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|  | **Judiaism** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| **Founder:** | **Abraham** (First Patriarch, born c. 1800 B.C.)- **Mesopotamia** | **Jesus Christ**  (c. 4 B.C. - 30 A.D.)  - **Israel** | **Mohammed**  (570 - 632 A.D.)  **Saudi Arabia: Mecca** |
| **Divisions:** | Several divisions, including **Hasidic,** **Conservative** and **Reform** Judaism. | Three main groups: **Eastern Orthodox**, **Protestant** and **Roman Catholic**. | Two main groups: **Sunni** and **Shia** (The division occurred due to a dispute as to the legitimate successor of the prophet Mohammed). |
| **God:** | One God (known in English as '**Yahweh**' or '**Jehovah**') | One God, who exists in three distinct persons (The Trinity): **Father, Son and Holy Spirit** | One God (Arabic: **Allah**) |
| **Holy Book(s):** | The Hebrew **Tanakh**, similar to the Christian Old Testament, comprised of the **Torah** (Hebrew: 'Law'), | The Bible. given by God to man. The Bible writers were inspired by God in their writings. Includes the **Old Testament and the New Testament.** | The **Quran or Koran** revealed to the prophet Mohammed over a period of about 20 years. The Quran is the final revelation given by Allah to mankind. |
| **Rituals and Practices:** | Rituals include the **Circumcision** of newly born Jewish males, **Bar mitzvah** - a ceremony marking the 'coming of age' of Jewish Boys and observation of the **Sabbath (Shabbat).** As in the other faiths, prayer is important. The Jewish prayer book is called the siddur.  **Kosher**-Jewish people do not eat pork or shellfish and so not eat meat and dairy in the dame meal | The **Sacraments,** including **Baptism** and **Holy** **Communion** (Eucharist). In Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism, five more are added,: Confirmation Marriage, Penance, Holy Orders and Anointing of the sick.  Prayer is also an important part of the faith. | Five important rituals (known as the **Pillars of Islam**):  1. Only one god, Allah  2. Prayer five times daily.  3. Alms giving – donating $ to poor.  4. Fasting during the Holy month of Ramadan.  5. Hajj - Pilgrimage to the Holy city of Mecca  Muslims do not eat pork or drink alcohol  Believe in Polygamy (more than one wife) |