

### Contrasting the Hebrew mindset with Greek mindset

	Greek (Western)	Hebrew (Eastern)
1	Looking for information about God to know God. Do I know about God? Theological	Look for experience with God to know God. Do I know God? Relational
2	“I understand” means I have information and it is logical or it makes sense.	“I understand” means it fits my experience.
3	The Westerner looks at religion as “doctrine” or accepting something intellectually.	The Easterner looks at religion as “life” or accepting something with the heart.
4	It is what I know	It is who I am
5	A Westerner asks, “What is the purpose of my life?” Answer: “It is important to know what to do!”  <i>It is “what I do” that gives meaning to my life! (not who I am)</i>  I am searching for “something to do” to give me purpose and meaning to my existence.	An Easterner asks, “What is the meaning of my life?” Answer: “Who cares!”  <i>It is “who I am” that gives meaning to my life! (not what I am doing)</i>  I am searching for “who I am” to give me purpose and meaning to my existence.
6	Emotion is suspect because it always lets you down. You have to keep your brain about you. You have to be careful not to be ruled by your emotions but by logic and common sense. Play it cool!	Experience is emotional. Is the word of God a fire inside of you.
7	Does the Bible makes sense? Logical The word of God has to make sense for me to experience God.	Does the Bible cause me to have emotion? Experience The word of God is experienced therefore it gives me an experience with God. Does the word of God on occasion move me to tears or make me laugh out loud? Is what I am experiencing through the word of God give me a warmth within myself?  Jeremiah 20:9 (NLT) 9But if I say I’ll never mention His name, His word is like a fire in my heart It’s like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can’t do it  “I have no choice but to be emotional about God and what He says!”