

# RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

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<b>Amish &amp; Mennonite</b> <a href="http://www.mennoniteusa.org/">http://www.mennoniteusa.org/</a>	The Holy Trinity  Three in One	Son of God	Pattern every day life after Him  Concern for others	Dress codes  Limit outside contact	Infant Consecration  Blessing child & parents	Pour water over head -- at the age of accountability	Instituted by God  Parental approval Required.  No Divorce	Heaven & Hell.  Christ will create a new earth after the resurrection	Judged on your life and works.  Only <i>they</i> will get to heaven	The Bible is the inspired word of God. NIV, NSRV & KJV
<b>Assemblies of God &amp; Pentecostal Church of God</b> <a href="http://ag.org/">http://ag.org/</a>	The Holy Trinity  Three in One	Son of God	To carry God's work into every aspect of your life.	Strongly suggest No alcohol or tobacco	Dedication as an infant  Parental commitment to Christian life	Baptism by immersion at age 8-10 -- at the age of accountability	Instituted by God  No same-sex unions  Lifetime commitment	Righteous will be resurrected or raptured.  New Earth & new Heaven	Righteous with Christ Forever.  Wicked will burn in Hell	The Bible is the infallible word of God. NSRV & KJV
<b>Bahá'í</b> <a href="http://www.bahai.org/">http://www.bahai.org/</a>	A personal God, the source of all revelation, eternal, omnipresent and almighty	Prophet of God along with seven others	Treat everyone As equal in all things Prayer & fasting	Moderation in all things No alcohol No gambling	Christ was not in need of baptism. Baptism is with the spirit of God not by water.	Signing what is called a Declaration Card professing your belief.	Encourages Mixed unions Marriage is eternal. Divorce after "1 yr of Patience"	Not a "specific place" more a Unity with God Soul is eternal	No actual judgment.  Soul's distance to God is the "Heaven or Hell"	Bahá'í Prayer Book  The Hidden Words
<b>Baptist</b> <a href="http://www.bpnews.net/">http://www.bpnews.net/</a>	The Holy Trinity  Three in One	Physical incarnation of God the Father	Must witness to the world at all times. SBC--No alcohol	No women in the upper level of service.  Dress code for women.	Dedication as an infant  Parental commitment to Christian life	Baptism by immersion at age 9-12 -- at the age of accountability Is not required to be saved	Instituted by God  No same-sex unions  Lifetime commitment	Righteous spirits return to God immediately. Unrighteous must await judgment day	Righteous with Christ Forever.  Wicked will burn in Hell	The Bible is inspired by God & Totally trustworthy KJV, NIV, NSRV.
<b>Buddhist</b> <a href="http://www.buddhism.org/">http://www.buddhism.org/</a>	Ranges from Irrelevant to Many depending on what Sect	Not Part of the Faith  <i>Mixed Views on Jesus</i>	Right thoughts & actions in all things	Dietary restrictions and guidelines	None	None (except in Japan)	Principal of non-harming each other Divorce allowed only due to vast differences	Once fully enlightened, one is liberated from rebirths, reaching a state of absolute selflessness resulting in Nirvana--the "Deathless State."	Pali Canon for Theravada  Mahayana Sutras	

