

1 Minute Quickwrite - What is religion?

Religion

: the belief in a god or in a group of gods

: an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods

: an interest, a belief, or an activity that is very important to a person or group

Components of Religion

Belief - a feeling of being sure that someone or something exists or that something is true

Ideology - system of beliefs

Doctrine - ideologies taught by the organized religion



Middle Eastern Religion Vocab

Monotheistic - worship of one god

BCE (BC) - before common era

CE (AD) - common era

Diffusion - to spread, usually of ideas



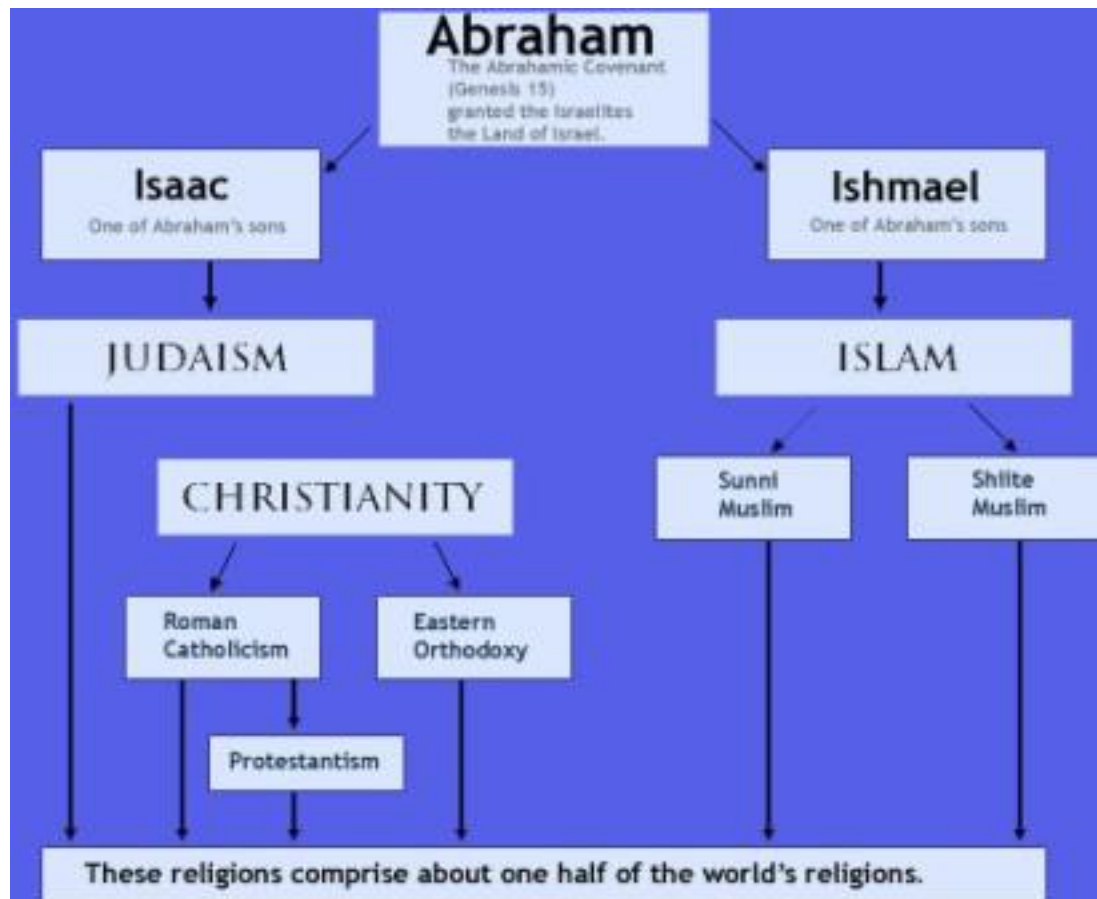
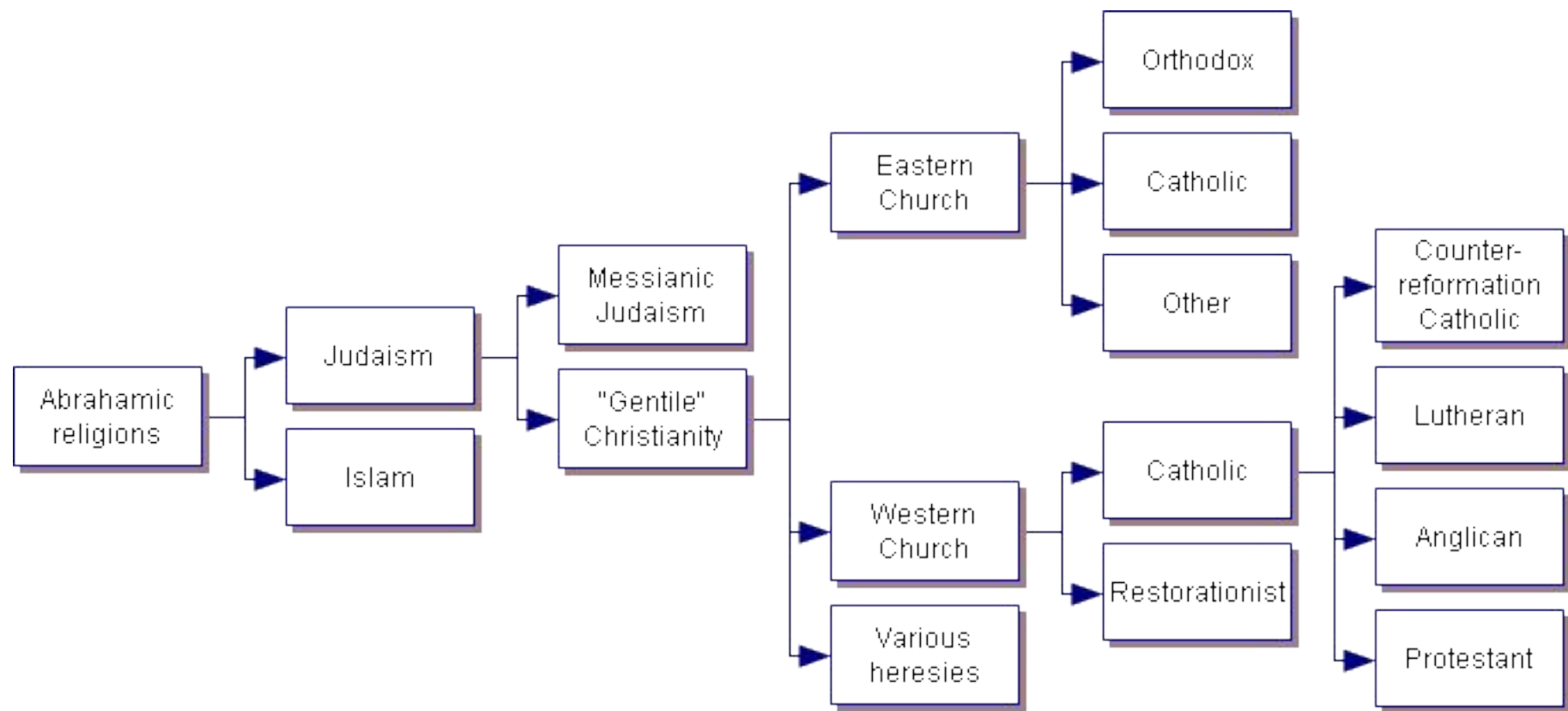


