**World Belief Systems**

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| **RELIGION** | **Founder** | **Religious Text** | **Location/Region** | **Impact on Society** | **Major Beliefs** |
| **Hinduism** |  | **Vedas** | **India****-3rd largest religion in the world****-** | **Rigid Social Class Structure** **/ No social mobility****-Untouchables** | **Reincarnation****-Dharma****-Karma****Achieve union with Brahman to end Reincarnation.** |
| **Buddhism** | **Siddhartha Gautama/****Buddha (Enlightened One)** | **Tripitaka** | **India, Eastern Asia** | **Allows for social mobility /****All can practice** | **Similar to Hinduism/Reincarnation****Difference: No Caste****4 Noble Truths/Nirvana**1. **All life is suffering**
2. **Suffering is caused by desire**
3. **End suffering end desire**
4. **End desire by following 8 fold path**
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| **Judaism** | **Abraham****Moses** | **The Torah** | **Israel** | **Diaspora** | **Monotheism****10 Commandments****Kosher Law** |
| **Confucianism** | **Confucius** | **The Analects** | **Asia** | **Adopted by Emperors****-Used Education and Civil Service examinations which allowed for social mobility**  | 1. **Relationships**
2. **Ruler/subject**
3. **Father/son**
4. **Husband wife**
5. **Older sibling to younger**
6. **Friend to Friend**

**\*Filial Piety: Respect Elders, creates social order.** |
| **Christianity** | **Jesus** | **The Bible** | **Worldwide** | **Ancient Roman Empire converted to Catholicism (Constantine)** | **Monotheism****10 Commandments** |
| **Islam** | **Muhammed** | **Koran** | **World wide** | **-fastest growing religion** | **Sharia Law****5 Pillars****-Faith****-Prayer****-Alms (donation)****-Hajj****-Ramadan** |
| **Daoism** |  | **Laozi (6th Cent. BC)** | **China** |  | **Nature is the key to belief-Harmony****Ying/Yang****Means “The Way”** |
| **Legalism** | **Li Si** |  | **China** | **Emperors adopted this as a form of rule** | **Strict punishment for disobedience** |
| **Shintoism** |  |  | **Japan** | **Emperors believed to be descendants of sun god** | **Nature-All living things and non living things have spirit-Kami****-worship of ancestors** |
| **Animism** |  |  | **Africa** |  |  |