


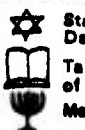


This is the spread ["Some Key FACTS about the 8 MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS"] of coverage in an extremely simple, cartoon-style pamphlet I've found useful in many different groups of all levels of age and sophistication. It's in a great series: "Scriptomatic Booklets," Channing L. Bete Co., Greenfield MASS [zip unknown to me, don't know st. address].

Religion	Where	Supreme Being	Founder/ When Founded	Historical Leaders	Leadership	Sacred Writings	Holy Places	Typical Holy Days	Symbols
CHRISTIANITY 924,274,000*	Western EUROPE Western HEMISPHERE	God	Jesus 30 A.D.	John the Baptist, 12 Disciples, 4 Gospel Writers, Writers of Epistles	VARIED Priests Ministers Laymen	BIBLE Old Testament New Testament	Bethlehem Jerusalem Rome Nazareth	Christmas Good Friday Easter	 Protestant Catholic and Eastern Orthodox
ISLAM (IS' LAM) 493,012,000	ARABIA MIDDLE EAST	ALLAH	Mohammed 570-632 A.D.	Mohammed Hussein (grandson) Abu Bakr, Omar, Othman, Ali	None	KORAN	Mecca Jerusalem	Ramadan (Sacred Month)	the crescent (NEW MOON) 
HINDUISM 436,745,000	INDIA CEYLON	BRAHMAN All Reality	No historical founder 3200 B.C.	Mahatma Gandhi Ramakrishna	Sannyasis (holy men) Guru (preacher)	Vedas Brahmanas Upanishads Great Epics	Benares (city) Ganges (river)	The Mela Holi Festival Dasera Divuli	8-fold law cycle of birth and rebirth  8-spoked wheel
CONFUCIANISM 371,587,000	CHINA JAPAN KOREA	(Confucius) Shang-Ti	Confucius 557 B.C.	Yang Chu Moh Tih	None	NuChing Sau Shu	None	None	None
BUDDHISM (Boo' dizm) 176,920,000	CHINA JAPAN INDIA BURMA	108 different NAMES	Gautama 560-480 B.C.	Gautama Amitabha	Bhikkhus Monks Also Nuns Lamas	Dharma (Sutta) Vinaya Abhidhamma	Sarnath Lumbini Buddh-Gaya Kusinara	Perahera Festival in Ceylon Wesak (Kason) In May	 Lotus blossom
SHINTO 69,662,000	JAPAN	IZANAGI (Sky Father) IZANAMI (Earth Mother)	No founder 6th Cent. A.D.	None	None	Nihongi Kojiki	Mt. Fujiyama	New Year Bon (Festival of Dead) Tenri-Kyo (Jan.)	 Torii MIRROR
TAOISM (dow' ism) 54,324,000	CHINA	Jede Emperor many folk gods	Lao-Tzu (or Lao-Tse) 604 B.C.	Lao-Tse Chuang-Tse 350-275 B.C.	None	Tao-Te-Ching	Kiangai and many hoiy mountains	Birthdays of Gods Festival of Souls Autumn Festival	 YIN female, dark YANG male, light
JUDAISM (Joh'-deh-ism) 13,537,000	ISRAEL EUROPE WESTERN HEMISPHERE	Yahweh (Jehovah or God)	Abraham 1300 B.C.	Moses Amos Micah	Rabbis (laymen)	Torah Talmud	Jerusalem	Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Hanukkah Purim- Passover	 Star of David Tablets of Law Menorah

* Estimates of number of adherents of each religion vary greatly.
Above figures are from 1971 Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year.