

Religious Education

World Religion Overview



Judaism



Began:
1812 BC

Founder:
Abraham



Name for God:
Yahweh

Name of Followers:
Jews

Other Significant People:
Moses

Global Followers:
Approx. 15 million



U.K. Followers:
Approx. 269,568

Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
Tenakh (written Torah)
Talmud (oral Torah)
10 Commandments

Place of Worship:
Synagogue

Service Leader:
Rabbi



Sub-groups:
Reform Judaism
Orthodox Judaism

Place of Significance:
Jerusalem

Christianity



Began:
33 AD

Founder:
Jesus Christ



Name for God:
God

Name of Followers:
Christians

Other Significant People:
St Paul, John the Baptist

Global Followers:
Approx. 2.4 billion



U.K. Followers:
Approx. 32 million

Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
The Bible
The Pope (Catholic Church)
10 Commandments

Place of Worship:
Church

Service Leader:
Priest/Vicar



Denominations:
Catholic Church
Protestant Church

Place of Significance:
River Jordan
Vatican City

Islam



Began:
622 CE

Founder:
Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):



Name for God:
Allah

Name of Followers:
Muslims

Other Significant People:
Prophet Ibrahim
Prophet Isa

Global Followers:
Approx. 1.8 billion



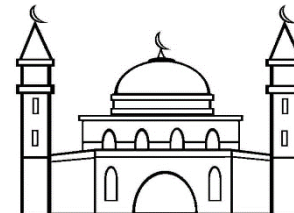
U.K. Followers:
Approx. 2.6 million

Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
The Qur'an
Prophet Muhamad (pbuh) - Hadith

Place of Worship:
Mosque

Service Leader:
Imam

Sub-groups:
Sunni Islam
Shia Islam



Place of Significance:
Makkah – Saudi-Arabia

Hindu Dharma



Began:
Unknown

Founder:
Unknown

Name for God:
Brahman

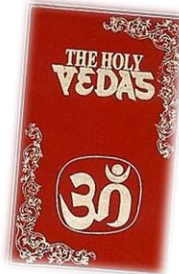


Name of Followers:
Hindus

Other Significant People:
Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma

Global Followers:
Approx.. 1.08 billion

U.K. Followers:
Approx. 817,000



Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
The Vedas Scriptures
Bhagavad Gita

Place of Worship:
Mandir

Service Leader:
Pujari



Sub-groups:
Vedanta, Yoga

Place of Significance:
River Ganges – North India

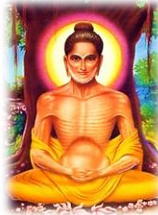
Buddhist Community

Began:
600 BCE



Founder:
Siddhartha Gautama

Name for God:
No god.



Name of Followers:
Buddhists

Other Significant People:
The Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama)
Dalai Lama

Global Followers:
Approx. 535 million

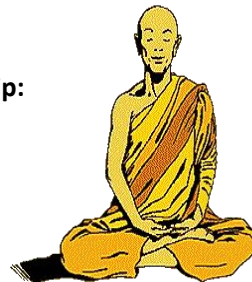


U.K. Followers:
Approx. 151,816

Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
Tripitaka
The Sutras

Place of Worship:
Temple

Service Leader:
Bhikkhu



Sub-groups:
Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana, Zen

Place of Significance:
Bodh Gaya – location of the Bodhi tree
where the Buddha realised
enlightenment.

Sikhi



Began:
1469 CE

Founder:
Guru Nanak

Name for God:
Sat Nam
Waheguru



Name of Followers:
Sikhs

Other Significant People:
Guru Gobind Singh
Guru Arjan Dev

Global Followers:
Approx. 24 million

U.K. Followers:
Approx. 432,429

Sources of Wisdom & Authority:
The Guru Granth Sahib

Place of Worship:
Gurdwara

Service Leader:
Granthi

Sub-groups:
Khalsa

Place of Significance:
Golden Temple – Amritsar, India



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