

## The Paradigm of a Doctor's Mindset

The concept of religion requires understanding of the spiritual realm. This has become a great challenge for Christians today, because of the shift from the Hebraic mindset to the Greek mindset. Take a look at the following chart that contrasts these two points of view and shows you the vast differences between the two.

### Hebraic Mindset

**Relationships** are the ultimate  
Truth is objective and applies to everyone

**Recognizes** that much cannot be known

**Accepts** that much cannot be understood

**Truth is revealed** and received progressively

**God is the source** and revealer of wisdom

**Faith and truth are essential**

**Belief** is relational and personal

**Assumes** existence of God

**Description** of God: focus is on the God—"Abba"

**The Kingdom of God** begins in this life

**Eternal life** begins now and is about our relationship with God

**Focuses** on community

**Thought process:** I need to understand enough to allow me to respond, apply, do, follow

### Greek Mindset

**Knowledge** is the ultimate  
Truth is subjective and owned individually

**Believes** truth is knowable

**Believes** understanding is essential

Once discovered, **truth rarely changes**

**Wisdom is discovered** and owned by men

**Proof, empirical evidence is essential**

**Belief** is intellectual and requires proof

**Believes** if God exists, His existence can be proved or disproved

**Focus** is on the attributes or relationship characteristics of God

**The Kingdom of God** is detached from this life

**Eternal life** happens after death if at all

**Focuses** on the individual

**Thought process:** Let me see what I think and feel. If I cannot completely understand, or think differently, am confused, or if I don't feel "right," then I'm stuck and cannot move forward.

**Appreciates mystery**

**Believes** in the supernatural, unseen world.

Believes in **spiritual warfare**

**Dependent/interdependent** mindset

**A disciple** does what the rabbi does and becomes like him

**Appreciates facts** and knowledge only, with no tolerance for mystery

**Believes** only in what can be experienced with the senses

Thinks **spiritual warfare** is "superstition"

**Self-sufficient** mindset

**A disciple** knows what the mentor knows and does not have to be like him