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| Hinduism                 | Polytheistic                | None    | Many, main gods are Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva | India        | - Caste System – a rigid, immobile social class system  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Lowest caste called Untouchables  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Reincarnation – rebirth  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Karma – good and bad deeds  
| Buddhism                 | Truly neither, modern versions have adopted many local deities. | Siddhartha Gautama | Buddha and many others | Started in India – spread to China, Japan and Southeast Asia | - NO Caste System  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Eightfold Path – guidelines for living for followers of Buddhism. The belief that the path to Nirvana is through right views, aspirations, speech, conduct, livelihood, endeavor, mindfulness, meditation  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Four Noble Truths  
| Confucianism             | Neither – A philosophy      | Confucius | Confucius | China and Southeast Asia | - Filial Piety – respect for parents or elders  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Five Relationships  
| Daoism (Taoism)          | Neither – A philosophy      | Laozi   | Laozi | China and Southeast Asia | - Natural order; All people should live in nature with harmony  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Follow a universal force - Dao  
| Animism                  | Polytheistic                | None    | Many  | Southeast Asia    | - Everything in nature has a spirit  
| Shinto                   | Polytheistic                | None    | Many  | Japan             | - Followers worship the kami; belief that spirits are found in all living and nonliving things  
|                          |                             |         |       |                  | - Helped to unite Japan  

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- Buddhism: India, China, Japan and Southeast Asia  
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  • **Ten Commandments** – guidelines for living in the Jewish religion |
| Christianity             | Monotheistic                | Jesus Christ  | God   | worldwide        | • Holy book called the **Bible**  
  • Followers believe Jesus was the son of God  
  • **Ten Commandments** – guidelines for living for the followers of Christianity  
  • **Pope** – leader of the Catholic Church |
| Islam                    | Monotheistic                | Mohammad      | Allah | Middle East and worldwide | • Holy book called the **Koran (Qur’an)**  
  • Followers are called Muslims  
  • **Five Pillars** – guidelines for living for the followers of Islam  
  (1) believe in one god, Allah  
  (2) give alms (charity)  
  (3) fast from sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan  
  (4) pilgrimage to Mecca, Holy Land  
  (5) Pray 5 times a day |