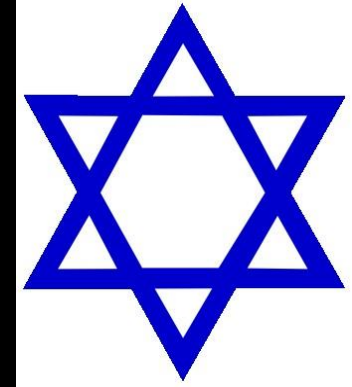


Religion



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Religion - when, why and how did it begin?

- It is observed that religion came with human birth in this universe, our two biggest Religions claimed that Religions surely came with ADAM.
- As every new thing need Rules and Regulations, So from Beginning Religion is providing us our Path.

Definition

- The belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods. (*oxford Dictionary*)
- Relation of human beings to God or the gods or to whatever they consider sacred or, in some cases, merely supernatural."
(*Britannica Concise Encyclopedia*)

Elements of Religion

All religions have following Elements:

- Belief
- Emotions
- Ritual
- Organization
- Sacred Objects
- Symbolism
- Sect

Belief

- It is sensation of brain and belongs to faith not to reason.

Examples:

- Belief in one God
- Death
- Life after death
- Heaven & Hell

Ritual

- All religions observe ceremonial practices called Rituals.

Examples:

Namaz, Eids, Christmas, Holi



Emotions

- The Rituals produce emotions of hope, fear, respect and humbleness.



Organization

- Religion is well organized with belief, emotions and rituals; without organization no religion can survive



Scared Objects:

- Every Religion has some scared objects which they believe most important or supernatural.

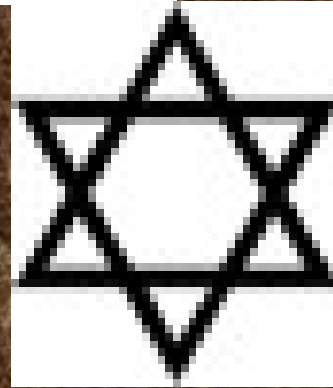
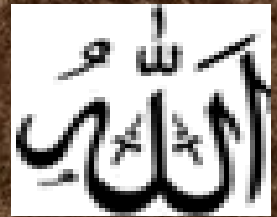
Examples:

- Cows and Idols
Hindus.
- Holy books
- Tasbee..



Symbolism

- The use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities of Religion.



Sect

- Every religion has small groups of followers differing from the main religion called sects.
- Examples:
 - Islam has :Shia & Sunni.
 - Christianity has: Catholics & Protestants
 - Hindus has: Saivism, Shaktism, Vaishnavism & Smartism

Functions of Religion

Religion fulfills the psychic needs of the individual and creates social solidarity in his/her group life.

- ❑ *Religion removes fear and Anxiety*
- ❑ *Create Relation between Man and God(universe)*
- ❑ *Gives Judgment of Right & Wrong*
- ❑ *Protection of values*
- ❑ *Religion creates Purity and cleanliness*
- ❑ *Make individual socialize*
- ❑ *Creates Relations with other institutes*

Major Religions of World

There are five Major Religions of World
In order of Number of People

- Christianity: **1.9 billion**
- Islam: **1.1 billion**
- Hinduism: **800 million**
- Buddhism: **325 million**
- Judaism: **13 million**

Christianity



The early Hebrews who eventually developed into the Jewish religion became the foundation of Christianity

Philosophy

God is the Creator of the universe. There is one God, Who is Three Persons- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ISLAM



ISLAM is the name given to the religion preached by the prophet Muhammad(S.A.W) in the 600s A. D.

Philosophy

All powers related to only Almighty ALLAH.

Believe in Five Fundamentals

Muslims learn that life on earth is a period of testing and preparation for the life to come

Muhammad(S.A.W) did not found Islam. Islam was created by Allah at the beginning of time, and in fact Muslims regard Adam as the first Muslim.

HINDUISM



HINDUISM is one of the world's oldest religions.

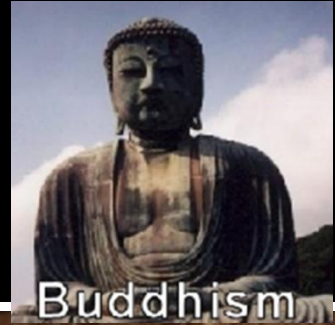
Philosophy

Hindus believe in many gods, numbering into the thousands.

They recognize one supreme spirit called Brahman (the Absolute).

The goal of Hindus is to someday join with Brahman.

Buddhism



Founding person of Buddhism is Guatama, the Buddha

Philosophy

Love: without conditions

Compassion: or feeling at one with the person who is suffering

Sympathetic Joy: Celebrate the happiness of others, and do not resent their good fortune.

Impartiality: Treat everyone equally

JUDAISM



JUDAISM is a religion of just one people: the Jews. JUDAISM was the first to teach belief in only one God. Two other important religions developed from Judaism: Christianity and Islam.

Philosophy

Jews think that God will send a Messiah (a deliverer) to unite them and lead them in His way. Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah. The Jewish people do not agree; they anticipate His arrival in the future.

Other Big Religions

- Sikhism
- Baha'ism
- Confucianism(State of Chines Religion)
- Jainism
- Shintoism
- Chines Traditional Religions
- African Traditional Religions

No Religion/ Not to Religion

- There is a big number of people who do not believe, support or accept any religion. They are:
 - Secular
 - Atheist

Secular



- Secular beliefs are non religious viewpoints. They are based on natural law, and have nothing to do with God, gods or religion. A country founded on secular beliefs does not have a national religion
- Help each other is secular motive.

Atheist



- A person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods.
- Atheist believe there is no supernatural power, this universe works itself.

Difference between Atheist & secular

- The words atheist and secular can be easy to confuse, but they have subtly different meanings. An atheist is one who does not believe in a God, and therefore an atheist institution (for example) is one that openly holds the position that there is no God.
- Someone who is secular, does not display any belief or religion, regardless of their actual views.

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Questions

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