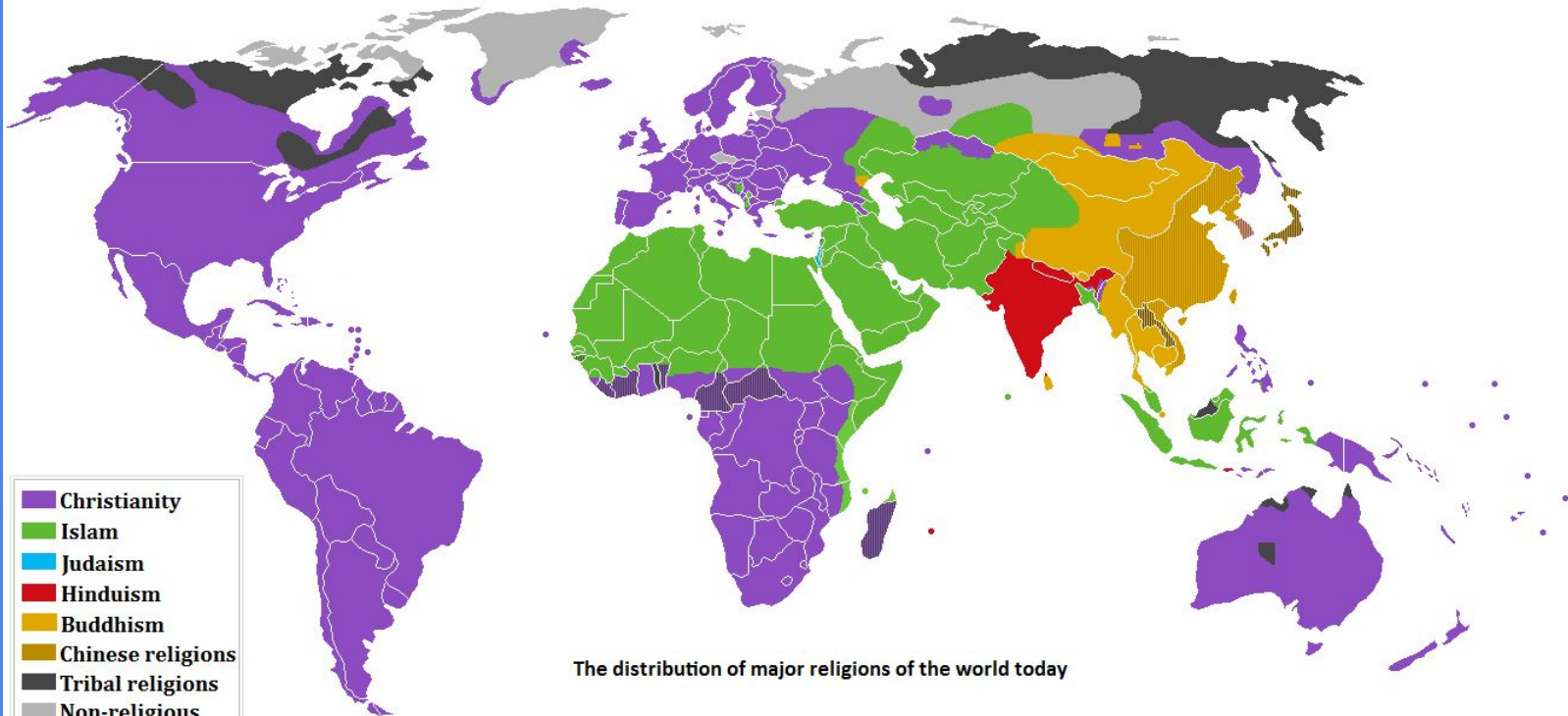


INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD RELIGIONS



REGIONS OF THE WORLD

The Religions of the World



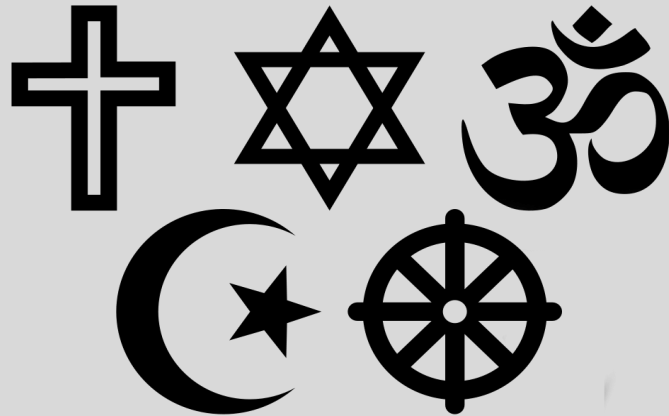
Using the map key, what do you notice about the colors on the map? What areas have more of the same color? What does that tell you about that area?

