

	Judaism	Christianity	Islam	Hinduism	Buddhism	Shintoism	Taoism
Founder	Abraham	Jesus	Muhammad	None	Prince Sidhartha "Buddha"	None	Lao-Tze
Place of Origin	Jerusalem, Israel	Jerusalem, Israel	Mecca, Saudi Arabia	India	India	Japan	China
Mono/Poly	Monotheistic	Monotheistic	Monotheistic	Polytheistic	N/A	Polytheistic	Polytheistic (creator is most important)
Name of god/gods	God, Yahweh	God, Jesus	Allah	Shiva, Vishnu, Mother Shakti	Enlightenment/ Nirvana – no god	Kami – ancients gods or spirits	spiritual harmony & social duty
Followers	Jews	Christians	Muslims	Hindus	Buddhists	Shintos	Taoists
Holy Writings	Torah Talmud	Bible, Old & New Testaments	Koran /Qu'ran	Vedas Upanishads	Tripitaka, <i>Sangha</i> , <i>Pali Canon</i>	Kojiki Nihongi shoki	Tao Te Ching Chuang-tzu
House of worship	Temple Synagogue	Church Cathedral	Mosque	Temple or Home Shrine	Pagodas Temples, Shrines	Shrines or Home Temples	Temple
Beliefs of this religion / principles of this religion	Follow the laws set forth by God, The Ten Commandments	Belief that Jesus is the Messiah	5 Pillars of Islam	Live to attain Dharma (moral duty)& break the cycle of reincarnation; Belief in Karma (good gets good/bad gets bad)	Four Noble Truths - Suffering - Caused by human desire - Can be stopped by stopping human desire - Follow the 8-fold path	"Man is kami's child Nature is sacred Purification is necessary Revere all human life and respect all people	Unchanging principle behind the universe; unproduced producer of all that is; "something formlessly fashioned, that existed before Heaven and Earth"
Where is it found?	North America, Israel, Middle East	North & South America, Europe, Africa, Australia, Parts of Asia	Middle East Central Asia North Africa	India Southwest Asia	India Sri Lanka Southeast Asia	Mainly Japan	China Taiwan Southeast Asia
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