

*Big Questions Vocab Review*

**Instructions:** Please fill each blank line with the term from the word bank that best completes the sentence. Each term will be used only once.

The world's religions are born out of life's (1)\_\_\_\_\_. Religions attempt to provide human beings with a framework of answers to life's questions that allow humans to give their lives and deaths meaning. Most religions have much to say about the (2)\_\_\_\_\_, they especially focus on trying to determine why there is (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in the world and whether it has a meaning or purpose. Most religions provide a system of (4)\_\_\_\_\_ to help their members know what choices to make in life. Religions often urge their members to focus their lives on holiness or to (5)\_\_\_\_\_ their limitations. Many religions use the promise of (6)\_\_\_\_\_ from something like death as a way of motivating their members to make wise choices. Some religions also include (7)\_\_\_\_\_ as a way of discouraging their members from doing things that they consider to be evil.

Most religions attempt to understand the universe by creating a (8)\_\_\_\_\_. Most religions teach as part of their understanding of the world about (9)\_\_\_\_\_ or a higher power. The term (10)\_\_\_\_\_ is often used to describe god, gods, or a higher power. (11)\_\_\_\_\_ religions focus on the existence of a god or gods who have control of the world and are often seen as its creator. These religions can be divided in three subgroups, (12)\_\_\_\_\_ religions, which focus on one god, (13)\_\_\_\_\_ religions, which focus on multiple gods, and (14)\_\_\_\_\_ religions, which believe god or gods are present in everyone or everything. (15)\_\_\_\_\_ religions do not focus on a god or gods, instead they usually acknowledge some (16)\_\_\_\_\_ force or power that is present in the universe. Many religions teach that god, gods, or the high power is made known to human through a process of (17)\_\_\_\_\_. The knowledge about the god, gods, or higher power as well as other beliefs of a religion are often passed on through (18)\_\_\_\_\_. Experts within a religion often study (19)\_\_\_\_\_ as a way of understanding their god, gods, or higher power and the world better.

<b>WORD BANK</b>	revelation	myths	ultimate reality	non-theistic
mystery	suffering	salvation	transcend	theistic
deities	cosmology	human condition	theology	ethics
pantheistic	polytheistic	monotheistic	condemnation	divine

