

World Religions Comparison Chart

Religion Name	Founder	The Gospel	The Church	God	Jesus	Salvation	Jesus' Resurrection	Writings
Biblical Christianity	Jesus Christ	Jesus alone saves from sin	Those who are saved through biblical faith in Jesus Christ	Trinity: One God manifested as Father, Son and Holy Spirit	God in the flesh. Jesus was fully God and fully man, without sin	By God's grace alone; a gift from God; received by faith in Jesus' death to atone for the believer's sin	Bodily resurrection in a glorified spiritual body	The Bible alone
Christian Science	Mary Baker Eddy	Religious beliefs of Jesus' teachings, not the atonement	A collection of spiritual ideas	Impersonal universal presence	A man in tune with the Divine Consciousness, not the Christ	Correct thinking	No	Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Miscellany
Freemasonry	Founded in 1717 in London as a men's secret society	There are many "gospels" worldwide – all forming the one true gospel. You go to heaven by being a "good and faithful Mason."	A person has to believe in "a supreme being" and "an afterlife of some type" in order to become a member.	True name: Apolyon – commonly referred to in the lodge as the Grand Architect of the Universe.	A good man. A prophet. Not the only way to salvation. One of many ways to the "celestial lodge in the sky."	Keeping the laws and ordinances of their highly secretive organization. They take oaths unto death to keep the organization secret.	Belief in freedom from the physical realm; Do not believe Jesus is the only way for this to be accomplished	Studies in their specific writings. Each lodge will have a religious book on its altar, commonly the Bible but also the Koran, Vedas, Book of Mormon.
Islam	Muhammad	Faith in Allah and works	n/a	One God: Allah Non-Trinitarian	A prophet. Not God	By Allah's grace and man's works	No	Qur'an, Hadith
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell, 1879	Jesus opened the door for us to earn our salvation	Member of their church only	One Person	Michael the archangel who became a man	Keeping the commandments, being in their organization	Rose as a spirit creature; deny the resurrection	Studies in the Bible, the Watchtower and Awake Magazines
Judaism	Moses and Abraham	Completely reject the Gospel of the New Testament	Those born of the seed of Abraham or converts into Judaism	One Person	An imposter "messiah"	Keeping the Commandments, the Law and the rituals of the faith	No	Primarily the Old Testament and the Talmud
Mormonism	Joseph Smith, 1830	Jesus' atonement plus the Laws and ordinances of the gospel	Members of their church only	Triad – 3 gods	The brother of the devil and of all people	Resurrected by grace, saved by doing works	Yes	Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price

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Roman Catholic Church	Jesus, Peter as the first "Pope" or father of the church, Mary as the "mother" of the church	Membership in the Catholic church by baptism and Faith in Christ	Members of their church only	Trinity – One God, Three Persons	God in flesh, with heavy emphasis of Mary as the intercessor to Jesus	Baptism into the RC church plus consistent partaking of the Catholic "sacraments". Not by grace alone.	Yes	The Bible plus the Apocrypha. Church history and the declarations of the Pope can carry equal or greater weight or authority than the Bible itself.
Sikhism	Guru Nanak Dev Ji, in Punjab in 1469 AD	The worship of the One God through prayer and devotion. Sikhs are required to meditate on God's name to clear their mind and eliminate the 5 evils. Meditation is also used to bring oneself closer to God.	All faiths will get what they work towards.	Belief in one God and teachings of the Sikh Gurus	Jesus is looked as a "saint". Sikhs do not believe that Jesus is God because Sikhism teaches that God is neither born, nor dead. Jesus was born and lived a human life, therefore, he cannot be God.	Worship God, do Good Deeds in the name of God, performing service for community. Fight 5 evils (5 sins) - Greed, Ego, Attachment, Anger, and Lust. Meditate, pray, and improve your relationship with God and God will forgive, cleanse, and save you.	No	Sahib Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaaj (Holy Scripture and final Guru of the Sikhs completed by the 10th Guru, Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji Maharaaj)
Hindu	Not credited to any founder	To follow dharma, i.e. eternal laws; To break the cycle of birth, death and reincarnation, and attain salvation.	Open to anyone, and not just human beings. Even animals are eligible for God's grace.	Dependent on school of thought. Monism, polytheism, Monotheism.	Jesus was a guru, an enlightened teacher. He showed that through rigorous spiritual practice we can realize our own universal "god-consciousness."	Carrying out religious ceremonies, duties, rites; acts of worship, meditation, yoga techniques	Upon his death Jesus became enlightened and merged with the godhead, the force from which creation springs.	Vedas, Upanishad, Puranas, Gita.