

Christianity

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Bible, Jesus, God

Founding

Jesus Christ

1st Century CE

Customs/Practices

- monotheist
- Jesus died for sins of man

Holidays

Christmas

Easter

How many practice?

2.2 Billion

Judaism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Torah, Yahweh

Founding

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

1812 BCE or 1250 BCE

Customs/Practices

- monotheist
- Moses, Ten Commandments

Holidays

Yom Kippur

Hanukkah, Passover

How many practice?

12 - 14.5 million

Islam

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Quran, Allah,

Founding

Muhammad

~ 7th Century CE

Customs/Practices

monotheist

Practice 5 Pillars

Holidays

Ramadan

How many practice?

1.8 Billion

Hinduism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Brahman, Vishnu, Shiva, Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads, Mahabharata, Rig Veda, Puranas

Founding

Between 2300 - 1500 BCE

No Founder

Customs/Practices

Polytheists, vegetarians

Dharma, Karma, Samsara, Moksha

Holidays

Diwali, Dussera, Ganesh:

Chaturthi, Holi, Navratri

How many practice?

1.1 Billion

Buddhism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Tripitaka, Sutras NO gods
Theravada

Founding

Siddhartha Guatama
5th Century BCE

Customs/Practices

Karma, Reincarnation,
Nirvana, 4 Noble truths
8 fold Path

Holidays

Chinese New Year
Nirvana Day

How many practice?

Half Billion
(500 million)

Shintoism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Kojiki + Nihongi; Kam - Amaterasu
Izanagi

Founding

NO founder
6th Century CE

Customs/Practices

- Sincerity of Heart
- Gods are in Nature

Holidays

- Obon Gatsu - New Year
- Haru Matsuri - Spring festivals

How many practice?

100 million

Confucianism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Confucius Analects NO god

Founding

Confucius
5th Century BCE

Customs/Practices

Honesty, Trustworthiness,
Loyalty to the State, Rituals,
Propriety, Filial Piety
Ancestor worship

Holidays

Chinese New Year
September 28th Confucius' birthday
Qing Ming - worship of dead family members

How many practice?

6-7 million

Zoroastrianism

Holy Text/Gods/Goddesses

Anura Mazda, Avesta

Founding

Zoroaster
~ 6th Century BCE

Customs/Practices

- Monotheists 1st Dualistic
- NO converts Religion Good
worship fire out weighs bad
Heaven + Hell

Holidays

- Festival of Sadeh
- Khordad: Birth of Zoroaster

How many practice?

~ 200,000 Thousand