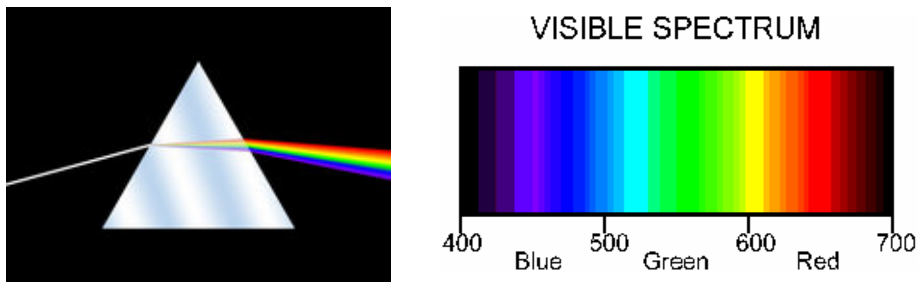


THE PRISM OF THE GODS

For countless millennia, there has been “division hither homeward” regarding the number of gods in the universe. Monotheists believe in one god, polytheists in many gods and atheists in a not-god. Just how many are there? Who are we to believe? Which is more relevant: belief or certainty? Who is covering up? Before delving into the metaphysics of this profound question, let us see if we can find an analogy in the realm of science called optics.



In optics, a **prism** is a transparent optical element with flat, polished surfaces that refract light. The exact angles between the surfaces depend on the application. The traditional geometrical shape is that of a triangular prism with a triangular base and rectangular sides, and in colloquial use "prism" usually refers to this type. Some types of optical prism are not in fact in the shape of geometric prisms. Prisms are typically made out of glass, but can be made from any material that is transparent to the wavelengths for which they are designed. A prism can be used to break light up into its constituent spectral colors (the colors of the rainbow). [wikipedia.com]

The **electromagnetic (EM) spectrum** is the range of all possible electromagnetic radiation. Also the "electromagnetic spectrum" (usually just *spectrum*) of an object is the frequency range of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths from thousands of kilometers down to fractions of the size of an atom. It is commonly said that EM waves beyond these limits are uncommon, although this is not actually true. The short wavelength limit is likely to be the Planck length, and the long wavelength limit is the size of the universe itself (though in principle the spectrum is infinite). [wikipedia.com]

In short, a prism takes a pure white light and separates it into its component colors, a spectrum. Much the same thing occurs to the one god (apologies to the atheists) when it is separated into many different gods, goddesses, spirits, demons, angels and so on by passing through a spiritual prism. But what exactly is this prism?, I hear you ask. Where is it located? Can I buy one?

Actually, it's not for sale, but fear not. It is part of the fabric of the universe and is quite free for the taking. In fact, it exists at the very core of your being and the core of everything else in the universe. [Please refer to the diagram on the next page.]

