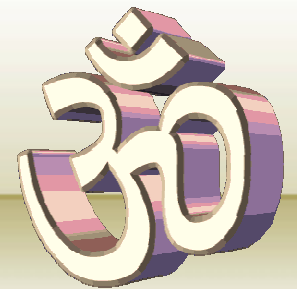




# The Five Major Religions of the World

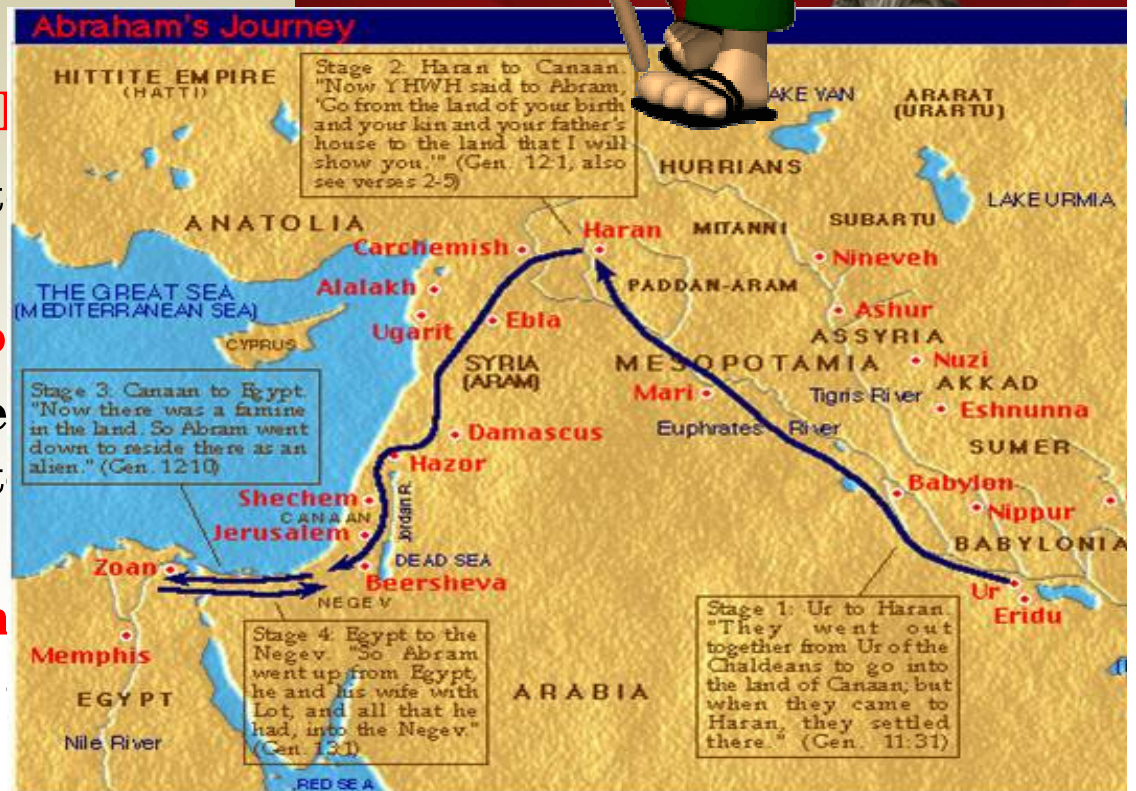


1. **Judaism**
2. **Christianity**
3. **Islam**
4. **Hinduism**
5. **Buddhism**



# Judaism

- Judaism began c. **1800 B.C.E.**
- Founder **Abraham**
- Location **Arabian Peninsula\Israel**
- Judaism is a religion of just one people: **the Jews.**
- Jewish people are called **Jews**
- Judaism was the first to have belief in **only one God** or **Monotheism**
- First to promote **Monotheism**
- Jews think God will send a **Messiah** (a deliverer) to help them
- **Christianity and Islam** have their beginnings from Judaism





# Judaism

- Covenants or agreements
  - **Abraham, Noah, Moses**
- Judaism teaches that death is not the end and that **there is a world to come.**
- The **Torah**, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, is the most important Jewish scripture.
  - **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy**
  - It contains the basic laws of Judaism.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Book Leviticus \Kosher foods
- Another book is the **Talmud**, a guide to the civil and religious laws of Judaism.



