

# AIM: How can we compare and contrast Judaism, Christianity and Islam?

## DO NOW:

1. How does each of the following pictures represent the concept of monotheism in each religion?



Moses (above) is believed by the Jews to have spoken directly to God.



*Christ's Charge to Saint Peter.* This painting depicts Jesus calling his apostles to duty while the other followers look on.



Muslims practice Islam and worship their god, Allah, at The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

## CHRISTIANITY QUESTIONS

1. What are the Ten Commandments? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Commandments 1 through 4 address the relationship between people and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Commandments 6 through 10 address the relationship between people and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Name the holy books for Judaism: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Christianity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Islam: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How are the holy books of all three monotheistic religions SIMILAR to the Ten Commandments?  
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5. What is the basis for Christianity? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did the followers of Jesus think he was the Messiah? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# ISLAM QUESTIONS

1. What is the Arabic term for God? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the prophet that founded Islam? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the hegira? \_\_\_\_\_
4. List AND explain the Five Pillars of Islam.
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - 2 \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - 3 \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ :
5. How does the first Pillar of Islam compare to the First Commandment of Judaism & Christianity?  
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**EXIT QUESTION:**  
**How can we compare and contrast  
Judaism, Christianity and Islam?**

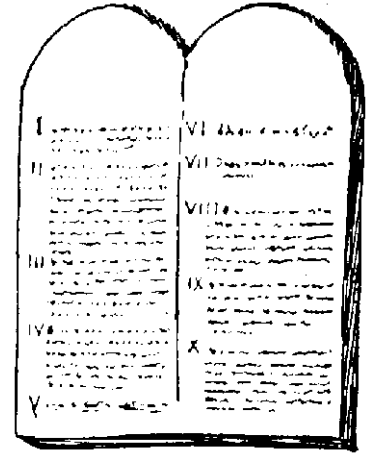
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# CHRISTIANITY



## The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are the ten orders or laws given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. These orders serve as ethical codes of conduct for both the Jews and the Christians.



1. *I am the Lord your God... You shall have no other gods besides me.*
2. *You shall not worship any false images. (i.e., statues, sculptures)*
3. *You shall not use the Lord's name in vein.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother.*
6. *You shall not kill.*
7. *You shall not commit adultery.*
8. *You shall not steal.*
9. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
10. *You shall not covet (be jealous of) your neighbor's possessions.*



**Judaism:**

## HOLY BOOKS:

Torah (most sacred writing)  
Talmud (Jewish laws & ethics)



**Christianity:**

The Bible



**Islam:**

The Koran (Qur'an)

Jews, Christians & Muslims have separate holy books.

However, all three texts provide their followers with ethical codes of conduct.

## Jesus Christ



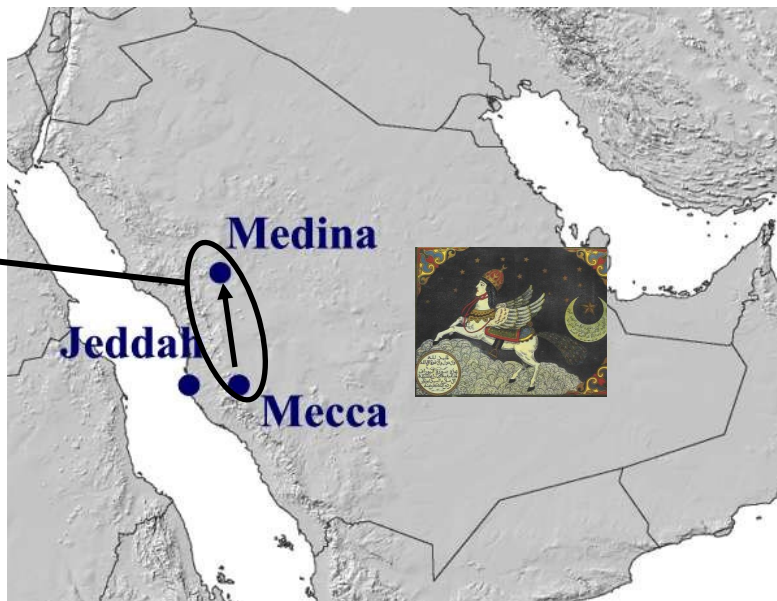
The teachings of Jesus of Nazareth are the basis for Christianity. Christians believe that Jesus entered the world and died to save humanity from sin. He became very popular because he did good deeds and preached to the poor and powerless. When he visited Jerusalem in 29 A.D., enthusiastic crowds greeted him as the Messiah, or king—the one whom the Bible said would come to rescue the Jews. He was tried and put to death for defying the authority of Rome. According to the Gospels, he rose to heaven after being buried for three days. His followers became more convinced than ever that he was the Messiah.

# ISLAM

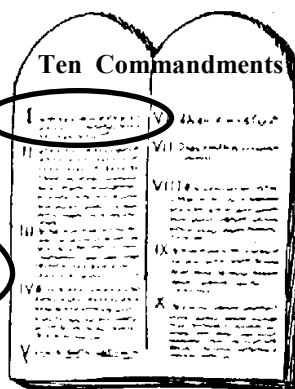
The prophet Mohammed received the word of God (Allah) from the angel Gabriel while living in the city of Mecca. Townspeople soon became fearful of Mohammed's preaching and he began to receive threats. As a result, he fled to the nearby city of Medina, where people began to believe in his message. The flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina was instrumental to the founding of the religion of Islam, and is known as the Hegira. Thus, in 622 CE Islam was founded and this date became the starting point for the Islamic calendar.

Under Mohammed's leadership, the basic teachings of Islam were established, which are known as the Five Pillars of Islam. Every Muslim is expected to follow these rules in order to lead an ethical life:

1. Faith: The belief that "there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is His prophet."
2. Prayer: Muslims must pray five times per day, facing towards Mecca.
3. Charity: Muslims must give to the poor, and support the local Mosque by donating a portion of their income.
4. Fasting: During Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, all Muslims must fast during daylight hours (except the very young or sick).
5. Pilgrimage: Each Muslim must make a hajj, or holy pilgrimage to the city of Mecca.



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