

I. Christianity

II. Islam

- A. 1.2 billion followers; 7-10 million in US
- B. Surrender Submission Peace
  - 1. Roots in Judaism
  - 2. Middle East, Asia, and Africa
  - 3. Prophet Muhammad, born in Mecca around 570

III. Hinduism

- A. The oldest of all world religions
  - 1. 800 million believers
  - 2. India and Africa
  - 3. No sacred writings
  - 4. Principles:
    - a. Dharma – correct living
    - b. Karma – spiritual progress through reincarnation
    - c. Nirvana – nothingness

IV. Buddhism

- A. 350 million
  - 1. Asia
  - 2. Siddhartha Gautama = Buddha
    - a. Achieved Bodhi or enlightenment
- B. Daily action has consequences
- C. No God
- D. Confucianism
- E. Forms the traditional heritage of China (together with Taoism and Buddhism)
- F. 100000
  - 1. Prior to 1949 an ecclesia: the official religion of China

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## V. Judaism

A. 15 million world

B. 6 million US

C. 4000 years before Christ

D. National majority only in Israel

E. Believe

1. The Covenant – Special relationship between God and God's chosen people

F. The Torah

1. Moral behavior

G. Denominations

1. Orthodox Jew

a. Traditional (1 million)

2. Reform Judaism (mid 1990)

a. More Church-like (1.3 million)

3. Conservative Judaism

a. Bridge (2 million)

H. Anti-Semitism

1. Prejudice and discrimination

## VI. Religion in the US

A. Affiliation

1. 56% Protestants (21% Baptist)

2. 25 Catholics

3. 9 No preference

4. 2 Jewish

5. 2 Other or no answer

B. Religiosity

1. Experiential: Emotional ties

2. Ritualistic: Frequency of activities

3. Ideological: Degree of belief in doctrine
4. Consequential: Tie into daily activities
5. Intellectual: Knowledge of religion

#### VII. Religion's Changing face

##### A. Secularization

1. Decline in the importance of the supernatural and sacred

##### B. Civil religion

1. A quasi-religious loyalty
2. Uniting people in a secular society
3. Patriotism

##### C. Religious revival

1. Renewed interest in the spiritual [...]
- 2.

##### D.

#### VIII.