

Christianity v Mazdaism

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Creator	God created good and evil	Ahura Mazda created good; Ahriman created evil.
Life of Christ	Born of a virgin, died and rose from dead.	Impossible for a god to be born or die.
Religious life	Self-denial is good. Monks are especially holy	Wrong to disrespect the creator's gifts
Suffering	Brings strength. To be endured for the sake of religion.	No gain in pain.
Priests	Not allowed to marry	Enjoyed family life
Natural world	Created for man to use as he likes.	To be treated with respect.
Burial	In the earth, or burned; disapproved of Zoroastrian disposal method.	Don't pollute earth, or water, or fire. Bodies are recycled by birds.
Marriage	Disapproved of marriage of near relatives	Happy to marry sisters and other close relatives.
Judgment Day	Heaven or hell await, depending on how one's life was lived.	Heaven or hell await, depending on how one's life was lived
