**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** |
| **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** |  |  |