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<b>Catholic</b> <a href="http://www.catholic.net">http://www.catholic.net</a>	The Holy Trinity 3 in 1  Mary also Revered	Physical incarnation of God the Father	Christ like behavior.  Eucharist and Confession	Celibacy No women Priests. No Non Catholic sacraments	6-8 weeks Water on head.	Between age 7-18. Confirms faith and strengthens "grace"	No divorce & No same – sex unions	Purged in Purgatory Before Heaven. Sinners to eternal Hell	Salvation and judgment based on works, faith & grace.	Pope comes before Bible. Bible not the only source. KJV Bible
<b>Christian Science</b> <a href="http://christiansciencetoday.org/">http://christiansciencetoday.org/</a>	God the Father is Infinite. The creator of all that is spiritual	Did not die for sins, but to show us the illusion of death "Way-shower"	To understand life is an Illusion. The Spiritual is the only reality	Discount use of Doctors, shots and medicine. No Clergy	No Service since birth is an illusion	Membership at age 12.  Graduates from Sunday School at age 20	Nothing specific since all of material life is an illusion	Death is not inevitable, but an illusion that can be overcome	No eternal judgment Sin is in the carnal mind and causes "material" suffering	Science and Health  KJV Bible  Manual of the Mother Church
<b>Hindu</b> <a href="http://www.bnaiyer.com/vidya/hindu">http://www.bnaiyer.com/vidya/hindu</a>	One Superior Truth, can take on many forms	Not included in teachings. Sometimes Compared to Krishna	The pursuit of Truth. Non Violence. Compassion Purity & Self restraint	Caste system in rural areas. No women in positions of Guru	None	Upanayana-Boy "belongs" to his Guru while he goes thru "school"	Elders arrange marriage or at least must approve.	Constantly dieing and being reborn into a new body	Your behavior effects your next life thru Karma	<i>Bhagavad-Gita</i> the sixth book of the Mahabharata
<b>Islam ( Muslim)</b> <a href="http://www.islamreligion.com/">http://www.islamreligion.com/</a>	<i>Allah</i> is God, the One and Only	Not the son of God, but a prophet of God. And The Messiah	Prayer 5 x' s Per day.  Fasting thru Ramadan.  Giving alms. Doing Good.	Modest clothing, Women to cover their heads. Dietary restrictions	Words used in prayer are the first baby will hear	Shahada or "witnessing". A Muslim repeats the Islamic declaration of faith	Polygamy is legal.  Divorce strongly discouraged	Paradise and Hell are actual physical places that we will be for eternity	Judged on your works and your faith. Only Muslims will be saved	The <i>Qur'an</i> -- the literal word of God  The <i>Hadith</i>
<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> <a href="http://www.watchtower.org">http://www.watchtower.org</a>	Jehovah is the One God Holy Ghost is His "force"	Jesus is the <i>literal</i> firstborn of God, and a Separate being	Follow JW rules. No smoking. Bible study. Proselytizing & 5 hrs weekly In meetings	No blood transfusions No loyalty to government	None	Baptized by Immersion at age of accountability after questioning	No same sex unions Divorce Condemned Except for adultery	Soul expires with body; Christ will Restore the righteous only	Righteous will live forever. Wicked will remain Dead w/ no existence	Bible is the inspired word of God "Their own" New World Translation

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<b>Judaism</b> <a href="http://www.jewfaq.org/">http://www.jewfaq.org/</a>	First Being, without beginning or end, Who brought all things into existence.	Jesus not The Son of God; not the messiah. Did not die for us	To strive to live rightly everyday by obeying the Laws that have been given	Kosher food requirements.  Special dress Items for special services.	Circumcision for boy infants @ 8 days old. Girl babies have a Name giving Ceremony	Bar Mitzvah (boys) and Bat Mitzvah ( girls) @ Ages 12-13.	A private contractual agreement. Divorce is allowed. Polygamy in some countries	Righteous brought back to life wicked will not be and They are punished for 12 mos	Not focused on how to get into heaven. Judaism is focused on How to live this life.	The Hebrew Bible, the <i>Torah</i> , <i>Talmud</i> , Jewish Prayer Book And several other books
<b>Lutheran</b> <a href="http://www.heritage-lcms.org/">http://www.heritage-lcms.org/</a>	One Person of the Father, another of the Son, & another of the Holy Ghost. But they are One	Jesus is the Son of God. All God & all man Died for our Sins	Partaking in the Sacraments Good works caused by faith.	Missouri Synod has closed communion And no women Clergy	6-8 weeks Water on head. Or for converts as Adults	Usually at Adolescent age Confirms faith and strengthens "grace"	Instituted by God  Same sex unions are Under evaluation	Christians are taken to the presence of Jesus, where they await the resurrection	By Grace thru faith in Christ and doing God's will all will be saved.	The Bible, as a divinely inspired book and The Book of Concord
<b>Mormon -- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> <a href="http://www.lds.org/">http://www.lds.org/</a>	God the Father Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are three Beings.  God & Jesus have Physical Bodies	Jesus is the Son of God.  Died for our Sins	Live Christ like life. Service to fellow man. Temple ordinances.	Stresses no alcohol, caffeine or tobacco. Special Temple Garments. No women in the Priesthood.	Babies are blessed at infancy. Baptism is at age 8, considered The age of commitment	Laying on of Hands to receive the "gift of the Holy Ghost". Right after baptism	Temple Marriage for Time & All Eternity. Divorce very difficult to get. No Same sex	All go to Prison or Paradise after death to be taught. Remain til judgment day	Judged and sent to Celestial, Telestial or Terrestrial Kingdom, on Faith & works	KJV Bible, Book of Mormon , Doctrine and Covenants & The Pearl of Great Price.
<b>Native American Church -- First Nations</b>	The Great Spirit who created all things	Jesus is the Son of God.  Died for our Sins	Tolerance of other cultures, hard work, honesty and truth	No alcohol  Peyote only for religious ceremonies.	Can vary by group.  Welcomes infant into tribe.	Some still practice Vision Quest for young boys	Marriage governed by God and Love, not by law	All will travel to the next world	<i>No documentati on available</i>	The Bible can be used if desired. Most teachings are oral.
<b>Orthodox</b> <a href="http://www.goarch.org">http://www.goarch.org</a>	The Holy Trinity is three, distinct, divine persons, without overlap or modality among them, who share one divine essence	A physical incarnation of God the Father; Of one being with God. Died for our Sins	To be willing to sacrifice even as Christ sacrificed for us.	Fasting, Giving Alms. Confession required before Eucharist. Closed Communion	Infant baptism by immersion	<i>Chrismation</i> by anointing with oil to bestow the Gift of the Holy Spirit	God joins man & woman into one. No same sex. Priest can marry <i>before</i> Ordination.	Separated from his body. escorted either to paradise or the darkness of Hades	Salvation based on your works and unity with the Orthodox Church	The Orthodox Study Bible  The Service Book

