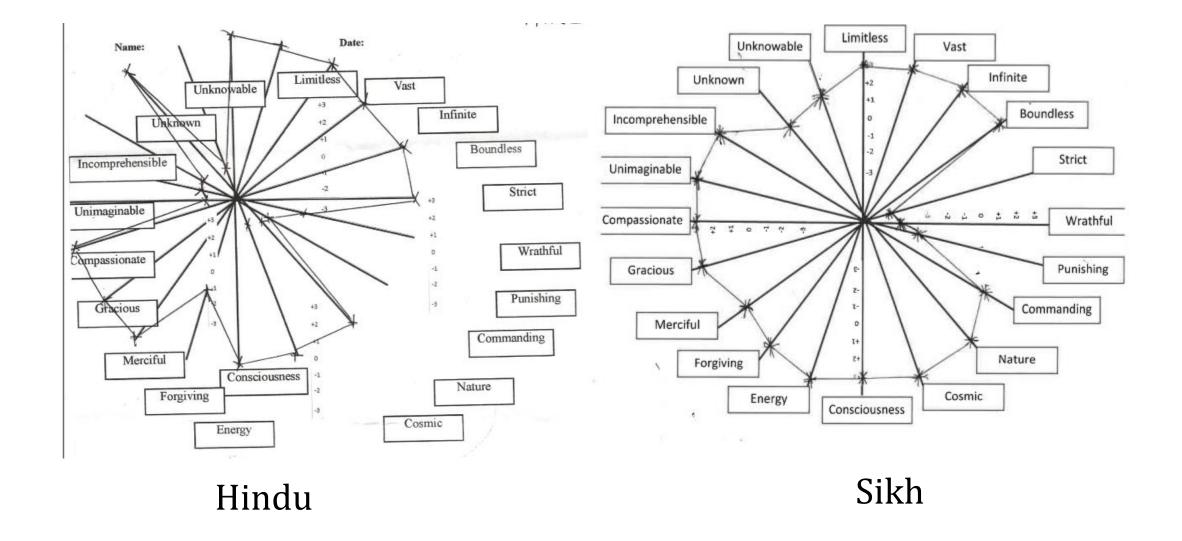
Comparing Ideas About God Within Organised Worldviews: Christian



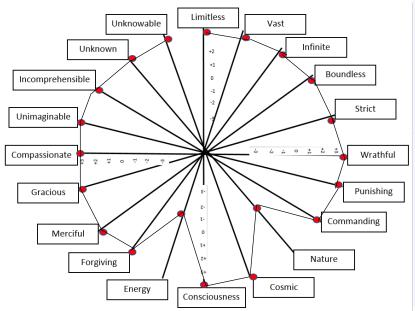
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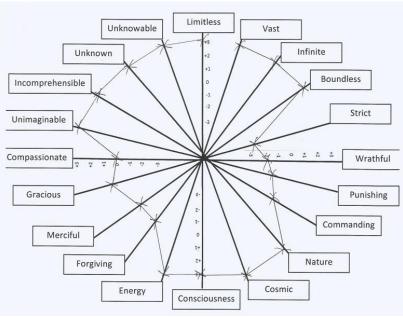


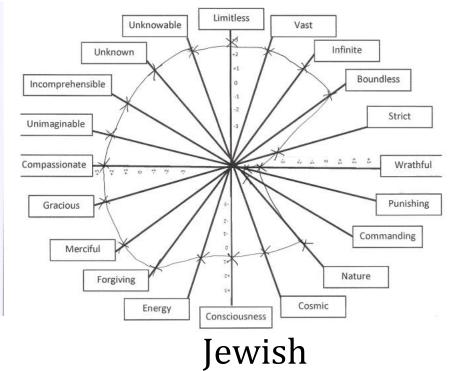
#### Similarities In Ideas About God Across Personal Worldviews Aligned with Organised Worldviews: Abrahamic Faiths



Similarities in Ideas About God Across Personal Worldviews Aligned with Organised Worldviews: Dharmic Traditions





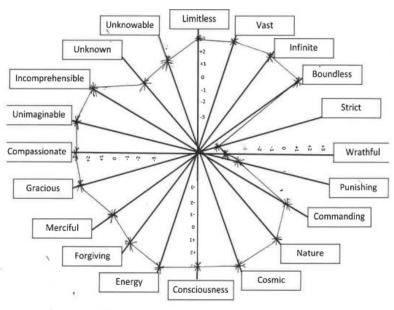


#### Muslim

Limitless Unknowable Infinite Boundless Incomprehensible Strict Unimaginable Wrathful Compassionate Punishing Gracious Commanding Merciful Consciousness Nature Forgiving Cosmic

Hindu

Christian



Sikh

Ideas About God Across Personal Worldviews Aligned with Organised Worldviews