

Religion As Diagnosis and Cure

Given its set of fundamental beliefs, each religion provides an account of what the human problem is and of what constitutes being cured:

	Problem	Cure
Generic philosophical monotheism	We are sinners prone to disobey divine commands.	Divine forgiveness and restoration.
Jainism	We mistakenly assume that we are ignorant and dependent for our existence on something else.	Knowledge that we are both omniscient (all-knowing) and that we don't depend for our existence on anything else.
Theravada Buddhism	We mistakenly assume that the "self" is an enduring substance.	Knowledge that there are no enduring substances only transitory states.
Advaita Vedanta Hinduism	We are ignorant of Brahman.	Knowledge of Brahman (particularly of the identity of atman and Brahman).

See Keith E. Yandell, *Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Introduction* (London: Routledge, 2002, Chapter 3).