

**Monotheistic Religions**

**Judaism:**

1. **Judaism**:

Worlds first monotheistic religion.

1. **Prophet**:

messenger of god.

1. **Abraham**:

founder of Judaism

1. **Moses:**

an important prophet of Judaism, he freed the Jews out of slavery in Egypt and sets up a Jewish homeland in Israel. It is also believed that God gave Moses the Torah and 10 Commandments.

1. **Hebrews**:

Gods chosen people

1. **Covenant**:

a binding agreement

1. **Ten Commandments:**

Set of biblical laws relating to ethics and worship, which play a fundamental role in Judaism and Christianity.

1. **Torah:**

the sacred texts or holy books of Judaism.

1. **Rabbi**:

Jewish holy man who leads services and prayers.

1. **Temple**:

a Jewish place of worship.

1. **Diaspora**:

Jewish people were forced to scatter or move around the world after they were forced to leave their homeland in Israel by the Romans.

1. **Jerusalem**:

The holy city of Judaism. It is where the Jews believe that Abraham founded the first temple or synagogue.

**Christianity:**

1. **Christianity**:

worldwide monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of the prophet Jesus of Nazareth. The world’s largest monotheistic religion.

1. **Messiah**:

savior or liberator of a people in the Jewish, Christian or Islamic faiths.

1. **Jesus**:

founder of Christianity, whom Christians believe is the Messiah and son of God.

1. **Bible**:

sacred or religious text of Christianity which is made up of the Old Testament (Torah) and the New Testament (Gospels).

1. **Martyr**:

somebody who suffers persecution and death for refusing to renounce, or accept, a belief or cause, usually religious.

1. **Pope**:

the Bishop of Rome and the leader of the worldwide Roman Catholic Church.

1. **Sacraments**: holy rituals that Christians believe in.
2. **Priest**:

holy man who leads the Roman Catholic mass and performs sacraments.

1. **Heresy:**

Religious belief that is contrary to the official teachings of the Church.

1. **Church**:

a Christian place of worship.

1. **Jerusalem**:

a holy city to Christians. It is where they believe Jesus was killed by the Romans and rose from the dead.

**Islam:**

1. **Islam**:

Monotheistic religion; the world’s second largest religion.

1. **Muslim**:

Term for individuals who practice the Islamic Faith.

1. **Muhammad**:

Founder (prophet) of Islam.

1. **Allah**:

In Islamic faith, the one and only God, creator and sustainer of the universe.

1. **Mosque**:

A place of worship for followers of Islam.

1. **Koran (Qur’an)**: sacred or religious text of Islam.

7. **Five Pillars of Islam**:

Religious duties that must be carried out by every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to do so at least once in his or her lifetime.

* Belief in only one God “Allah”
* Pray five (5) times a day facing the holy city of Mecca
* Give alms ($) to the poor
* Fast during the holy month of Ramadan
* Pilgrimage (visit to a sacred or holy site) -Visit the holy city of Mecca at least once in their lifetime if they can afford it.

1. **Hajj**:

The largest regularly occurring pilgrimage in the world, and is one of the five pillars of Islam.

1. **Jihad**:

Religious duty of Muslims. In Arabic it translates to “struggle.”

1. **Sect**:

a group with distinctive religious, political or philosophical beliefs, often an offshoot of a larger religious group.