



# Religion

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# Hinduism

- ▶ 1 billion adherence
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> largest religion
- ▶ No known date of origin
- ▶ Estimated around 1500 BCE
- ▶ Holy books include Vedas, Bhagvad Gita and Ramayana



# Beliefs

- ▶ Many Hindus are devoted followers of Shiva or Vishnu, who they regard as the only true God, while others look inward to the divine Self (atman). But most recognize the existence of Brahman, the unifying principle and Supreme Reality behind all that is.
- ▶ Most think Hinduism is a polytheistic religion.
- ▶ Caste system very heavily implemented in religion



# Islam

- ▶ Founded around 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE
- ▶ 1.5 billion adherence
- ▶ Second biggest religion in the world
- ▶ Quran is holy book



# Beliefs

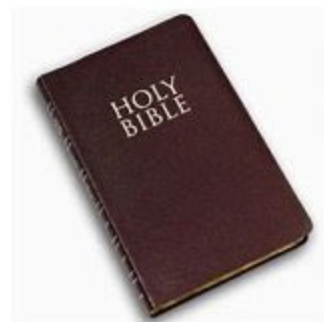
- ▶ God is called Allah
- ▶ Mohammed was the prophet of god
- ▶ Monotheistic
- ▶ Originated around Arabian peninsula
- ▶ Mecca is holy place



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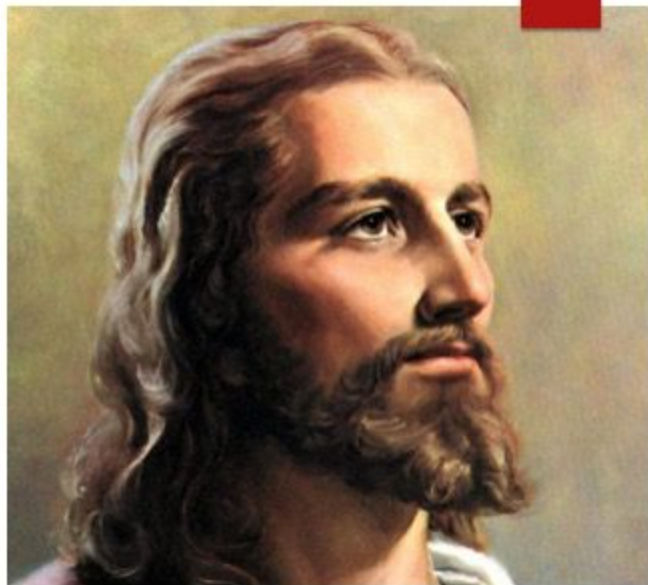
# Christianity

- ▶ Biggest religion in the world
- ▶ 2.2 billion adherence
- ▶ Jesus was prophet
- ▶ Religion founded when Jesus was born



# Beliefs

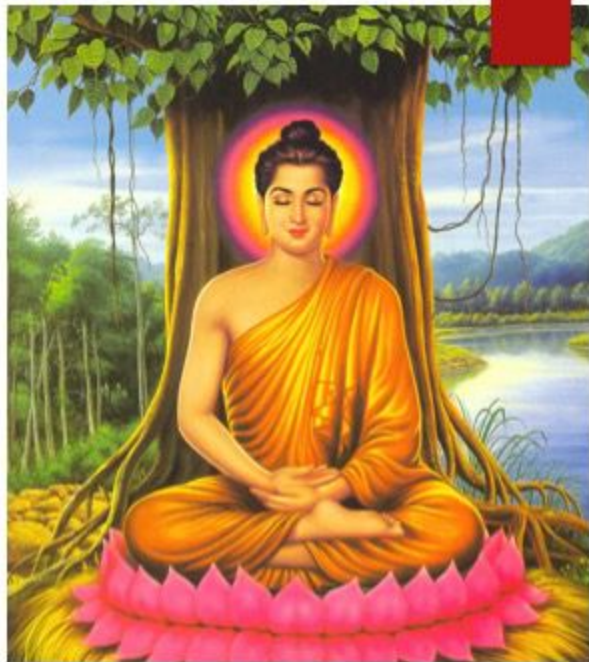
- ▶ Jesus was son of god
- ▶ There is one god
- ▶ Jesus died for sins of humankind
- ▶ Heaven is where faithful Christians go





# Buddhism

- ▶ Polytheistic
- ▶ 500 million followers
- ▶ Nothing is permanent
- ▶ Founded by Buddha/Siddhartha Gautama in India near 500 BC





# Beliefs

- ▶ Attachments lead to suffering
- ▶ Cut ties of attachment and achieve fulfillment and enlightenment
- ▶ Pali Tipitika and Mahayana are some sacred scriptures



# Sikhism

- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> biggest religion
- ▶ 23 million adherence
- ▶ Started in 15<sup>th</sup> century by guru Nanak
- ▶ Founded in Punjab area of India and Pakistan



# Beliefs

- ▶ One god
- ▶ Siri Guru Granth Sahib is Guru
- ▶ Pray on god
- ▶ Earning righteously
- ▶ Community Service



# Bahai

- ▶ Founded in 19<sup>th</sup> century
- ▶ Started in Iran
- ▶ Siyyid Al Mohamad
- ▶ Mirza Hoseyn 'Ali Nuri know as Bahauallah carried on teachings
- ▶ Monotheistic
- ▶ 5 million adherence



# Beliefs

- ▶ Unity of all humanity and religion
- ▶ All other religious prophets are holy
- ▶ 19 day fasting
- ▶ Accept teachings of Bahauallah



# Jainism

- ▶ 6th century BCE
- ▶ Founded in India by Mahavira
- ▶ Jaina Surtas are holy scriptures
- ▶ 6 million followers



# Beliefs

- ▶ Goal of life is to become liberated
- ▶ 24 Tirthankaras revealed teachings, Mahavira being the last one
- ▶ Non Violence



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