

World Religions

Christianity- 1st in the world



- About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world's population are Christian, followers are called Christians.
- Recognizes one God
- Only Christians believe that Jesus was the son of GOD. (other religions view him as a holy man)
- Celebrate many holidays, such as; Christmas and Easter
- Holy day is Sunday, Holy book is the Bible.
- Follows the 10 commandments, Goal is to reach Heaven

Islam-2nd in the world



- Believes in one God, followers are called “Muslims”
- Muhammad was the prophet of God
- Follows the 5 pillars, goal is to reach Heaven
- Holy day is Friday-but Muslims must pray 5 times a day
- Holy book is call the Koran, (must be read in original form, Arabic)
- Holidays are; Ramadan and Muharram

Hinduism-3rd in the world



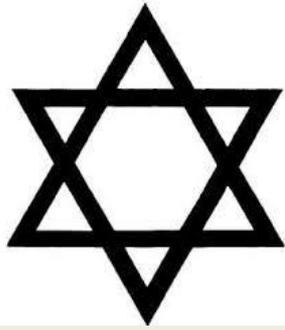
- Oldest of the major religions
- Holy writings are called Vedas and Upanishads
- Followers are called Hindus, most are in India
- Many Gods, Both a religion and a way of life
- Holidays are; Diwali and Dasera
- Believes in reincarnation, goal is to end this and become one with Brahman (supreme spirit). They believe it is wrong to hurt anything. Cows are sacred.
- No set holy day, temples in homes and they go to Mandirs.

Buddhism-4th in the world



- Holy man is Siddhartha Gautama, after gaining enlightenment he became “The Buddha”. He is NOT a God.
- Followers are called “Buddhists”
- Follows the eight-fold path, -Goal is to reach Nirvana (a state of blissful non-existence)
- Believes in reincarnation
- Way of life more than a religion
- Holiday’s are; Wesak, New Year

Judaism-5th in the world



- Believes in one God, Followers are called “Jewish” or “Jews”
- Torah is the holy book
- Synagogues are places of worship
- Foundation is the 10 commandments
- Friday night until sundown Saturday is the holy day
- Holiday, Yom Kippur