

## 9 - World Religions

### 1. General Observations

- Most Americans believe that \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is a view based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some believe there is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some believe in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some believe that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some believe in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some believe that eternal life is \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Muslims (Islam)

- About \_\_\_\_\_% of Americans claim to be Muslims.
- Islam has \_\_\_\_\_ followers worldwide.
- Islam was founded in 622 CE by \_\_\_\_\_, in Mecca.
- Though it is the youngest of the world's great religions, Muslims do not view it as \_\_\_\_\_.

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- They believe that it is the same faith taught by the prophets, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Muhammad is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The two sacred texts of Islam are \_\_\_\_\_.
- The duties of all Muslims are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Recite \_\_\_\_\_ at least once.
  2. Pray 5 times a day while facing \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Donate regularly to charity via a \_\_\_\_\_, and through additional donations to the needy.
  4. Fast during the \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Make a \_\_\_\_\_ at least once in life.
- They are the most difficult to reach with \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Hindus

- About \_\_\_\_\_% of Americans claim to be Hindu.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ Hindus in the world, while most live in India.
- The origins of Hinduism can be traced to the Indus Valley civilization sometime between \_\_\_\_\_.
- Though believed by many to be a polytheistic religion, the basis of Hinduism is the belief in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The purpose of life is to realize that we are part of God and by doing so we can leave this plane of existence and \_\_\_\_\_.

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- This enlightenment can only be achieved by going through cycles of \_\_\_\_\_.
- One's progress towards enlightenment is measured by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Karma is the accumulation of all one's \_\_\_\_\_ and this determines the person's next reincarnation.

### 4. Buddhists

- About \_\_\_\_\_% of Americans claim to be Buddhists.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists in the world, while most live in Asia.
- Buddhism developed out of the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_.
- In 535 BC, he reached enlightenment and assumed \_\_\_\_\_.
- He promoted \_\_\_\_\_ as the path to enlightenment rather than the extremes of mortification of the flesh or hedonism.
- Long after his death the Buddha's teachings were \_\_\_\_\_.
- Buddhists believe in reincarnation and that one must go through cycles of \_\_\_\_\_.
- After many such cycles, if a person releases their attachment to desire and the self, they can attain \_\_\_\_\_.
- In general, Buddhists do not believe in \_\_\_\_\_, the need for a savior, prayer, or eternal life after death.

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- However, since the time of the Buddha, Buddhism has integrated many \_\_\_\_\_.
- There are three main groups of Buddhists
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhists
- Because of the diversity of Buddhist traditions, this generalization is no longer true for \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5. Sikhs

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ Sikhs in the world, while most live in Punjab, India.
- Americans often mistake as Muslims by because \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Sikh faith was founded in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sikhs believe in a \_\_\_\_\_ with many names, who can be known through meditation.
- Sikhs pray \_\_\_\_\_.
- They are prohibited from \_\_\_\_\_.
- They believe in samsara, karma, and reincarnation as Hindus do but reject \_\_\_\_\_.

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- They believe that everyone has \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6. Things to Consider

- Treat people with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Set aside \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't allow the news to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't get into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Point them to \_\_\_\_\_.