

# WORLD RELIGION EXPANSION PATTERNS

Historical Diffusion and Geographic Distribution

[ World Map Visualization: Expansion Vectors and Core Hearth Areas ]

Religion	Origin (Hearth)	Primary Diffusion Pattern	Key Expansion Era
Buddhism	Northern India	Contagious (Silk Road) / Relocation	3rd Century BCE - 1200 CE
Christianity	Eastern Mediterranean	Hierarchical (Rome) / Relocation (Colonialism)	313 CE - 1900 CE
Islam	Mecca, Saudi Arabia	Contagious (Trade) / Hierarchical (Conquest)	632 CE - 1500 CE
Hinduism	Indus River Valley	Relocational (Migration) / Ethnic Concentration	1500 BCE - Present
Judaism	Canaan	Relocation (Diaspora)	70 CE / 1948 CE

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