The major world religions and their beliefs about God. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and New Age Spirituality By Marilyn Adamson. We all want to make it through life with success, some sense that we did it right. So what about the major world religions? Is there anything in them that might give our lives greater depth and direction? The following looks at the major world religions Hinduism, New Age Spirituality, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity.*Â Other major religions, such as Judaism, could be discussed, but for brevity, we have chosen these. Hinduism and its beliefs. Most Hindus worship one Being of ultimate oneness (Brahman) through infinite representations of gods and goddesses. On the other side of the world, Anders Behring Breivik slaughtered 77 Norwegians. Breivik seems to have seen his murderous spree as a way of getting rid of Muslims, yet his 1,500-page manifesto revealed, at best, a weak attachment to religious belief. To Breivik, Christianity seems important mainly because he sees it as white. Breivik, like the devoutly religious Taliban, also appears to feel no shame.Â In other words, human beings are generally only prepared to fight and kill in the name of something. It can be a god, but it can also be a political philosophy â€“ like nazism or communism. Many fight for patriotism: for country, tribe or race. Some kill because they're psychologically disturbed, but none â€“ so far â€“ in the name of atheism.
There are other gods of the nations, real supernatural beings that his people were not to worship. For example, Deuteronomy 29:18 states, “Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations.” Or Joshua 23:7-8: “You may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, but you shall cling to the Lord your God just as you have done to this day.”

Elijah on Mount Carmel put it like this in the great contest between Yahweh on the one side and Baal the god on the other side. He says, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions?”

There are some religions that have similarities with each other and there are others that are as different as day and night. There are some religions which are extremely popular and there are others which have barely survived as mere memories. Judaism is one of the oldest religions in the world. Judaism originated in Israel in the Middle East. Migrations and expulsion of Jews have resulted in the existence of Jewish communities in all parts of the world. Judaism is based on the existence of one God, Yahweh, who came into agreement with the descendants of Abraham who were God’s chosen people. Judaism’s holy writings, known as the Torah, reveal how God has been present with them throughout time. The Torah is God’s will for humankind written as commandments. Christianity and other religions documents Christianity's relationship with other world religions, and the differences and similarities. Evangelical Christians believe that religious pluralism is heresy and contradicts the Bible. Some Christians have argued that religious pluralism is an invalid or self-contradictory concept. Maximal forms of religious pluralism claim that all religions are equally true, or that one religion can be true for some and another for others. Some, but by no means all Major Religions of the World. Christianity: Christianity is the largest religion in the world. It began in the eastern Mediterranean region and managed to spread its influence across the globe within a few decades from its creation. The teachings of Jesus Christ are central to this religion. An estimated 300-400 million people in Asia as well as in many other parts of the world, practice Buddhism. Islam: Islam, meaning 'surrender to God', is an Abrahamic religion that originated from the teachings of Islamic prophet Muhammad. Prophet Muhammad was an Arab, born in Mecca, who believed that he had been sent to Earth by Allah as his apostle. The sacred book of Islam is called Quran, which is believed to have been revealed to Muhammad through Angel Gabriel.
I am working on an article about attitudes toward polarities in the Church. Here is a draft of the start of it. I’d love comments.

Polarization in the Church: Despair or Hope? The on-line dictionary defines polarization as a sharp division, as of a population or group, into opposing factions. Here are some of the most obvious opposing factions in the Catholic Church today. As an exercise, go through the list of polarities given above and think of the stereotypes that each side uses in describing the other side. As peace-makers we need to avoid those thought patterns. Do not assume automatically that someone who thinks A also thinks B, C, … all the way to Z. Instead listen carefully to see what those on the other side really think about many topics and practices.