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<b>Presbyterian</b> <a href="http://www.presbyterians.org/">http://www.presbyterians.org/</a>	The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God--but they are one God.	Fully human, fully God. Died for our sins so that we will be saved	Evangelism Justice, compassion Spirituality, Leadership and support Thru Christ	Encourages personal decision to abstain from alcohol. No Gambling No ordained Gay	Infant Baptism with pouring or sprinkling. All accepted	Adolescence Confirms faith & strengthens commitment. 35 week course req.	Sacred, but is NOT considered a sacrament Same Sex "blessing" only.	Soul leaves body and goes to God to await Judgment	No speculation. Believe it is a mystery that God will work out.	The NRSV Bible, The Book of Order & the Westminster Confessions of Faith
<b>Quaker ( Religious Society of Friends )</b> <a href="http://www.quakerinfo.org/">http://www.quakerinfo.org/</a>	Trinity of the Father (God), the Son (Christ), & the Holy Spirit one God	Most believe He is the Son of God and died for our salvation	Peace Equality Integrity Simplicity.	Plainness in clothing and possessions. No oaths No Clergy	Baptism is an individual spiritual thing not a ritual	None	Must be approved thru the Meeting. No officiate. No same sex unions	It is more important to worry about how you are living NOW	People are saved on the basis of their faith in God, even if they have never heard of Jesus	The Bible, and many Books from other faiths. Faith and Practice
<b>Seventh Day Adventists</b> <a href="http://www.adventist.org/">http://www.adventist.org/</a>	The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God--but they are one God.	Forever truly God, He became also truly man. Died for our sins	Think, feel, and act in harmony with the principles of heaven in all things	Sabbath on Saturday. No Alcohol, drugs or tobacco. No ordained Gay	Infants are "dedicated" And Baptized when they are older	Baptism by Immersion with required Baptismal vows	Marriage commitment is to God as well as to spouse. No Same Sex unions	Death is an unconscious state. God grants Immortality based on His choice	God will destroy or annihilate the wicked; the righteous will live on in immortality.	"The Bible and the Bible alone."
<b>Sikh</b> <a href="http://www.sikhreligion.org/">http://www.sikhreligion.org/</a>	God is omnipresent and infinite; Formless and beyond the human reach.	Not part of the doctrine; Some compare Him to Guru	To live a good life , do good deeds as well as meditating on God	No alcohol, tobacco, drugs and some meat. Special dress and hair requirements	Naming Ceremony at temple within 40 days of birth.	"Holy nectar" is sprinkled on head, into eyes and is drunk by devotee.	Commitment to God with Guru as spiritual witness. No same sex unions.	Departure of life from a body; then rebirth based on stage of spirituality.	No final destination of heaven or hell, but a spiritual union with God which results in salvation	The Gurū Granth Sāhib  The Dasam Granth
<b>Unitarian Universalists</b> <a href="http://www.uua.org/visitors/beliefswithin/index.shtml">http://www.uua.org/visitors/beliefswithin/index.shtml</a>	81% believe on a <i>single</i> God ( no Trinity) 19% Believe in many Gods or no God At all	The supreme teacher and leader of humankind But not Divine.	"It is our deeds, not our creeds that are most important"	mutual trust and support for all members regardless of their faith	Dedication as an infant  Parental commitment to Spiritual life	Coming of Age Ceremony for teenagers preceded by classes	No set ceremony. Same Sex Unions OK. Special Divorce Ceremony	Varying beliefs. They teach that THIS life is more important than the next.	Varying beliefs. They teach that THIS life is more important than the next.	They support all religious texts, but suggest they be read with an open mind.

**\*\*This chart barely touches the surface of each Faith Practice. It is not inclusive of all aspects and should not be taken as such \*\*\***