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Christianity In Its Contemporary Culture
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Judaism

One life to live
Monotheism
Sacred Scriptures
Tithe Offering > tithe or offering
Sacrifice... Animals > Jesus
Error > Sin
Theodicy
Holidays
Passover > Easter
Sacred Day of Worship
Rabbis > Paid Ministers
Priests > Priests
Heaven (Through Zoroastrianism)
Hell (Through Zoroastrianism)
Devil (Through Zoroastrianism)
Covenant (From Judaism to Christianity through adoption)
Messiah - Suffering
Messiah - Conquering
Messiah - End Time
Old Testament prophecies > fulfilled In Jesus
Free Will
God who acts in History
Ethical Emphasis in laws, 10 Commandments, Love your neighbor, Take care of widows and orphans., Save the children.
Washing ceremonies > baptism
Passover observance > Communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist
Resurrection of the body > resurrection of the body
Importance of the physical , especially blood > importance of body as temple of God, also Communion
Spirit > Spirit
Equality of all before the law > Equality of all before God (All men are created equal)
Rights come from God (with certain inalienable rights)
Circumcision <> Opposition to the requirement for circumcision
Importance of showing empathy and emotions > Jesus wept, "I feel your pain."
Jewish virtues > faith, hope, love, humility
Major role for women.

Zoroastrianism

One life to live
Monotheism (?)
World a battleground between forces of good and forces of evil > book of revelation
Hell
Heaven
Shaoshyant > Messiah
Ahura Mazda & Angra Mainyu > God & Devil
Guardian Angels
FREE WILL
Final Judgment Day
Concept of the Crusade
Halos of saints
Magi that appear at birth of Jesus
Zoroastrian virtues > Kindness, Protection of the weaker, Brave, Truthful,

Dionysianism

Dying and rising God

Drinking the blood and eating the body of the raw bull (later barbequed) allows you to participate in the death and resurrection > communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist

Equality of participants > Equality before God

Major role for women

Gnosticism

Jesus is a being in the great chain of beings <> Opposition

Father / Mother God <> Opposition

Secret Knowledge <> Opposition

Plenum of being > fullness of being, fullness of time, etc.

Jewish God is inferior God <> opposition (more or less)

Higher role of women

Roman Law

Expanded concept of citizenship > Citizenship of all Christians

Rule over entire world > Missionary zeal

Importance of the physical > Importance of the physical

Concept of punishment for crimes > Substitutionary atonement

Concept of adoption > Evangelism

Concept of the Emperor > Concept of the Pope

Limited role of women.

Roman codes of behavior > Paul's codes of behavior

Roman Stoicism

Universal laws > universal ethics, and laws of nature

Order > Predestination

Importance of controlling emotions > Courage in the face of persecution. Christian stoicism

Greek Philosophy

Doctrine of Substance and attributes > Transubstantiation

Aristotle's God > Unchanging God, Transcendent God

Soul > Immortality of the Soul

Inferiority of the body > Aesthetic, Anti-sexuality

Greek/Roman virtues, Wisdom, Temperance, Courage, Justice

Greek Culture

Limited democracy > Limited democracy in the church

Importance of the body

Greek language