

## RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND TRUTH

### *What does one do with the many / pluralism of religions and the question of religious truth?*

What do you mean by 'religion'?

At minimum, one would mean some specific core / tradition / creed taken to be the 'essence' of a religious tradition.

What do you mean by 'truth'?

1. Empirical-Factual / Scientific truth
2. Historical truth
3. Metaphysical (nature of ultimate reality) truth
4. Personal-Spiritual truth
5. Poetic – Aesthetic truth
  - Opposed to 1 and 2 and 3

### **Options / Views:**

1. "No- religion- is- true" view (atheism, naturalism-materialism)
2. "Only- my- religion- is- true" view = **Exclusivism**
  - 1) In every claim / detail
  - 2) In core claims(s)
3. "My- religion- has- the- final/complete-truth" view = **Inclusivism**
  - 1) Necessary to accept the 'more and finally true' religion
  - 2) Not necessary to accept the 'more and finally true' religion
4. "All-religions-are-true" view = **Pluralism**
  - 1) No religion can be judged to be "better than" another
  - 2) Some "better than" judgments can be made between religions