

<b>TRADITIONAL INDIAN BELIEFS</b>	<b>BIBLICAL TRUTH</b>
<i>The Bible is a book written by men.</i>	<i>The Bible is the inspired Word of God.</i>  John 16:13-15; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; Rom. 15:4
<i>God is the Great Spirit and has many spirit helpers.</i>	<i>God is One in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</i>  Matt. 28:19; John 14:11, 15:26, 17:11
<i>Jesus Christ was a human being like any other man.</i>	<i>Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God.</i>  Matt. 3:17, 16:16, 27:54; John 1:1-2
<i>The Indian's church is the sacred places in nature.</i>	<i>The Christian's church is the body of believers in Christ Jesus.</i>  1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22, 2:13-16, 4:4, 5:23; Col. 1:18, 24
<i>Traditional Indian prayers use as mediators the creation, spirits, feathers and smoke.</i>	<i>The mediator for Christian prayers is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.</i>  John 14:13, 26:23; Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9-11

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<i>Blood sacrifices are made of animals and birds to cleanse from all evil.</i>	<i>Christ's blood alone can cleanse us from all sin.</i>  Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 7:21, 9:12-14, 28; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19
<i>The spirits come to our Indian people during fasting, dancing and ceremonies.</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit indwells, empowers and equips all believers in Christ.</i>  John 14:16-18; Rom. 8:9-11, 26; 1 Cor. 12:13
<i>The evil spirits have power to bring sickness, curses and death.</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit is greater than all evil spirits and gives life.</i>  John 3:6-7, 17:15-19; 1 John 2:13, 4:4, 5:18
<i>The traditional Indian's power is in medicine, fetishes and sacred objects.</i>	<i>The Christian's power is in the Holy Spirit and the authority of scripture.</i>  Psa. 119:89-90; Matt. 24:35; Rom. 3:2-4
<i>Good works will help you on your journey to the next world.</i>	<i>Christ's finished work on the cross alone can save us and take us to heaven.</i>  John 3:16, 17:4; Gal. 1:4; Heb. 9:26, 12:2

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<i>Faith in the medicine man can free you from curses and evil.</i>	<i>Faith in Christ alone will set you free from sin and all its curse.</i>  John 8:36; Rom. 6:22, 8:2; Gal. 3:13, 5:1
<i>A covering of smoke or wood ashes will bring healing, cleansing and blessing.</i>	<i>The covering of Christ's blood brings cleansing, protection and blessing.</i>  Rom. 3:24-25, 5:9; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 12:10-11
<i>The foundation of traditional Indian beliefs are legends and stories.</i>	<i>The foundation of the Christian faith is the truth of God's Word.</i>  Psa. 119:160; Matt. 7:24-27, Luke 6:47-49; John 14:6
<i>The Indian world view is to live in harmony with nature.</i>	<i>The Christian's world view is to live in harmony with God's purpose for all men.</i>  Acts 17:30; Rom. 8:28; Eph. 3:11, 12; Heb. 6:17-18; 2 Pet. 3:9
<i>The way to God is through tobacco, peyote, sun, mountains, etc.</i>	<i>The way to God is through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.</i>  Matt. 1:21; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 9:15

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<i>Traditional Indian culture is anthropocentric; man-centered.</i>	<i>Christian Indian culture is theocentric; (Christ) God-centered.</i>  Eph. 2:8-9, 19-22; Phil 3:7-9; I Tim. 4:10
<i>Indian tradition teaches man is basically good.</i>	<i>The Bible teaches all men are sinners.</i>  Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:10-12, 23, 5:12
<i>Traditional beliefs are based on mystical and magical teaching.</i>	<i>The Christian faith is based on the clear, sound doctrines of the Bible.</i>  John 7:17-18, 16:13, 14; I Tim. 4:6; Titus 1:9
<i>Traditional beliefs teach man is equal with animals, birds and all of nature.</i>	<i>Man is superior to all of nature, because God made man a living soul and gave him a conscience, intellect, emotions and a will.</i>  Gen. 2:7; Mark 12:30; John 1:12, 13; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 10:22
<i>Be generous, give gifts, be kind and good to others and you will go to heaven.</i>	<i>Our gifts and good works will not save us. We must accept God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>  Rom. 3:10-12, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-13; Titus 3:5