Followers of Religions

Religion	Followers	Founder
Judaism	14.5 million	Abraham
Christianity	2 billion	Jesus Christ
Islam	1.1 billion	Muhammad
Buddhism	362 million	The Buddha
Hinduism	820 million	No one is founder

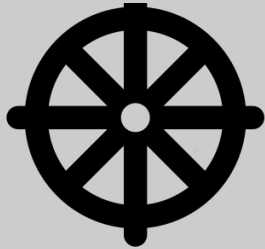
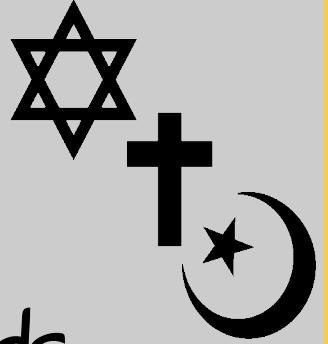
WHAT IS A RELIGION?

A religion is an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods.



Types of Religions

1. Monotheistic religions believe in one god.
2. Polytheistic religions believe in many gods.



WHICH CAME FIRST?

ORDER OF MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS

★ 1st World Religion → Judaism

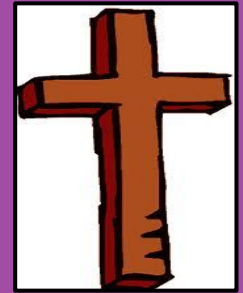
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★ 2nd World Religion → Christianity

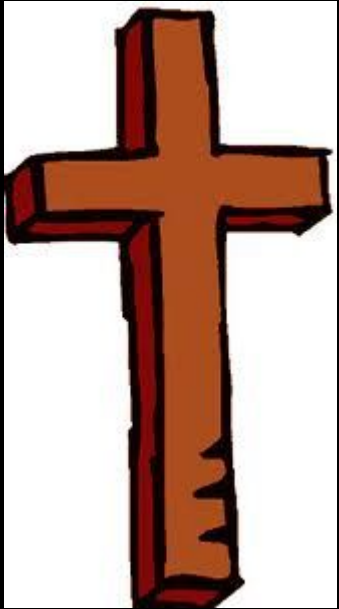
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★ 3rd World Religion → Islam

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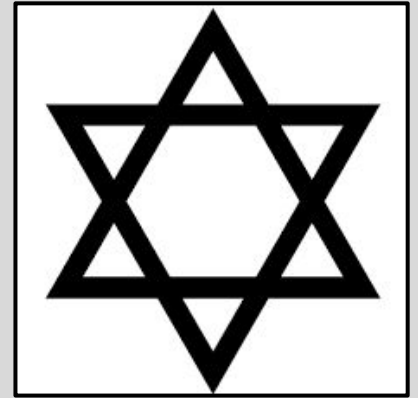


Monotheistic Religions



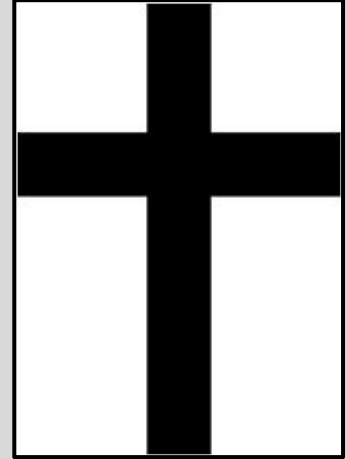
Judaism → MONOTHEISTIC

- Name of deity is Yahweh (God in hebrew)
- Abraham is the founder of Judaism.
- Followers of Judaism are called Jews
- Follow the rules of the ten commandments.
- The Star of David is the symbol for Judaism.
- Their holy book the Torah.
 - Is a long scroll hand-written in Hebrew → (traditional Jewish language).
- Leaders are called Rabbis



