Religion Exam Study Guide

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|  | Geography | Major Beliefs | Customs | Sacred Text |
| Judaism | Origin: Israel  Popular in: Israel and the United States | -There is one God (monotheism)  -The Jews are chosen by God  -Jews should follow the Covenant, or the Laws of God  -Work should not be done on the Sabbath | -Major celebrations include Passover and Rosh Hashanah  -People worship in synagogues  -Food laws (Kosher) must be followed | The TaNaCH:  -The Torah  -The Nevi’m  -The Ketuvim |
| Christianity | Origin: Israel  Popular In: Earth | -There is one God  -Jesus was the Son of God  -Jesus died for humanity’s sins  -Jesus was resurrected and went to Heaven | -Follow the Ten Commandments  -Go to Church  -Pray  -Major celebrations include Easter and Christmas | The Bible:  -Old Testament  -New Testament |
| Hinduism | Origin: India  Popular in: India | -The universal soul called Brahman; everyone has a part of Brahman  -Reincarnation: A soul is reborn many times in different bodies.  -There are different forms of Brahman and they are worshipped as Gods  -Karma | -Meditation  -Doing good works  -Having a shrine at home | Sacred Text:  -The Vedas |
| Buddhism | Origin: India  Popular in : East Asia, Southeast Asia | -There is no personal God  -Karma and Reincarnation  -The goal of living is to attain Nirvana, or existing without suffering  -Nothing is perfect | -The path to Nirvana is following the 8-fold path.  -The 8-fold path is the correct way to live.  -The 8-fold path avoids extremes in behavior.  -Meditation | Sacred Text:  -Tripitaka |
| Islam | Origin: Saudi Arabia  Origin: Indonesia, North Africa, Southwest and Central Asia, United States | -The is one God named Allah  -There have been many prophets (or people who see the future)  -It is really important to be obedient to God. | The 5 Pillars of Islam  -Declare faith in God  -Pray 5 times a day facing Mecca  -Giving a certain amount of money to charity  -Fasting during the month-long celebration of Ramadan  -The Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia | Sacred Text:  -The Qur’an |