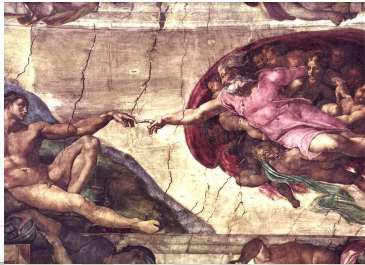


Definitions

Monotheistic


- ◆ Belief in only one god



Definitions



Polytheistic

- ◆ Belief in multiple gods



Definitions

Proselytic vs. ethnic religions

Definitions


Syncretic

- ◆ Elements of two or more belief systems
- ◆ Think "Creole"

Definitions

Santeria

- ♦ African slaves converted to Christianity, brought to New World
- ♦ Spirits = Catholic Saints




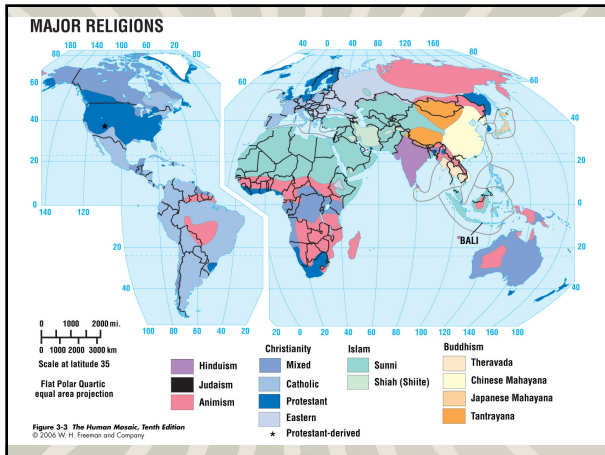
Definitions

Orthodox

- ♦ "Purity of faith"
- ♦ Common in major religions
 - ‡ Judaism

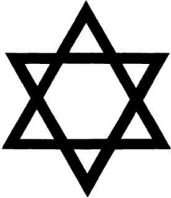
Fundamentalism

- ♦ Intolerant of other religions

Judaism

- ‡ Arose in the Near East
- ‡ First great monotheistic faith
 - ♦ 4000 years old
- ‡ **Ethnic**, not proselytic




Judaism

Dispersal of Jews

- ♦ From Palestine in Roman times
- ♦ Later spread through Europe
 - ‡ Subgroups
- ♦ Nazism and the Holocaust
 - ‡ Fled Europe just before and after WWII

Christianity

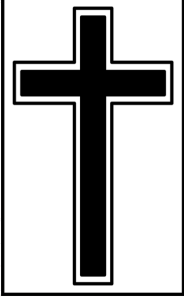
- ‡ One third of the world's population
- ‡ Arose in the Near East along with Judaism and Islam
 - ♦ Basis in Judaism (Old Testament)



Christianity

Major Divisions

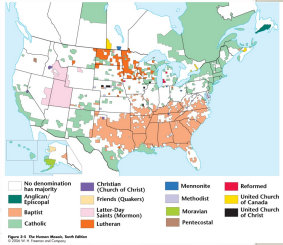
- ◆ Catholics
- ◆ Protestants
- ◆ Eastern Orthodox



Christianity


Protestants

- ◆ Divided into many denominations
- ◆ American Frontier
 - ‡ Allowing for religious freedom
- ◆ Denominational distribution in US




Islam

- ‡ Monotheistic
- ‡ Qur'an (Koran)
 - ◆ Basis of Islamic Law (Sharia)



Islam

- ‡ Some basic beliefs shared with Christians and Jews
 - ◆ Moses, Abraham, Mary, & Jesus
 - ‡ Prophets of Islam




Islam

Holy City of Mecca

- ◆ Pilgrimages

Major sects

- ◆ Shia
 - ‡ Majority in Iran and Iraq
- ◆ Sunni
 - ‡ Seen as Orthodox




Islam

Not just the Middle East – China, Pakistan, Malaysia, and Indonesia



Hinduism


- ‡ India
- ‡ Polytheistic
 - ◆ Brahma supreme god
- ‡ Social divisions
 - ◆ Castes based on occupational categories
 - ◆ Each caste has a set of rules for behavior and use of space



Hinduism

Jainism


- ◆ Ancient outgrowth of Hinduism
- ◆ Adhere to nonviolence (*ahimsa*)
 - ‡ Vegan



Hinduism

Sikhism

- ◆ Arose in the 1500s
- ◆ Attempt to combine Islam and Hinduism
- ◆ Monotheistic

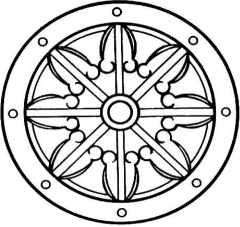


Not Muslim




Buddhism

- ‡ Found mainly in Asia
- ‡ Derived from Hinduism 2,500 years ago
- ‡ Teachings of Prince Siddhartha Gautama
 - ◆ Four noble truths
 - ◆ Nirvana



Buddhism

- ‡ Tendency to merge with native religions
- ‡ One of the three great proselytic religions



Animism/Shamanism

- Found mostly in indigenous groups
 - ◆ Inanimate objects possess spirits or souls
- Japanese Shintoism



Animism/Shamanism

- ‡ Shaman serves as intermediary between people and spirits
- ‡ Can be very complex



Atheism

- Secularization
 - ◆ Europe
 - ‡ 27%
 - ◆ United States
 - ‡ 14%

