

## RELIGION BY MAJORITY

A Pew Poll of 35,000 Americans, released in June 2008, revealed some interesting statistics about religious beliefs. More than half (57%) of “evangelicals” (strong in their belief in the Bible and in Jesus as God’s only begotten Son, right?), opined that Christianity is **not the only way to Heaven**. Mainline Protestants stated the same opinion by a whopping 83%. The average of all who professed any sort of religious affiliation, 70% said that there are many ways (religions) by which one might attain eternal life.

Of those polled, 92% claimed to believe in God. Belief in the Bible registered 88% among Evangelicals, 61% among mainline Protestants, and 63% over all those surveyed. Among other things, these figures indicate a widespread religious pluralism.

The concept of many ways to Heaven indisputably contradicts the claim of belief in the God of the Bible. The very basis of the Mosaic law pronounced the God of the Bible to be the **only** true and living God, not a god among many:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God... (Exo. 20:3–5).

That very God sent the Redeemer into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, and “like Father, like Son”—He claimed to be the **exclusive** avenue to eternal life: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Biblical religion is decidedly **monotheistic** and **anti-pluralistic**. If it is tolerant for

declared believers in God and in the Bible to aver that there are many paths to Heaven, it is also hypocritical and patently anti-biblical. **Men may reject this Bible teaching, but they appear foolish to deny that the Bible so teaches.**

The pluralism exemplified by these poll figures is a reflection of the popular philosophical nonsense known as “post-modernism.” This philosophy denies the existence of objective truth and makes all things relative. Its deluded adherents babble about “your truth” and “my truth” as if all views were equally true and valid. This drivel is but the natural progression of the generations-old denominational inanity: “It makes no difference what you believe, as long as you’re sincere.” The Bible says it makes **all** the difference. Just as there is one God and one Savior, there is only one Gospel by which men can enter Heaven (Mar, 16:15–16; Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:6–9).

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