# Judaism

- **Synagogue** is a Jewish house of worship
- **Rabbis** (spiritual leaders) conduct services, interpret Jewish law, and deliver sermons.
- Today there are over 18 million followers of Judaism scattered throughout the world.
  - Many Jews live in the Jewish **nation of Israel**.
  - Over six million live in the United States





# Judaism Philosophy

- God is one and unique
- God is the creator
- God is transcendent
- God is lawgiver
- God is personal
- Obligation to worship
- The Torah is God's law
- God is judge
- The **Messiah** will come.



# Christianity

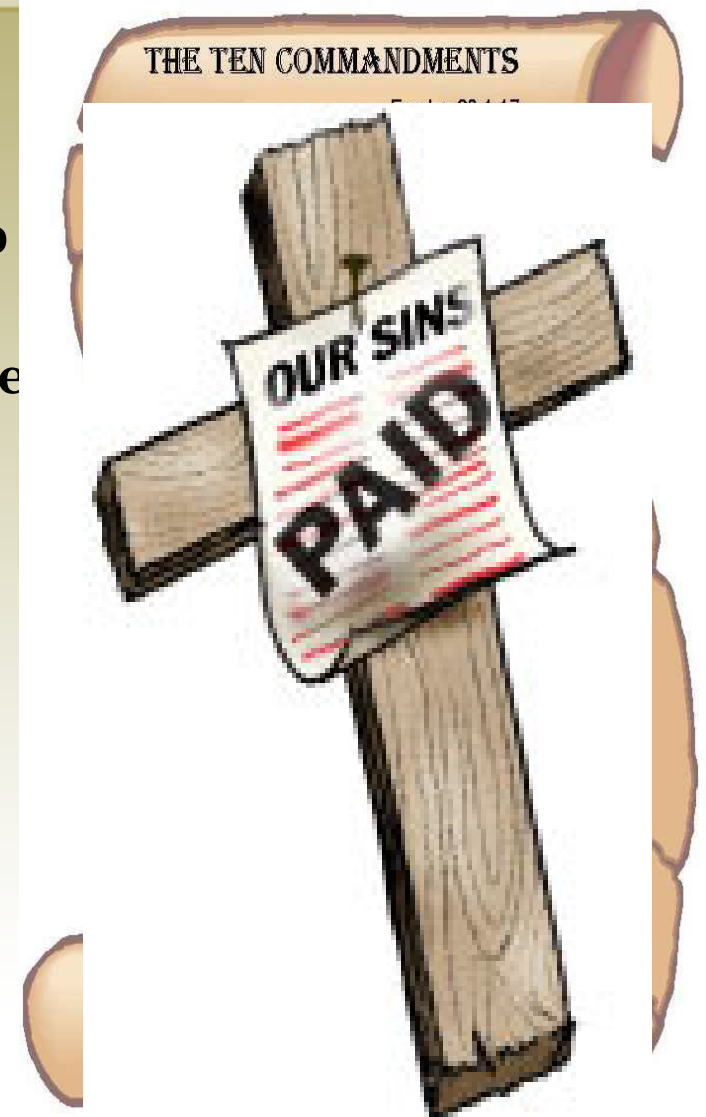
- Christianity began **c. 30 A.D. or C.E.**
- The Founder of Christianity was **Jesus** (called the **Messiah**), and his followers or **12 disciples**.
- Location **Jerusalem, Israel**
- The early Hebrews who developed the Jewish religion became the foundation for Christianity.
- Jesus was a **Jewish** boy who disagreed with some Jewish principles and began to profess a new way of thinking.
- Jesus was **crucified on the cross by Romans**
- People who believe that Jesus is the Messiah and follow his practices are call **Christians**





# Christian Practices

- All believers are promised **everlasting life**.
- A **church** is a Christian house of worship
- Sin and Evil are realities in our existence
- Christians believe in the Seven Deadly Sins which are:
  - Pride, Envy, Lust, Anger, Greed, Sloth , & Gluttony
- Follow the Ten **Commandments** which are the basis of the Old Testament.
- The cross represents **Jesus' death for people's sins**.





