

Handout A

World Religion Summary

Go through the information in this chart in small groups. The information is generic and allows a superficial understanding of some differences between the religions.

Branches			Religions			Categories						
	Early Church		Christianity	Judaism	Islam	Hinduism	Dharmic	Taoic	None	Other		
	Orthodox	Roman Catholic										
	Protestant		• New Testament	• Torah	• Qur'an	• 4 Vedas	• Punjab region of India / Pakistan	• Non-theistic	• Lao Tzu	• Confucius	• Native to Japan	
	• Traditions central		• Jesus both prophet and messiah (human God)	• Ortho-praxis focus	• Jesus a prophet, Muhammad final prophet	• Oldest Faith	• Soul rebirth & karma	• Buddha's Eightfold Path	• Uprty	• Ethical guidance	• Rituals to access past	
	• Identifies with original church		• Redemption from sin through Jesus	• Strict monotheism	• Multiple gods, 1 supreme	• Tolerant	• Oneness of God	• Greater Way	• Tibet, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam	• Personal effort required for rebirth	• Way of the Elders	
	• Pope is supreme		• No pope	• Scripture v. tradition	• Faith v. works	• Grace v. merit	• Caliph by election	• Caliph by birthright descent	• Iran and eastern Iraq	• Vishnu is supreme God.	• Non-ascetic, monastic, meditative	• Rich in saints, temples, & scripture
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