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Followers Called	Jews	Christians	Muslims	Hindus	Buddhists
Founder	Abraham	Yeshua of Nazareth [Jesus] 4 BC – 29 AD	Mohammed (570-632 AD)	none	Siddhartha Guatama [“The Buddha”] (566-646 BC)
Founded (Date)	About 1950BC (Abraham migrates from Mesopotamia to Canaan)	About 26 AD	622 AD	About 1500 BC	About 523 BC
Current World Population	18 million	2,015 million	1,215 million	800 million (1 million in US)	362 million
Geography	Mideast (Israel), US, Africa, Europe, Russia	World Wide* (largest populations in US, South America, Europe and Africa)	Mideast, Southeast Asia, Pakistan, Africa	India, Nepal, Sri Lanka	India, China, Japan, Southeast Asia
Deity	God (Yahweh)	God	God (Allah)	Three Main: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva	None
Sacred Writings / Holy Book	Torah, Mishnah	Bible	Qur’an [Koran]	Vedas, Puranas, Upanishad	
Leadership	Rabbi	Priests / Ministers / Elders	No Clergy- “Mullahs”	Guru, Brahman Priests	Monks / Nuns
Worship/Ritual					
Basic Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monotheism ▪ God loves and cares for the world, but holds people accountable ▪ People serve God by studying the Torah and living by its teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monotheism ▪ Jesus was the son of God who died to save people from sin ▪ Resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monotheism ▪ People achieve salvation by following the Five Pillars of Islam and living a just life <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Faith (2) Almsgiving (3) Fasting (during Ramadan) (4) Pilgrimage to Mecca (5) Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Polytheism ▪ Soul never dies- reborn ▪ Happiness / Enlightenment comes from freeing oneself from earthly desires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People achieve perfect peace (Nirvana, enlightenment) through eliminating attachment to worldly things. ▪ Noble Eightfold Path: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Right Views (2) Right Aspirations (3) Right Speech (4) Right Conduct (5) Right Livelihood (6) Right Endeavor (7) Right Mindfulness (8) Right Meditation
Major Branches	Reform Orthodox Conservative	Eastern Orthodox Roman Catholic Protestant	Sunni Shi’a	Shaktism / Vaishnavites / Shaivites / Reform	Mahayana (Wide) Theravada (Narrow)
Holidays/ Celebration	Rosh Hashanah Passover Hanukkah Yom Kippur Succoth	Easter Christmas Lent	Ramadan	Festival of Holi	
Symbol					

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Basic Beliefs ("Doctrine")					
Major Branches / Sects					
Holidays/ Celebrations					
Symbol (Draw)					