

WORLD RELIGION CLASS SCHEDULE – Session 2

It should be fun and informative!

RELIGION NAME	DATE FOUNDED	MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD*	AVERAGE GROWTH PER YEAR**	CLASS DATE
Atheism	1577	240 MILLION	451,127	APRIL 21
Charismatic movement	1979	600 MILLION	20,000,000	APRIL 28
Confucianism <i>Influenced</i>	478 BC	350 MILLION	140,731	MAY 5
Congregationalists	1776	260,000	1116	MAY 12
Falun Gong	1992	100 MILLION	10,000,000	MAY 19
Han Chinese Folk Religion	206 BC	1 BILLION	414,079	MAY 26
Jainism	2500 BC	12 MILLION	2018	JUNE 2
Juche	1955	23 MILLION	433,960	JUNE 9
Monophysitism	431 AD	13 MILLION	2917	JUNE 16
Moravian	1550	720,000	1567	JUNE 23
Neo-Paganism WICCA	100 AD 1885	3 MILLION	1571	SEPT 1
<i>NO CLASS THIS WEEK</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
Nova Roma	1500 BC	10 MILLION	2850	SEPT 15
Scientology	1952	10 MILLION	175,438	SEPT 22
Shamanism	1800	12 MILLION	57,416	SEPT 29
Shinto	200 BC	4 MILLION	48,438	OCT 7
Soka Gakkai	1930	20 MILLION	253,164	OCT 13
Spiritism/ Spiritualism	1848	12 MILLION	74,543	OCT 20
Traditional Religions of Africa	50,000 BCE	80 MILLION	1539	NOV 27
Taoism	206 BCE	187 MILLION	84,424	NOV 3
Vodoun	8000 BCE	60 MILLION	6000	NOV 10

*Adherents.com: National & World Religion Statistics - Church Statistics - World Religions

** Average growth is for the *whole existence* of the Religion which may be deceiving as they had specific periods of growth at different times in history, and growth was not evenly dispersed by year, as implied.

Some of these class notes are quite extensive, and there will not be time to discuss everything. *It is strongly suggested that you pick up your copy of the Religion Class notes BEFORE the evening of the class.*

The subjects of discussion will be:

- History of the religion
- Basic Doctrine
- Basic Worship Service
- God / or Gods
- Teachings regarding Jesus Christ
- Baptism or Confirmation
- Marriage customs
- Death and Afterlife
- Judgment and Salvation
- Special Doctrines