

<b>RELIGIONS</b>	<b>FOUNDER</b>	<b>WRITINGS</b>	<b>BELIEFS</b>
1. Animism	No single founder	Oral tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animists practice nature worship.</li> <li>• They believe that everything in the universe has a spirit.</li> <li>• Animists also believed that ancestors watch over the living from the spirit world.</li> <li>• This belief resulted in ancestor worship as a means of communicating with and showing respect to ancestors.</li> </ul>
2. Shintoism	Mix of tribal religions	Record of Ancient Matters and Chronicles of Japan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shinto teaches the whole universe and that humans can be in tune with this sacredness.</li> <li>• Every mountain, river, plant, animal, and all the diverse phenomena of heaven and earth have spirits, or kami, which inhabit them.</li> <li>• Reverence is paid to the ancestors through the practice of ancestor worship.</li> </ul>
3. Judaism	Abraham, Moses	Torah and Talmud The Ten Commandments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judaism teaches that there is one God who is the creator of all things.</li> <li>• Moses went atop Mount Sinai and returned with two stone tablets containing laws known as the Ten Commandments</li> <li>• Monotheistic</li> </ul>
4. Hinduism	No one single founder, credit given to the Aryans	The Vedas, Upanishads, and Bhagavad-Gita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation is achieved through a spiritual oneness of the soul</li> <li>• To achieve this goal, the soul must obtain <u>moksha</u>, or liberation from the endless cycle of birth, death, and rebirth.</li> <li>• Believe in <u>reincarnation</u> or rebirth</li> <li>• <u>Karma</u> : actions resulting from the consequences of previous actions</li> <li>• <u>Dharma</u>: fulfilling one's duty in life</li> <li>• Hindus consider to be extremely sacred is the cow.</li> <li>• Supports the Caste System.</li> </ul>
5. Buddhism	Siddhartha Gautama, or Buddha	Three Baskets of Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddha deduced that desire was the root caused of all suffering.</li> <li>• <u>Four Noble Truths</u></li> <li>• Life is full of pain and suffering.</li> <li>• Human desire causes this suffering.</li> <li>• By putting an end to desire, humans can end suffering.</li> <li>• Humans can end desire by following the Eightfold Path.</li> </ul>

6. Confucianism	<p>Founder</p> <p>Confucius</p>	<p>Writings</p> <p>The Analects</p>	<p>Beliefs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confucianism teaches the Five Relationships:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ruler to the ruled</li> <li>2. Father to son</li> <li>3. Older brother to younger brother</li> <li>4. Husband to wife</li> <li>5. Friend to friend</li> </ol> </li> <li>• In these relationships, the second role is considered subordinate to the first.</li> <li>• It was taught that if everyone knew his or her place in society, then order would prevail.</li> <li>• Filial Piety is one should respect their elders.</li> </ul>
7. Daoism	Lao Tzu	The Way of Virtue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Means "the way."</li> <li>• Nature has a "way" in which it moves, and that people should passively accept the "way" of nature, rather than resist it.</li> <li>• This means that people should openly accept the natural way.</li> <li>• An emphasis is placed on the link between people and nature. This leads to a better understanding of the world.</li> <li>• The Yin and Yang symbol has also been used to illustrate the natural harmony that exists in the world.</li> <li>• Everything must have an opposing force that allows the harmonious universe to exist.</li> </ul>
8. Christianity	Jesus Christ	The Bible, the Old and New Testament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christianity evolved from Judaism</li> <li>• Christians subscribe to the Ten Commandments.</li> <li>• Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, sent to redeem the world of sin.</li> <li>• This has led the Christian faith to proclaim that there is a Holy Trinity formed by the Creator (Father), Redeemer (Son), and Sustainer (Holy Spirit).</li> </ul>
9. Islam	Mohammad	The Koran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina helped the founding of the religion of Islam</li> <li>• Basic teachings of Islam are known as the Five Pillars of Islam.</li> <li>• Confession of Faith: The belief that "there is no God but Allah.</li> <li>• Prayer: Pray five times, facing Mecca.</li> <li>• Charity: Support the local Mosque</li> <li>• Fasting: During the Ramadan</li> <li>• Pilgrimage: Hajj, holy pilgrimage to Mecca</li> </ul>