

Foundational Theology Concepts

Theology · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In Abrahamic religions, which term refers to the belief in one God, a fundamental tenet central to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

- A) Polytheism
- B) Pantheism
- C) Monotheism**
- D) Agnosticism

2. Which sacred text in Hinduism is a collection of hymns and prayers, considered to be the oldest of the Vedas?

- A) Upanishads
- B) Bhagavad Gita
- C) Rigveda**
- D) Puranas

3. The concept of the 'Trinity' in Christianity describes God as existing in three co-equal persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and which other divine person?

- A) God the Creator
- B) God the Spirit
- C) God the Redeemer
- D) God the Holy Spirit**

4. In Buddhism, what is the 'Eightfold Path' a guide towards achieving?

- A) Enlightenment (Nirvana)**
- B) Reincarnation
- C) Karma accumulation
- D) Heavenly salvation

5. The 'Five Pillars' are the core practices of Islam. Which of these is NOT one of the Five Pillars?

- A) Shahada (Declaration of faith)
- B) Hajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca)
- C) Jihad (Struggle)**
- D) Sawm (Fasting during Ramadan)

6. Which of the following is a key concept in Judaism, referring to the covenant between God and the Jewish people, particularly through Abraham?

- A) Dharma
- B) Samsara
- C) Bris Milah

D) Berit (Covenant)

7. In the Christian New Testament, the 'Sermon on the Mount' is famously delivered by Jesus and contains teachings on ethics and the Kingdom of God. Which book of the New Testament contains this sermon?

- A) Mark
- B) John
- C) Luke

D) Matthew

8. The concept of 'Karma' in Dharmic religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism) refers to:

- A) A sacred ritual

B) The law of cause and effect of actions

- C) The cycle of birth and death
- D) A form of meditation

9. Which term describes the belief that God is present in all things and that the universe itself is divine, often associated with certain Eastern religions?

- A) Monotheism
- B) Deism

C) Pantheism

- D) Atheism

10. In Islam, the 'Qur'an' is believed by Muslims to be:

- A) A collection of prophet Muhammad's sayings

B) The final revelation of God to humanity, revealed to Muhammad

- C) A book of Islamic law
- D) A commentary on the Torah

11. Which of the following is a significant concept in Hinduism representing the eternal, unchanging reality or soul that underlies all existence?

- A) Maya

B) Atman

- C) Brahman
- D) Moksha

12. The 'Gospels' in the Christian Bible are primarily accounts of whose life and teachings?

A) Saint Paul

B) Jesus Christ

C) Moses

D) David

13. In Sikhism, the 'Guru Granth Sahib' is considered:

A) A collection of historical accounts

B) The fifth Guru of Sikhism

C) The eternal, living Guru of the Sikhs

D) A commentary on the Vedas

14. The concept of 'Reincarnation' (Samsara) in many Eastern religions suggests that:

A) Souls are born once and then go to heaven or hell

B) Souls are reborn into different forms of life after death

C) Souls cease to exist after death

D) Souls are merged with God immediately after death

15. The 'Ten Commandments' are a set of biblical laws given to Moses by God. In which part of the Bible are they primarily found?

A) Genesis

B) Psalms

C) Exodus

D) Proverbs