

Comparative Religions

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Within each geographic category, the order of presentation reflects the antiquity of the religions (the oldest listed first):

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RELIGIONS FROM INDIA

- Hinduism
- Jainism
- Buddhism
- Sikhism

RELIGIONS FROM CHINA

- Confucianism
- Taoism

RELIGION FROM JAPAN

- Shinto

COMPARATIVE CHARACTERISTICS (In the software version, selecting any characteristic brings up the appropriate section from each of the religions, one after the other, for a "head to head" comparison.)

- Worldly Authorities
 - Cultural Background
 - Founder(s)
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