

The 6 Primary World Religions

A Summary

FAITHS OF THE BOOK

EASTERN RELIGIONS

	JUDAISM	CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM	HINDUISM	BUDDHISM	SIKHISM
Number of Deities	1	1	1	Up to 33 million	0	1
Year of Establishment	1312 B.C.E.	33 C.E.	610 C.E.	5000-3000 B.C.E.	544 B.C.E.	1699 C.E.
Calendar Year (2022)	5782	2022	1443	2079	2566	554
Global Followers (2021)	15.2 Million	2.38 Billion	1.8 Billion	1.35 Billion	506 Million	30 Million
Word for 'God' in Origin Language(s)	Yahweh (Hebrew)	Elâhâ (Aramaic) Deus (Latin) Allah (Arabic) Yahweh (Hebrew) Theós (Greek)"	Allah (Arabic)	Deva (Sanskrit)	Deva (Sanskrit)	Waheguru (Punjabi)
Book(s) of Scripture	Torah Talmud	Bible	Qur'an	Vedas	Tripitaka	Granth Sahib
Key Figures of Influence in Each Faith	Abraham Isaac Moses David Joshua Joseph Ruth Naomi Esther	Jesus Virgin Mary Joseph Abraham Isaac Moses David Paul Luke Matthew Mark John	Prophet Muhammad Ali ibn Abi Talib Jesus Abraham Isaac Moses David Virgin Mary	Brahman (Creator) Vishnu Shiva Devi Krishna Lakshmi Saraswati	Buddha	Guru Nanak Guru Angad Guru Amar Das Guru Ram Das Guru Arjan Guru Hargobind Guru Har Rai Guru Har Krishan Guru Tegh Bahadur Guru Gobind Singh
Primary Calendar	Hebrew	Liturgical	Hijrī	Panchangam	Lunisolar	Nanakshahi
New Year's Day for the Faith	Rosh Hashanah	First Sunday of Advent	1 Muharram Hijri Nowruz (Shi'a)	Ugadi	Mahayana Theravada Losar	Nanakshahi Era
Date of New Year	Date Varies September/October	Four Sundays before Christmas	Date varies each year. Nowruz is the first day of spring.	Date varies March/April	Date varies based upon nation.	March 13 or 14
Key Observances	Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Passover	Lent Easter Christmas	Ramadan Eid al-Fitr Eid al-Adha	Holi Navratri Diwali	Vesak Chinese New Year	Vaisakhi Bandi Chhor Divas Maghi
Days Employees, Friends and Colleagues Are Likely to Take Time Off to Observe. <i>Peak Travel Costs Too.</i>	Typically in September and early October, Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur = High Holy Days. Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day, is a 24-hour fasting day. Passover is a week-long observance in the spring.	Lent is a fasting time in the 40-days leading up to Easter, the holiest day in Christianity. Lent begins in February or March, and goes up to Easter. Easter is the 1st Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox Christmas is always on December 25."	Ramadan is the month-long fast (from sunrise to sunset), and a time of reflection. Eid-al-Fitr is the 3-5 day celebration at the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Adha, also 3-5 days, occurs two months later. Each year these events fall 11-days earlier.	Holi occurs near the Vernal Equinox in March. Navratri is a 10-day festival in late September / early October. Diwali is in late October / early November.	Vesak is the Buddha's birthday and occurs in May. Chinese New Year is a 15-day celebration in late January through mid-February.	Vaisakhi is on April 13 Bandi Chhor Divas is late October or early November Maghi is January 14

