

COMPARING MIDDLE EAST RELIGIONS

WHAT ARE THREE MAJOR MIDDLE EAST RELIGIONS?

JUDAISM

ISLAM

CHRISTIANITY

WHO ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF EACH MIDDLE EAST FAITH?

HEBREWS (JEWS)

MUSLIMS (ARABS)

CHRISTIANS

WHAT WAS THE HOLY TEXT OF EACH MIDDLE EAST FAITH CALLED?

TORAH

QURAN (KORAN)

BIBLE

WHAT DO THESE THREE HOLY TEXTS HAVE IN COMMON?

Moral Guides for Life based on the Teachings of God's Words

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WHAT ARE THE MAJOR BELIEFS OF EACH OF THESE RELIGIONS?

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1. Monotheism (Belief in the same "One True God")
 2. Daily Prayer
(3 Times a Day)
 3. Charity (Giving to the Poor in the form of Tithes/Alms)
 4. Fasting
(Dietary Law)
 5. Sabbath
(Fri Night to Sat Night)
 6. Messiah
(Still to Come)
 7. Pilgrimage
(Wailing Wall in Jerusalem)
2. Daily Prayer
(5 Times a Day)
 4. Fasting
(Month of Ramadan)
 5. NO Sabbath
(Every Day is HOLY)
 6. NO Messiah
(Only God Saves)
 7. Pilgrimage
(To the Ka'ba in Mecca)
2. Daily Prayer
(At least once a Day)
 4. Fasting
(Passover / Lent)
 5. Sabbath
(SUNDAY)
 6. Messiah
(Jesus of Nazareth)
 7. Pilgrimage
(Stations of the Cross)

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WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS OF PASSAGE FOR EACH OF THESE RELIGIONS?

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| 1. Circumcision
(Now only Boys) | 1. Birth
(Survival w/o Sin) | 1. Baptism
(Cleansing of Soul) |
| 2. Bar/Bat Mitzvah
(Boys/Girls – Age 12/13)
(Read the Torah/Celebrate) | 2. Childhood
(Memorizing Quran)
(Formerly Circumcision) | 2. Communion
(Confirmation of Faith) |
| 3. Marriage (Joining of man & woman symbolizing union of Adam & Eve) | | |
| 4. Death (Requiring different ceremonial rituals in each Middle East Faith) | | |



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WHAT ARE THE OTHER KEY ELEMENTS OF THESE RELIGIONS?

JUDAISM

1. Rabbi



2. Synagogue

3. Jerusalem
Jews (Wailing Wall)
Arabs (Ascension of Muhammad)
Christians (Crucifixion of Jesus)

ISLAM

1. Imam



2. Mosque



3. Mecca
a. Ka'ba
b. Hajj & Hijrah
c. Trade Ctr

CHRISTIANITY

1. Priest



2. Church / Cathedral