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Religion - Essential Questions

What are the characteristics that are common among Judaism, Christianity and Islam?

What are the observable patterns of diffusion of these religions?



Judaism Background

Synagogue - temples

Torah - Five Books of Moses

Hebrew - language

Passover - commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year (sunset Oct. 2nd - nightfall Oct. 4th, 2016)

Yom Kippur - Atonement for sins (Oct. 12, 2016)



Judaism - Western Wall

Western wall of the 2nd Temple Mount

Was Jewish temple - now Mosque





Jerusalem: Dome of the Rock, Dome Interior



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Christianity Background

Churches - Places of worship

Bible - Book of worship

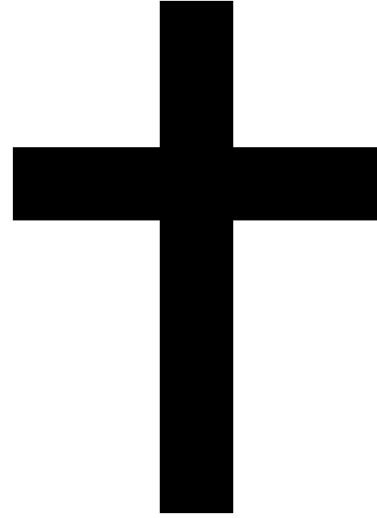
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Holidays:

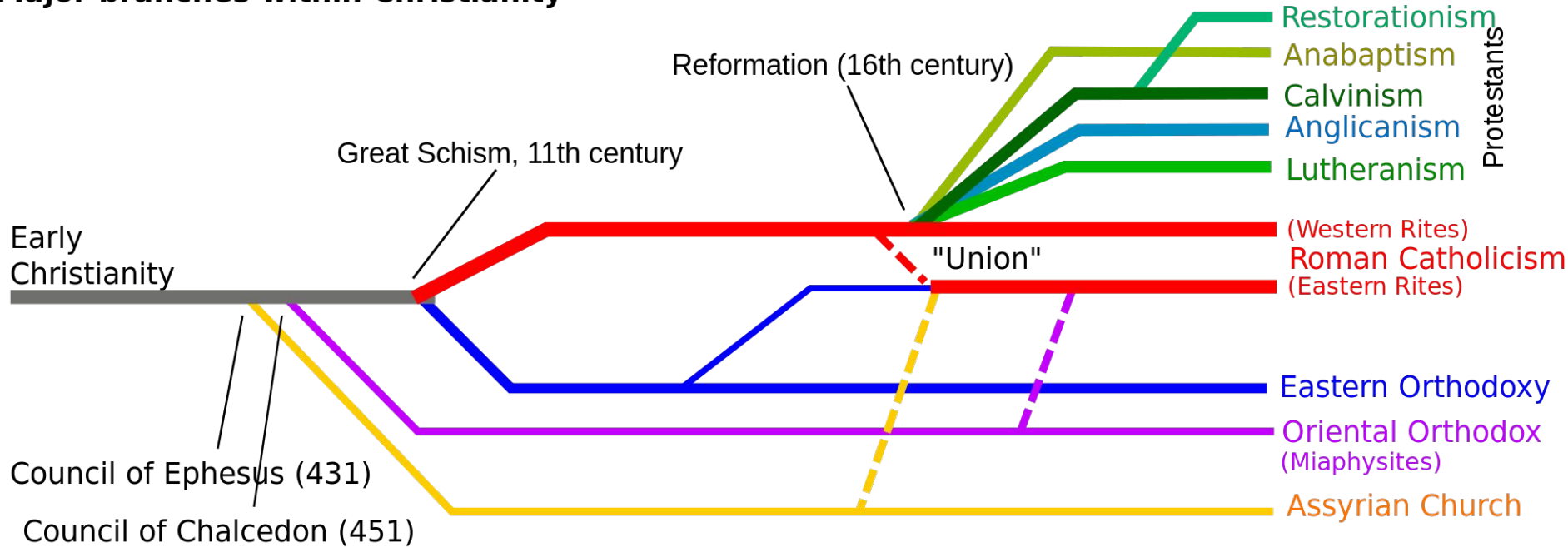
Christmas: celebration of when Jesus was born