# Christian Practices

- The Christian Holy Book is called The **Bible**
  - The Bible contains the New and Old **Testament**
- **Baptisms** are immersion in water, being cleansed as Jesus was. This means to accept Jesus' words and live by his words.
- Confessionals are confessions of sins in a Catholic Church.
- **Communion** is used to remember the Lord's Supper. (Bread and Wine)



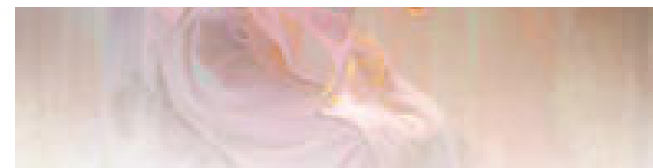
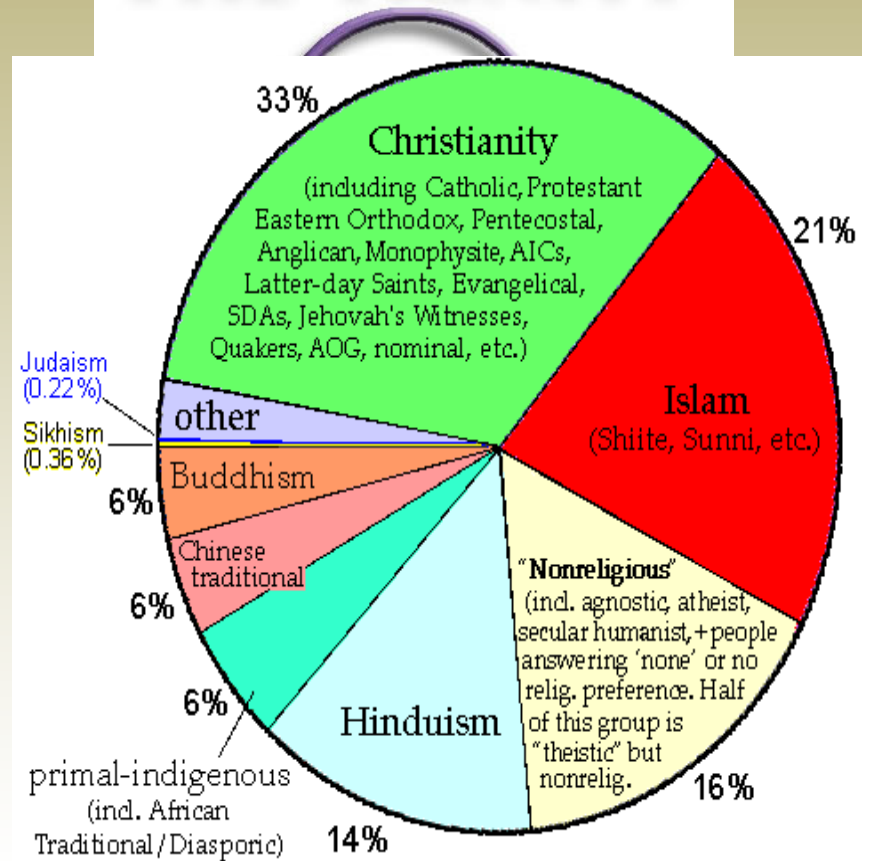




