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GLOBAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

A Comparative Overview of Major World Religions

TRADITION	ORIGIN	KEY TEXTS	CORE BELIEFS
Hinduism	Indus Valley c. 1500 BCE	The Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita	Dharma, Karma, Samsara (Reincarnation), and Moksha.
Buddhism	India/Nepal c. 5th Century BCE	Tripitaka, Mahayana Sutras	The Four Noble Truths, Eightfold Path, Nirvana.
Judaism	Middle East c. 1300 BCE	Torah, Tanakh, Talmud	Monotheism, Covenant between God and the people.
Christianity	Levant/Judea c. 30 CE	The Holy Bible	Jesus as the Messiah, Trinity, Salvation through faith.
Islam	Arabian Peninsula c. 610 CE	Quran, Hadith	Five Pillars of Islam, Submission to the will of Allah.
Sikhism	Punjab, South Asia c. 15th Century CE	Guru Granth Sahib	Equality, service (Seva), and devotion to one Creator.

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