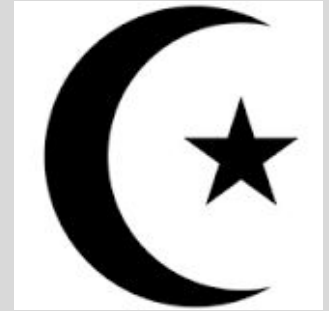
Christianity → MONOTHEISTIC

- Name of deity is **God**
- Christianity was influenced by **Judaism**.
- **Founder is Jesus** → the son of God
- Follow the rules of the **ten commandments**.
- Their holy book the **Holy Bible**.
- Followers are called **Christians**
- The Christian symbol is the **cross**.
- Leaders are called **priests, ministers, monks, and nuns**

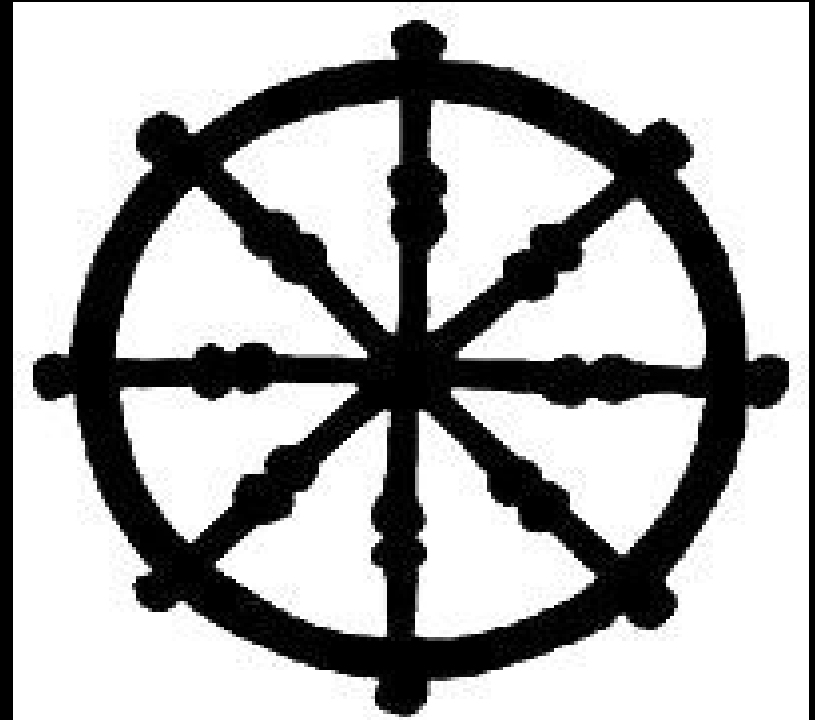


Islam → MONOTHEISTIC

- Name of deity is Allah (God in Islam)
- Muhammad founded the religion
- Their holy book the Qur'an.
- The Islamic symbol is the crescent moon and star.
- Followers are called Muslims
- Leaders are called Ulama and Imam → lead prayers
- Follow the 5 pillars of faith to guide their life.



Polytheistic Religions

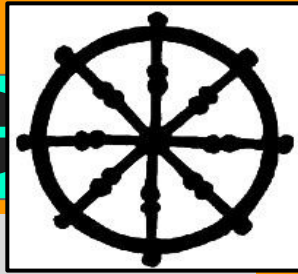


Hinduism → POLYTHEISTIC



- Hinduism is the world's **oldest** religion.
- There is **no founder**
- They do not have just one holy book → **Vedas** is one example
- The symbol is the **“AUM (OM)”** symbol.
- Leaders are called **guru, holy man, Brahmin priest**
- Hindus believe in **karma** and **reincarnation**
- They use **meditation** to reach a peaceful state called **nirvana**

Buddhism → POLYTEHEISTIC



- **The Buddha is the founder Buddhism.**
 - **He was known as Siddhartha Gautama a prince before becoming Buddha**
- **Followers of buddhism are called Buddhist**
- **Follow the rules of the eightfold path to reach nirvana.**
- **The Wheel is the symbol.**
- **They do not have one holy book → Dhammapada is one example**
- **Leaders are called monks and nuns**