JUDAISM

- 14 million followers
  - Most are American; Israel is the only country that’s majority Jewish
- Being Jewish is a religious description, as well as an ethnicity
- Development began 4,000 years ago
- Roots are in the teachings of Abraham
  - Abraham & God have a covenant in which the Jews agree to worship one God, and God agrees to protect his chosen people
The Great Synagogue
The Great Synagogue
(Budapest)
JUDAISM

• God is called “Yahweh” in Hebrew
• The Hebrew Bible is also called Tanakh, or Torah
• Worship is led by rabbis on Saturdays
  – Friday is day of worship to Muslims
  – Sunday to most Christians
• East coast U.S. cities, especially New York City, have most of America’s Jews
• Many Jewish holidays exist
  – Passover (celebrates God sparing the Jews)
  – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur (fasting holiday)
• Concept of “kosher” is important; Saturday is day of worship
JUDAISM

- Isaac (son of Abraham) is the ancestor of the Jewish nation
- Moses led them out of Egyptian captivity, which eventually led to the first split in Judaism
- Headquarters/capital were Jerusalem
  - Had to rebuild it several times
- Today there are three major forms
  - Reform: adapts to current times
  - Orthodox: retained old concepts
  - Conservative: somewhere in between
    - Common ethnicity binds all 3 groups
JUDAISM

• Scattering of Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem is known as the “diaspora”
  – Term that now signifies the dispersion of members of any ethnic group
  – Some went northward to Europe; some to North Africa; some to other regions of the Middle East
  – Many were persecuted throughout history, denied citizenship, etc.

• In the face of these threats, Jews maintained an extraordinary effort to keep a sense of community & faith
JUDAISM

- Ideology of “Zionism” developed
  - Belief that there should be a Jewish homeland
  - Eventually became Israel
- Obviously, Muslims have a big problem with the Zionist movement
  - As do governments in the Middle East & Northern Africa
CHRISTIANITY
(4 slides)
CHRISTIANITY

- World’s largest religious category
- Over 2 billion Christians
- Variety is immense
  - Three major sects are Protestantism (400 million), Orthodoxy (215 million) & Catholicism (1 billion)
- Can be traced back to Judaism
- Single founder---Jesus Christ (he was a Jew)
- Holy Book is the Christian Bible
The Last Supper (da Vinci)
CHRISTIANITY

• Jesus gained followers as he traveled through the eastern shores of the Mediterranean preaching, performing miracles & gaining followers

• Christians celebrate Easter as the day he rose from the dead after being crucified, fulfilling a prophecy and changing the fate of Jesus’s followers, giving them eternal life
  – Process of being saved differs from denomination to denomination; about how and when it happens
The Orthodox Christianity World
Roman Catholicism
Christian Churches
Christian Churches
The Vatican
The Vatican
CHRISTIANITY

• First split took place in Europe between Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy
  – Happened when the Roman Empire collapsed
• Catholicism has a strict hierarchy (Pope is at the top, includes Cardinals, Bishops & Priests)
• Head of Protestant church is typically a pastor minister
• Head of Orthodox church is the patriarch
• Protestant Reformation led to increase in Protestant faiths
Christian Lineage

- Early Christianity
  - Council of Ephesus (413)
  - Council of Chalcedon (451)

- Great Schism (11th Century)
  - "Unia"

- Reformation (16th Century)
  - Protestantism
    - (Western Rites)
    - Roman Catholicism (Eastern Rites)
  - Restorationism

- Eastern Orthodoxy
  - "Monophysites" (Including Coptic Orthodox)
  - "Nestorians" (Including Assyrian Church of the East)
CHRISTIANITY

• Spreading of Christianity was both contagious & hierarchical
• Colonialism led to worldwide diffusion
  – Through colonists & missionaries, Christianity diffused globally
  – Christianity has the most aggressive and persistent proselytism of any major religious group
• Holidays vary by branch
  – Only branch with dietary restrictions is Catholicism (Lent)
Division of the Roman Empire

- Western Empire
- Eastern Empire

- Dividing line between lands under Diocletian and Maximian

- Home of Constantius I, Maximian’s Caesar
- Trier
- Home of co-emperor Maximian
- Mediolanum
- Rome
- Thessalonica
- Byzantium Niconedia
- Black Sea
- Ocean
- Mediterranean
- Danube
- Rhine

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Religions in the U.S. Today

Protestant Christians 100 mil.+
Catholic Christians 60 mil.+
Muslims 4 mil.
Jews 6 mil.
Orthodox Christian 6 mil.
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CHRISTIANITY IN EUROPE

Protestant majority
- Lutheran
- Calvinist
- Church of England

- Roman Catholic majority
- Eastern Orthodox majority
- Not Christian majority
ISLAM
(5 slides)
The Islamic World
Islam in the World Today
ISLAM

• Of the big 5 religions, Islam is the youngest
• 1.5 billion followers
• Islam = religion….Muslim = adherent
• Single founder = the prophet Muhammad
  – Born in Mecca; received the truth directly from Allah in a series of revelations that began when Muhammad was in his early 40s
  – He spoke the verses of the Koran(holy book)
  – He believed Allah had already revealed himself through Judaism’s Abraham and Christianity’s Jesus
  – Forced to flee Mecca for Medina—which became his new base

