

Monotheism

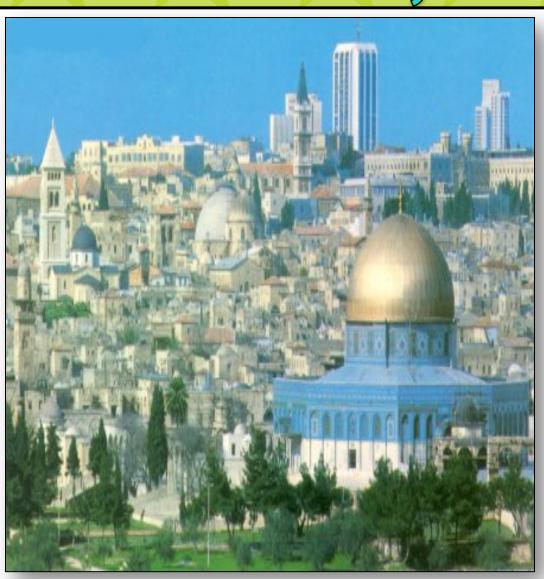
Followers of Judaism,
 Christianity, & Islam practice
 monotheism, a belief in one god.

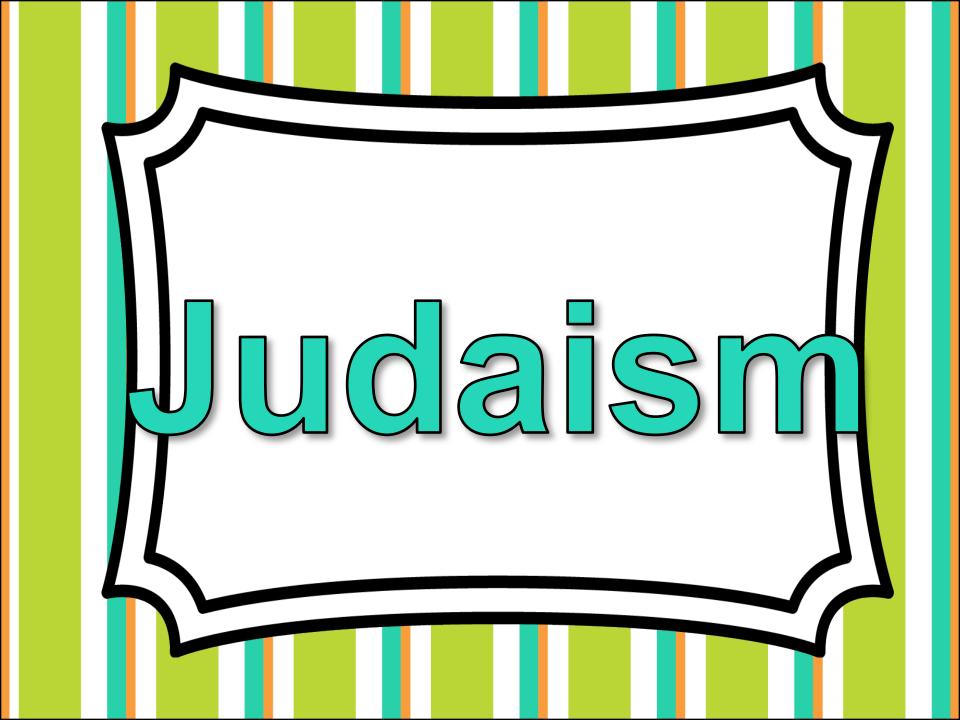
They all share the following SIMILARITIES:

Similarities

- 1) All three believe in one god (monotheistic).
- 2) They all started in Southwest Asia (Middle East).
- 3) They can trace their roots to Abraham as the father of their faith.
- 4) Jerusalem is a HOLY CITY for all.
- 5) All three have a PROPHET and HOLY BOOK.

Jerusalem, Israel





Judaism

It was founded by <u>Abraham</u> around <u>2000 BCE</u> in <u>Mesopotamia</u>.

Jews believe that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Code of Conduct.

The Jewish holy book is the <u>Torah</u>, and Jews worship in <u>Synagogues/</u> <u>Temples</u>.

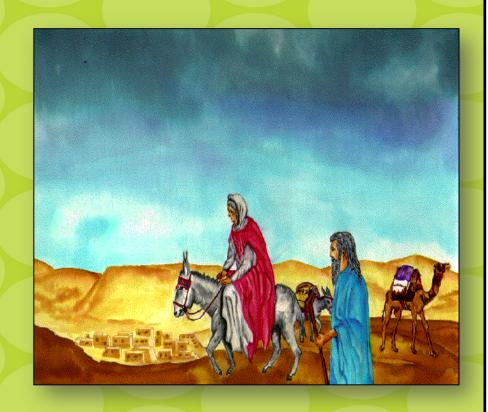
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Jews believe that they descended from Abraham and Sarah, the first people to worship Yahweh (God).

Abraham lived at least 3,700 years ago in what is now Iraq.

The Torah





Abraham & Sarah

Judaism

- Jews worship in synagogues and temples.
- They believe that a messiah (savior) will lead them to the Promised Land.
- "What is hateful to you, do not to your neighbor."



Christianity

Christianity actually has its roots in Judaism.