Lent: 40 days before Easter, focus on self-examination and self-denial

Easter: resurrection of Jesus Christ



Major branches within Christianity

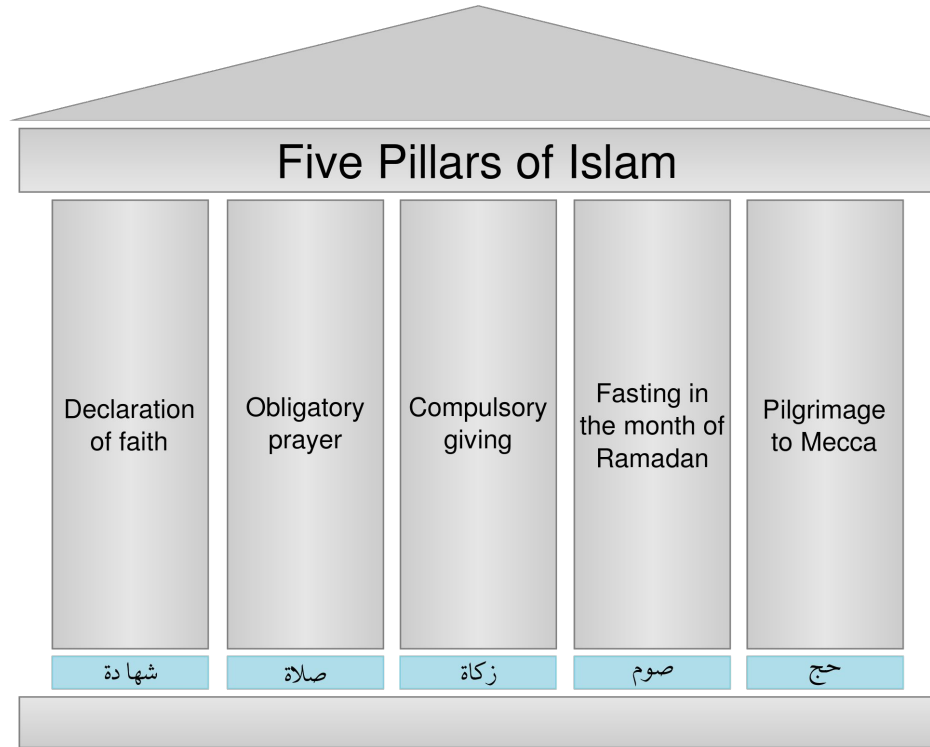


The Vatican

- City-state surrounded by Rome
- .17 square miles
- Pope Francis



Teachings of Islam



Istanbul, Turkey



Islam Background

Mosque - place of worship

Quran - Book of worship

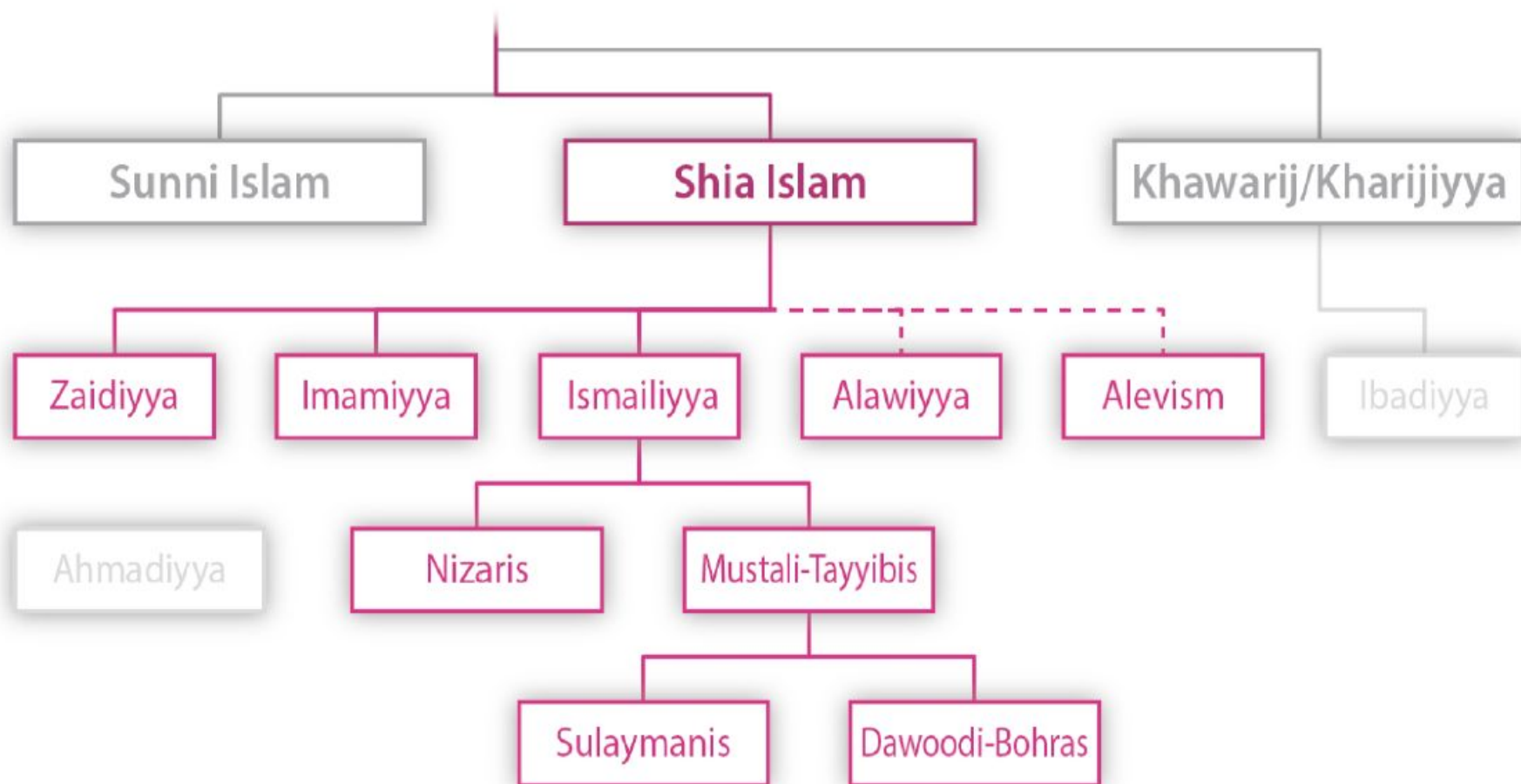
Arabic - Language

Eid al-Fitr - marks the end of Ramadan (the month of fasting)

Eid al-Adha - honors willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son to God, until God intervened. Muslims sacrifice an animal and split it into 3: for family, for friends, and for the poor.

Ramadan - 9th month in Islamic calendar; month of charity, fasting, and prayer.

Figure 1 – The branches of Islam



