

HISTORIC RELIGIOUS PARADOXES

(A statement that seems self-contradictory or absurd but which in reality expresses a possible truth, from *para* = beyond, added to, and *doxy* = teaching)

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JUDAISM:	
From:	To:
(thanks to Rabbi Johanan ben Zakai and the council of rabbi's in Jamnia around 90 C.E.)	
Temple	Synagogue
Priest	Rabbi
Israel	Diaspora
Fixed status	Mobile
Sacrifices	Spirituality
	Theology
Tanakh	Tanakh + Talmud

CHRISTIANITY	
from	to
Unity	Diversity
Jewish	Gentile
Palestine	Mediterranean
Rural	Including urban
Ethnically centered	Cosmopolitan eclectic
Politically weak	Politically strong
False Messiah	Lord & Savior
Many pretenders	Kyrios, Christos = Messiah
Aramaic language	Greek and Latin
Prince of Peace	Violent, conflicting
Holiness	Corruption
Male leadership	Inclusive leadership
disgraceful	hopeful
Sectarian	Catholic, universal