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World Religion Vocabulary Terms



Abraham: Hebrew leader who made a covenant with God

Acceptance: act of taking something as true or satisfactory; approval

Baptism: the Christian sacrament of washing away old sins; for infants, "original sin"

Dalai Lama: spiritual leader of Tibet associated with Buddhism

Deity: a god or goddess

Denomination: a Christian religious group, usually including many local churches; for example: the Lutheran denomination

Diaspora: the dispersion or spread of people beyond their original homeland

Discriminate: to make a distinction in favor of or against a person on the basis of the group, class, or category to which the person belongs rather than according to actual merit

Eucharist: the Christian sacrament of Holy Communion or Lord's Supper, during which the eating of bread and drinking of wine/juice represents Jesus' sacrifice of his body and blood.

Guru: religious teacher that leads Hindu worship

Hypocrisy: a pretense of having a virtuous character, moral or religious beliefs or principles, etc., that one does not really possess.

Jesus Christ: believed by Christians to be the son of God

Mecca: the city in Saudi Arabia where Muhammad was born, the spiritual center of Islam; Muslims face Mecca during their prayers, five times a day.

Missionary: a person sent to promote a particular religion in a foreign place

Monks: men responsible for preserving and teaching Buddhist teachings, guiding followers

Monotheism: the belief that there is only one God

Muhammad: prophet that is believed by Muslims to have received messages from Allah

Philosophy: the study of the nature of knowledge, existence based on observation and argument

Pilgrimage: a religious journey

Polytheism: the belief in more than one god, or many gods

Ramadan: the month of fasting, when Muslims do not eat or drink during the daylight hours between sunrise and sunset

Reincarnation: the belief that the soul, upon the death of the body, comes back to earth in another body or form

Religion: relationship with a higher power

Sabbath: Saturday, day of rest, day that Jews attend synagogue to worship

Sacred: something holy; devoted or dedicated to a deity; having a religious purpose

Siddhartha Gautama: Indian prince that witnessed people suffering; became known as Buddha

Stereotype: an oversimplified notion or idea about a person, group, thought, etc. held in common by members of a group, which allows for no individual judgments

Tolerance: a fair, objective and respectful attitude towards those whose opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality, etc., differ from one's own; interest in and concern for the beliefs of others; a patient, impartial and open-minded spirit.

Other words that are new to me or ones that I find interesting:

