

Religion Overview

The five major world religions:

Judaism- Jews- monotheistic- Yahweh/Jehovah

Islam- Muslims- monotheistic- Alah

Christianity- Christians- monotheistic- God

Buddhism- Buddhists- atheistic

Hinduism- Hindus- polytheistic- Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu

Monotheism refers to ONE god(s),
whereas Polytheism refers to MANY
god(s). Atheism refers to belief in NO
god(s).

Religion and Culture

Religions help people understand the world around them.

Religions are used to explain things people cannot about science, nature, and life.

Religions are a source of moral guidelines for behavior.

So why study world religions?

To see historical significance of that religion in the world.

To better understand the people in the world who accept that religion.

How do you study a world religion?

Examine the historical development.

Identify the core teachings.