• Mecca & Medina are the most sacred cities(along with Jerusalem which is also sacred to Christians & Jews)
History of Islam

• Latest of the world’s largest religions
• Has many common elements (people, histories, stories) with Judaism and Christianity
• Ishmael (eldest son of Abraham) is considered the ancestor of Arab people
Distribution of Islam
Muslims in the U.S. Today

Muslim Estimate
Adherents as a Percentage of Total Population

Percent of Population
- 25% or more
- 10% - 24.99%
- 5% - 9.99%
- 1% - 4.99%
- 0.5% - 0.99%
- 0.01% - 0.49%
- Not present
ISLAM

• Muslims believe in a judgment day (just like Christians)

• Foundation for the religion are the Five Pillars
  – Shahadah (only one God, Allah)
  – Salah (prayer 5 times daily facing Mecca)
  – Zakat (almsgiving, must donate to the needy or poor or the mosque)
  – Sawm (the fast during Ramadan)
  – Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims are supposed to make)

• Islam forbids alcohol, consumption of pork products, smoking and gambling
Mecca, the holiest city for the Muslims.
The Interior of the Ka'bah
Muslims must kiss the black stone in the Kaaba.
ISLAM

• Islam is divided into two major groups
  – Sunni Islam
  – Shia or Shiite Islam

• 90% of Muslims are Sunni; Iran, Bahrain & Lebanon are the only majority Shiite countries; Iraq is fairly split

• The differences
  – Conflict over the succession of Muhammad
    • Shiites believed the successor should be Ali; Sunnis disagreed
  – Sunnis believe the effectiveness of family & community should solve life’s problems
  – Shiites believe the imam (Muslim leader) should give direction
  – Other differences exist in rituals & prayers
Two branches of the Muslim faith

Believe any Muslim can lead the religion. Most Muslims are Sunni Muslims.

Believe the leader of the Muslims must be a descendant of Muhammad. Shiite Muslims are mostly in Iran and Iraq.
Most Muslims are not Arabs. Many Arabs are not Muslim.
ISLAM

• Islam spread through trade routes to Southeast Asia
  – Indonesia is the most populated Muslim country

• Spread near the Middle East, as well as through relocation diffusion to the Americas

• Islam is the fastest growing of the big 5 religions
ISLAM

• Some Muslims (more Shiites, than Sunnis) believe in “fundamentalism”
  – Based on the literal interpretation of the Koran and urges strict behavioral guidelines to comply with the religion

• Some countries use Sharia law in a fundamentalist way---behaviors lead to punishments

• Sharia Law
  – In many nations there are no definitive laws
  – It is more of a system of law based on consensus opinion, the Koran and the beliefs of Muhammad
OTHER RELIGIONS (5 slides)
OTHER RELIGIONS

• SHINTOISM
  – Big in Japan; an ethnic religion; based on worshipping things of nature (belief that these things possess “kami” or spirits)

• CONFUCIANISM
  – Based on teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius; based on familial relationships, harmony, etc.

• DAOISM/TAOISM
  – Based on teachings of Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu; based on the release of personal desires to achieve; concept of harmony with nature or “feng shui” exists

• SIKHISM
  – Combination of certain elements of Islam & Hinduism (consequently disliked by Muslims & Hindus)
OTHER RELIGIONS

• Religions like Sikhism where combinations of religions exist are called “syncretic religions”

• JAINISM
  – A fundamental interpretation of Hinduism; big in western India; followers are strict vegetarians, look at animals as potentially being gods

• VOODOO
  – No scripture; beliefs & rituals vary from place to place; big in the Caribbean (Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic) and West Coast Africa
OTHER RELIGIONS

• SHAMANISM
  – Community faith where people follow their “shaman”, a religious leader and teacher; exists mostly in Africa

• MORMONISM
  – Some classify it with Christianity, some do not
  – Some feel Joseph Smith was a prophet of God; some don’t
  – Some feel it is polytheistic (Brigham Young referred to it that way at least once)
  – Book of Mormon is primary book of faith; Bible is another book of faith
  – Commonly referred to as LDS (Latter Day Saints)
  – Most Mormons adamantly consider themselves Christian
  – Has a history of polygamy—outlawed today
  – Utah is the state with the highest LDS influence
OTHER RELIGIONS

- Of the 50 states, Utah has...
  - Lowest divorce rate
  - Highest birth rate
  - Lowest death rate
  - Lowest teen pregnancy rate
  - Lowest abortion rate
  - Highest rate of charitable giving
  - More married adults than any other state
OTHER RELIGIONS

• SECULARISM
  – At least ¼ of the world is nonreligious
  – Church attendance, of any religious type, is at its all-time low
  – Religious traditions have weakened
    • 50 years ago, it would be hard to find any business open on Sunday
    • Now, its almost unheard of to be closed on Sunday (and many are open during Sunday morning hours)