

Religions: World Religions

There are thousands of religions in the world today. Some religions, such as Hinduism, have been around for millennia, while others, such as Mormonism started as recently as just a few hundred years ago. Some of the world's major religions are Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism and Buddhism. While most of the people in the world identify themselves as followers of one religion, some people are followers of multiple religions. There are also atheists, or people who do not believe in the existence of a god. And, there are agnostics, who neither accept nor deny the existence of a god.

Many religions came to life as the result of the great teachings of one person. Such examples include Lao Tse (Taoism), Jesus Christ (Christianity), and Mohammed (Islam). Some religions proclaim the existence of only one God. These are called monotheistic religions. The most commonly known monotheistic religions are Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Other religions, such as Shinto and Hinduism, include numerous gods. These religions are called polytheistic. One of the most famous polytheistic religions of all time in the western hemisphere is that of the ancient Greeks. They believed that there was a god controlling each of the major forces in the world, such as war, music, love and the sea. And finally, some religions, such as Taoism, don't focus on the existence of a god at all, but instead concentrate on simply teaching how to live a benevolent and spiritual life.