# Christianity

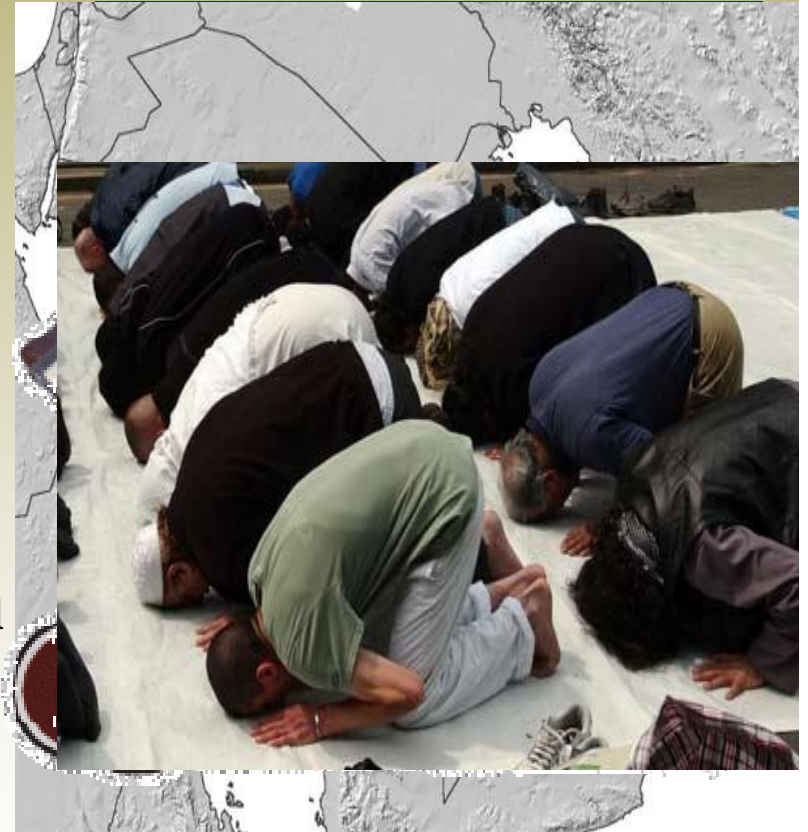
- Central to Christian belief is:
  - God, the Father, entered into human history as the Son, Jesus of Nazareth, and arose as the Holy Spirit.
  - God is the Creator of the universe, and there is one God, who is three persons:
    - **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
  - Jesus is both **fully man and fully God**. He was born of the Virgin Mary, **crucified, resurrected** from the dead, and ascended to the Father.
- Christianity is the largest religion in the world representing about **33%** of the world population.

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# Islam

- Islam began **c. 622 A.D. or C.E.**
- Islam translates as **“submission” to God or “peace”**.
- The organizer (not founder) of Islam was **Muhammad**.
- Location **Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia, the Middle East**
- **Allah** is the Islamic name for God.
- The Islamic Holy Book is the **Koran**
  - Koran are words from **Allah** to Muhammad
  - The Koran gives **social, legal, and ethical systems** or a **WAY OF LIFE**
- People who believe these ideas are called **Muslims**.
  - Muslims means **“one who submits”**
  - Muslims do not worship Muhammad



# Islam

- The **Sunnah** is an assembly of traditions retelling the acts and sayings of Muhammad and those close to him.
- Islam through the Koran and Shunnah teaches Muslim's social and personal codes of conduct affecting both men and women.
  - This is known as **Sharia'ah Law**
- Muslims also believe that Islam is the complete version of a faith revealed before by Abraham, Moses and Jesus.
  - Whom they believe are **prophets**.
- Muslims are obligated to:
  - “commend good and reprimand evil”
  - Not drink alcohol or eat pork
  - Not gamble or usury





# Islam

## • The Five Pillars of Islam

1. Confession of one's faith in God and in his prophet - Muhammad
  2. Ritual Worship
  3. Almsgiving (2.5% of one's wealth)
  4. Fasting (Ramadan)
  5. Pilgrimage
- Muslims pray **five** times a day
  - While praying, they face the holy city of **Mecca** (in Saudi-Arabia) and sometimes kneel with faces to the ground.
  - All Muslims are required to make a pilgrimage or **Hajj** to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.
    - Al-Hajj (pilgrim) can then be added to their name

