

# COMPARING RELIGIONS OF THE HOLY LAND

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOUNDER</b> (Prophets)</p>	<p>A person who establishes or starts a religion. The prophet who attracts early followers to a new religion.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOLY TEXT</b></p>	<p>Spiritual writings regarded as deserving reverence or respect by followers of the faith.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRED RITUALS and CEREMONIES</b></p>	<p>A religious or solemn ceremony or holiday observed by followers. These are "special" events.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORSHIP SERVICES and PLACES</b></p>	<p>Acts of devotion to God in an organized setting. This is the WHERE and the HOW this religion is practiced by groups of followers.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOLLOWERS</b></p>	<p>This is what the faithful members of this religion call themselves.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RULES OF MORAL CONDUCT</b></p>	<p>To behave or act in accordance with the religious beliefs. These are what all of the faithful are expected to do.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARTICULAR DRESS/ SYMBOLS</b></p>	<p>Wearing clothing that symbolizes religious beliefs or in reverence to God. These are physical signs, worn on the body, of one's faith.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEADERS/ HIERARCHY/ ORGANIZATION of the Religion</b></p>	<p>A body of clergy organized into successively higher ranks. These are the officials that run the religion and lead the faithful by exerting control or influence.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOCATION/ "Holy Land"</b></p>	<p>The place where a religion is established. This is where many important sites can be found.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECTS</b> (What makes them unique?)</p>	<p>Groups of believers that form units within a larger religion because of a distinct set of beliefs or practices.</p>	
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