Methods of Diffusion

Hierarchical - mandated by the powers that be

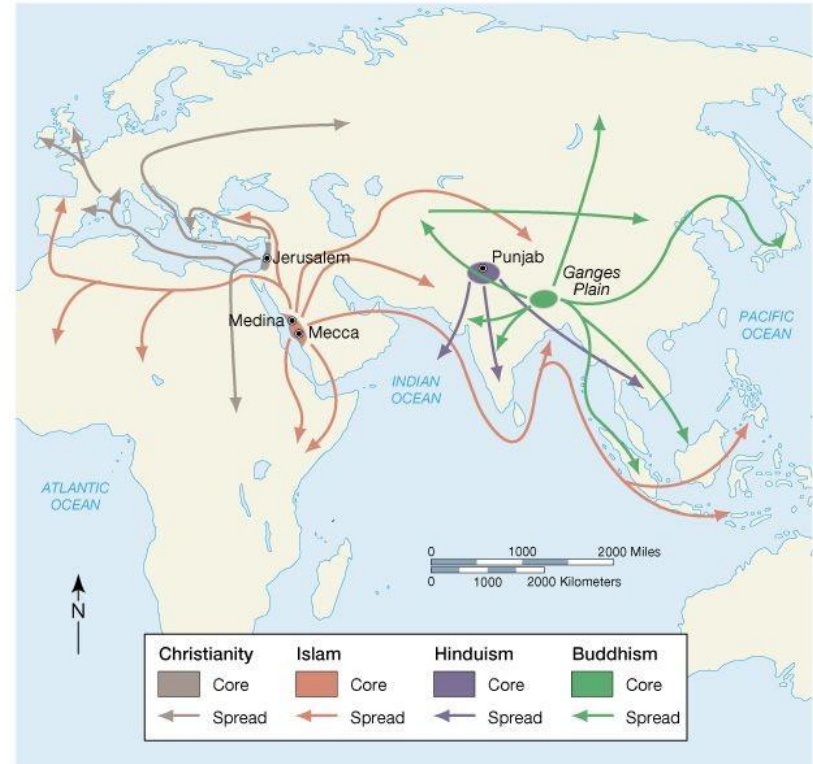
- (ex. conquest)

Contagious - by coming in contact

- (ex. trade)

Relocation - migration

Hearth Areas - where the idea first began



What forms of **diffusion** do you witness in this video?



Background Readings

How did each religion diffuse (spread)?

- Read the packet and answer the question.
- Highlight or underline any facts in the packet that help you support your answer.
 - How did the religion spread by hierarchy (etc)?

You may work with groups.

Religion Quiz

1. What religion has “pillars” in its faith?
2. List **three** similarities the Abrahamic religions share.
3. What are **two** differences?
4. What is the order (from oldest to newest) of the Abrahamic religions?