Christians believe in <u>Jesus</u>, and that he is the <u>messiah (savior)</u>/ <u>SON OF GOD</u>.

Christianity

The <u>Bible</u> is the main holy book for Christians. It contains the <u>Old Testament</u> (<u>Torah</u>) and the <u>New</u> Testament.

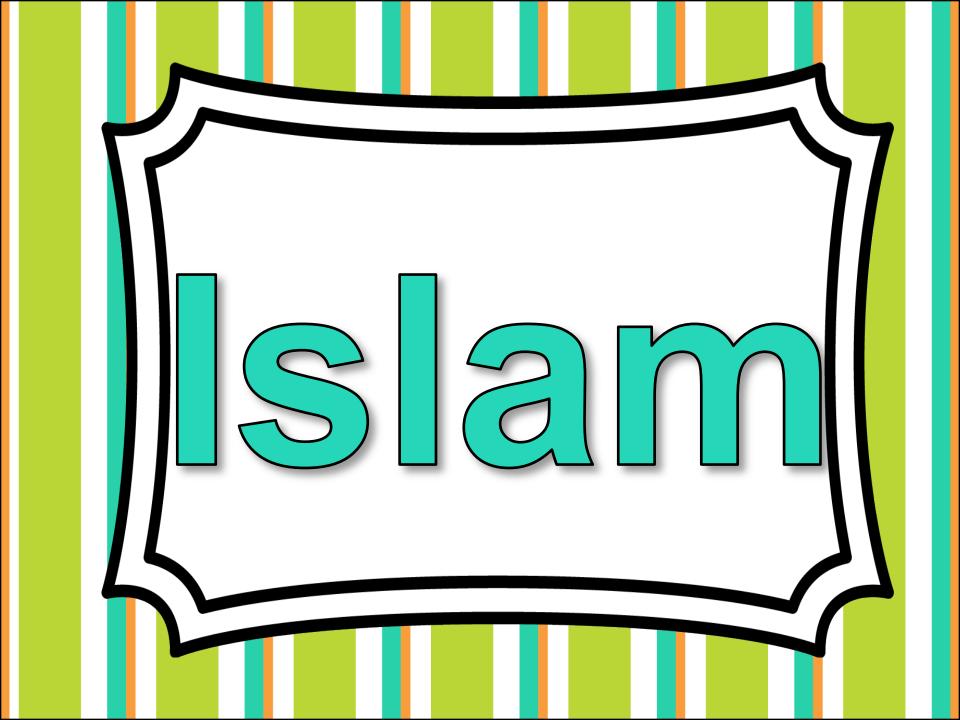


Christianity

Christians are grouped into many denominations.

- Examples include Roman
 Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist.
- All denominations of Christians follow the teachings of Jesus.

Christians worship in churches.



Islam

Islam began around 610 CE in Southwest Asia.

The Arabic word for God is <u>Allah</u> and followers of Islam are called <u>Muslims</u>

Muhammad is the founder of Islam and is considered the greatest prophet.

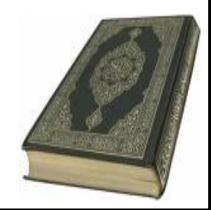
 Other prophets include Abraham, Moses, & Jesus.



Islam

The Holy Text for Islam is the Qur'an (Koran).

Muslims follow the <u>Five Pillars of</u> <u>Faith</u> (obligations all Muslims must fulfill in their lifetime).



Islam

Five Pillars of Faith:



- 1. Prayer
- 2. Almsgiving: Giving to charity
- 3. Profession of Faith:
- Submission to one God (Allah)
- 4. Ramadan: Holy month of fasting
- 5. Hajj (Pilgrimage) a trip to Mecca once in a lifetime.



Two letters written by Muhammad...so old!



Muhammad's Hat, Robe, & Staff





Muhammad's Swords

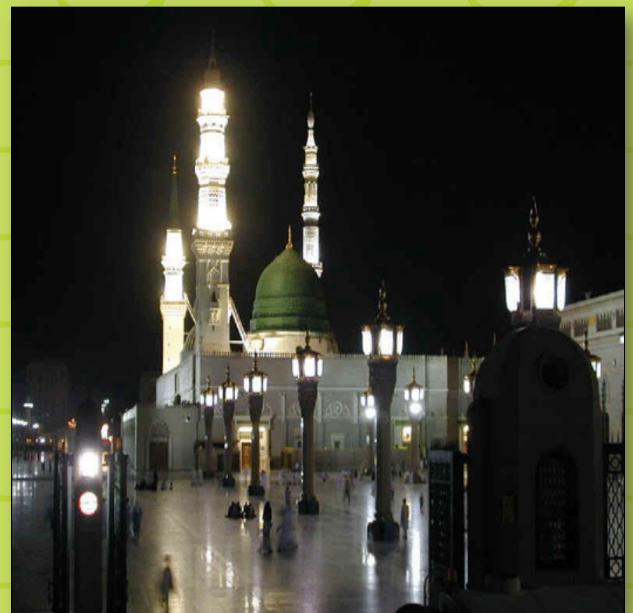


A piece of Muhammad's hair



Muhammad's sandals

The Green Dome in Medina





Muhammad's grave lies under the Green Dome. (This is his casket.)

The Grand Mosque in Mecca

