

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EASTERN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

*As history clearly shows, "popular" "religions" have a deep grounding in the culture/society from whence they spring. Eastern.*

There are first-rate philosophers today who argue that theism is coherent and others of equal stature who argue that theism is incoherent. Learn More in these related Britannica articles:. When assessing arguments of this sort, some important questions for consideration are these: What is the claim probable or improbable with respect to? Theodicy A theodicy, unlike a defense, takes on the burden of attempting to vindicate God by providing a plausible explanation for evil. Starting with this belief the Priests and Priestesses built up the theory of the close correspondence between occurrences on earth and phenomena in the Heavens. Furthermore, much evil and suffering seems to be indiscriminate and gratuitous. Religion has not fallen into oblivion, as many anticipated; in fact, religious belief is on the rise. Moksha is achieved when one realizes that the eternal core of the individual atman and the Absolute reality brahman are one. She treats the problem of evil as centrally a problem of suffering and utilizes an account of second-person experiences and second-person biblical narratives to make her case. The Reality of God and the Problem of Evil. A Hindu Perspective on the Philosophy of Religion. Helm, Paul. The Cosmological Argument. Byrne, Peter. In its popular formulations, rebirth is the view that the conscious self transmigrates from one physical body to the next after death. Goetz, Stewart and Charles Taliaferro. Gratuitous evils appear to be in abundance. Many persons appear to make no moral progress after much suffering; in fact, some persons seem to be worse off by the end of their earthly life. Adams argues that the Christian theodicy should abandon the widely held assumption that responses to evil can only include those goods that both theists and atheists acknowledge. One such approach has been offered by Marilyn McCord Adams "â€. One objection is that it is never reasonable to believe a report that a violation of a law of nature has occurred.