

## TEACHING THE CONCEPT OF GOD

### **How God is understood in the major world religions with the possible exception of certain forms of Buddhism:** (cf. Chapter 7 p.118 )

God is one –	God is one and not many
God is spirit –	God is not made up of molecules
God is real –	God is not an idea or a product of human imagination
God is omnipresent –	God, is present everywhere - beyond space as we know it
God is eternal –	God is timeless - beyond past, present, or future as we know it
God is infinite –	God is not limited nor dependent on time and space
God is immortal –	God is not subject to death or deterioration
God is incomprehensible –	God cannot be fully comprehended by us
God is indescribable –	God cannot be adequately described in human words
God is creator –	God is not made, but making or causing to be made - responsible for this world of time and space
God is omnipotent –	God is not limited in power
God is all-knowing –	God is not ignorant or limited in knowledge or deluded
God is being –	God is not capable of ceasing to be
God is holy –	God is not to be trifled with - concerned with justice and rightness
God is supreme –	God is greater than anything that we can possibly imagine or conceive
God is transcendent –	God is above everything in the world
God is immanent –	God is present within creation and keeps it in being
God is life-giving –	God is not dependent on any other source for life
God is goodness –	God is the source and inspiration of all that is good
God is love –	God's nature is care and compassion for all
God is truth –	God is wholly trustworthy and truthful