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People throughout the world have been practicing religion since prehistoric times. Each religion has its own ways to pray, worship, and practice. Today, there are thousands of religions throughout the world.

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Bahá'í

Bahá'í is based on the idea of unity or joining together. It is one of the newest religions in the world. A man named Bahá'u'lláh founded this religion in 1863 in the part of the Middle East that used to be called Persia, which is now Iran. People of this religion believe that God sent messengers to the people to teach truth. The last of these messengers was Bahá'u'lláh.

Followers of Bahá'í believe that all religions worship the same God and that it is important to be kind to other people from other religions. Bahá'ís pray, read, and meditate, or think, every day.



▲ The Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois

FOUNDED: Bahá'í was founded first by people in Persia in 1863, but was spread worldwide in the 1900s, when it first got to the United States.

ORIGIN: Persia (the country that is now Iran)

Belief in a god: One God

Belief in afterlife: Yes

Holidays: Bahá'í New Year; Bahá'í to observe events only from 1863-1912

Buddhism

Buddhism began in India in 563 BCE, or before Common Era, when a man named Siddhartha Gautama began teaching his beliefs. Siddhartha went in search of enlightenment, the way toward the true meaning of life and religion. He found what he had learned to others. Soon, he became known as Buddha. This is the same given to someone who has reached nirvana, the highest form of peace and happiness. Buddhists believe that being kind and giving to people here can help them find nirvana.

Followers practice Buddha's teachings, known as the Dharma. The dharma teaches that after people die they are born again. The way they live in one life determines what their next life will be like.

Today Buddhism has over 300 million followers around the world. Most Buddhists live in Tibet and other parts of Asia.



▲ Buddha statue

FOUNDED: After Buddha died, his followers collected his teachings. No collection is called the Tripitaka in three books.

ORIGIN: India

Belief in a god: No

Belief in afterlife: Yes

Holidays: Vesak is celebration of Buddha's enlightenment, death, and birth; Magha Puja is festival to celebrate Buddha's teachings.

Candomblé

Candomblé began in Brazil over two hundred years ago. It was first practiced by slaves who were brought to Brazil from West Africa to work on sugar plantations. This religion is based mostly on African traditions but also takes some ideas from Christianity.

Followers of Candomblé practice many of their rituals in forests called terreiros. Here they worship things called orixás, which act as a connection between humans and a higher god called Oshunlami.

Followers believe that during special ceremonies, orixás take over their bodies, and dance. In the terreiros, priests and priestesses may wear orixás's features and lead worship. Another main part of Candomblé is the belief that one must follow his or her destiny, or fate.



▲ A woman performs a dance in Candomblé.

FOUNDED: Followers of Candomblé believe that even animals live in sacred areas.

ORIGIN: Brazil

Belief in a god: One God served by lesser deities

Belief in afterlife: Holidays; No written codes for the religion.

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