



Main religions of the world

The main religions of the world include Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism. Christianity is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and has over 2 billion followers worldwide, making it the largest religion. Islam, founded by the Prophet Muhammad in the 7th century, has around 1.8 billion adherents who follow the Quran. Hinduism originated in ancient India and has multiple gods and sacred texts like the Vedas; it has over 1 billion followers. Buddhism, founded by Siddhartha Gautama in India around the 5th century BCE, teaches the path to enlightenment and has about 500 million followers. One of the oldest monotheistic religions, which means those with one God, is Judaism, which follows the Torah and has around 15 million adherents worldwide, mainly concentrated in Israel and the United States. Other major religions include Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism and various indigenous faiths.

While differing in beliefs and practices, these religions shape the cultures, traditions and worldviews of billions across the globe.