

Religious Highlightes: *scripture, teachings, holidays, celebrities*

Hinduism - scripture = Bhagavad Gita contained the 4 Vedas that came from Lord Krishna. Many sources have a different take on this.

teaching of the Vedas include Reincarnation and Karma.

Holidays - festival of lights, festival of colors, celebrate birth of Ganesha son of Sheva,

famous - Gandhi, Julia Roberts, John Coltrane, George Harrison, Jerry Garcia, JD Salinger, Deepak Chopra

Islam - Quran

5 pillars include a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to mecca, declaration of faith, obligatory public prayers, compulsory giving, fast during Ramadan

there are a List of 70 sins

2 holidays in Islam: **Eid Al-Fitr** and **Eid Al-Adha.**, at the end of Ramadan

famous- Malcom x., Louis Farakan, Muhammad Ali, Janet and Jermaine Jackson, Dave Chappelle, Shaquille Oneil (although he has attended Lifechurch) Casey Kasem, Mehmet Oz (Dr Oz from Oprah), Mike Tyson, Omar Epps, Kareem Abdul Jabbar,

Buddhism - teachings from the compassionate Buddha (Siddhārtha Gautama, about 400 BC) taught 4 Noble truths:

1. life is suffering - birth, illness, old age, fear, separation, hate
2. the cause of suffering - desires
3. the cure for suffering - remove desire
4. the end of suffering - enlightenment

holidays - Buddhas birthday, Buddhas first teaching on a full moon, observance day of 4 new moons, Robe offering ceremony to the monks, celebration of when Buddha went to heaven to teach his mother, 3 day festival of cleaning and sprinkling perfume water on each other, Elephant festival, the festival of the tooth in sri lanka, ancestor day, the commemoration of Buddhas enlightenment.

The Dalai Lama a Tibetan Buddhist Monk, taught reincarnation, but many other Buddhist do not teach reincarnation, only Karma.

sins -non specific, but the transgressions against the universal moral code there are 5 crimes that should be avoided for the sake of karma -

- 1 Injuring a **Buddha**
- 2 Killing an **Arhat**
- 3 Creating **schism** in the society of **Sangha**
- 4 **Matricide**
- 5 **Patricide**

famous - Richard Gere, Jennifer aniston, orlando bloom, john cleese, penelope cruz, patrick duffy, herbie hancock, goldie hawn, angelina jolie, steve jobs, jennifer lopez, ron reagan jr, george lucas, keanu reeves, steven seagal, sting, george teak, tina turner, tiger woods

Judaism - Torah, Pentateuch

Sabat (sabbath) in the synagog, Kosher dietary laws, wearing of the Tallit (prayer shawl) and a Yamaka / Kippah (skull cap) and practice prayers with a "Davinig" (rocking motion) at the wailing wall in Jerusalem where one day the temple will be built on the temple mount.

Bar mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, are the memorization of the law required when a child turns 12

613 commandments

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah, Feast of tabernacles, festival of lights, Purim, Passover,

famous Jews - Jesus!, Marilyn Monroe, Sammy Davis Jr., Elizabeth Taylor, Gwyneth Paltro, Scarlett Johansson, Lenny Kravitz, Daniel Day Lewis, Ivanka Trump converted to Judaism, Joe Lieberman, Ed asner,

Christians - (Evangelicals) Bible (66 books)

10 commandments

Born again, saved, conversion experience. The Bible is the final authority.

Holidays - Christmas, Easter

celebrities - Denzel Washington, Kirk Cameron, Tim Tebow, Johnny Cash, Martin Luther King jr, Duck Dynasty,

Catholics - (73 books, including the apocrypha)

Holidays - Holy week - palm sunday, ash wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, all saints day

7 sacraments - Baptism, Eucharist, Matrimony, confirmation, penance, holy orders, anointing of the sick (last rites)

7 deadly sins - greed, lust, gluttony, anger, pride, envy, sloth
Mortal sins

7 capital virtues - chastity, liberality (generosity), temperance, brotherly love, meekness, humility, diligence

celebrities - Selena Gomez, George Clooney, Ann Hathaway, Nicole Kidman, Leonardo Decaprio, Mel Gibson, Arnold Swarzenegger, Bono, Jim Carey, Conan OBrien, Peirce Brosnan, Alec Baldwin

Jehovah witness - new world translation of the Bible
the watchtower magazine (periodical)

no belief in hell, 144,000 chosen to go to heaven (the list is finished, don't even think about it)

Jesus was created and not part of a trinity

do not celebrate holidays

can not join military, say pledge of allegiance, get a blood transfusion
6 times have predicted the end of the world unsuccessfully

celebrities - Michael Jackson, Prince, Damon Wayans, Serena and Venice Williams, Naomi Campbell, Dwight Eisenhower,

Mormons - The pearl of great price, The book of Mormon

Doctrines and covenants teach 13 articles of faith which include...

1. God was once a man who lived on another planet
2. We are co-equal with God
3. Elohim (God) had 2 sons, lucifer and Jesus
4. Joseph Smith restored the true church
5. we are not to drink caffeine, alcohol, use tobacco, or drugs

BYU is their college started by Brigham Young

Donnie and Marie Osmond, Mitt Romney, Christina Aguilera, Roseanne Barr, Gladys Knight,