



Christianity vs. the World
“The East - The Road to God”
Acts 17:22-31

Tell them God is (22-23)

Eastern God - polytheistic ('many gods').

Eastern Revelation - varied.

Eastern Man and Salvation - suffering and in need of Karma and Nirvana (liberation).

Tell Them Who God Is (24-29)

Isa. 42:5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

Tell Them What God Says (vv. 30-31)

Psa. 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;

Food For Thought: God can and wishes to be known through creation, conscience and His Son Jesus, as the only means of salvation to lost mankind as.

- 1. What previous understanding of Christianity did these philosophers have?**
- 2. What does Paul emphasize about God (vv. 23-30)?**

3. How does Paul use their own culture and ideas to help them see their weakness in how they see God?

Bible Text

Acts 17:22-31 English Standard Version (ESV)

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,[a] 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring. 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)