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## World Religions

People throughout the world have been practicing religion since prehistoric times. Each religion has its own ways to pray, worship, and practice. Today, there are thousands of religions throughout the world.

**Bahá'í**

Bahá'í is based on the idea of Unity, or coming together. It is a monotheistic religion that began in 1863 in the part of the Middle East that used to be called Persia, which is now Iran. People of this religion believe that there is only one God and that Jesus, Moses, and Muhammad were all messengers of that God. Bahá'í believe that all religions worship the same God and that it is important to be kind to other human beings. Bahá'í believe in equality, love, and tolerance, or being nice to everyone.

**Did you know?** Bahá'í are known for its beauty in planning for cities. In 1900, the first plan for a Bahá'í city was created, which is still the most visited site.

**Belief:** Persia (the country that is now Iran)  
**Belief in a god:** One God  
**Belief in afterlife:** Yes  
**Holiday:** Baha'i New Year; Bahá'í believe in one God, so there is no specific holiday.

**Buddhism**

Buddhism began in India in 500 B.C., or Before Common Era, when a man named Siddhartha Gautama began teaching his ideas. Siddhartha went in search of **enlightenment**, or seeking the true meaning of life and religion. He spread what he had learned to others. Soon, he became known as Buddha. This is the name given to someone who has reached Nirvana, the highest level of spiritual realization. Buddha believed that being kind and giving are the most important things in life.

**Followers practice:** Buddha's teachings, known as the Dharma. The Dharma teaches that after passing the test of life again, the way that one's life differences what their soul will be like.

**Did you know?** Buddha has over 300 million followers around the world. Most of these people live in India and other parts of Asia.

**Belief:** Buddha  
**Belief in a god:** No  
**Belief in afterlife:** Yes  
**Holiday:** Vesak is a celebration of Buddha's enlightenment; Magha Puja is a festival to celebrate Buddha's teachings.

**Candomblé**

Candomblé began in Brazil over two hundred years ago. It was first practiced by slaves who were brought to Brazil from West Africa to work on sugar plantations. This religion is based mostly on African traditions but also includes some Christian elements.

Followers of Candomblé practice many of their rituals in Yorubá (African) languages. Many of these Yorubá deities, called orixás, which act as a connection between humans and the divine. Candomblé is a syncretic religion, meaning that followers believe that during special ceremonies, deities take over their bodies, and dance. In the dances, priests and priestesses may read omens, forecast the future, and heal people. Candomblé is the belief that one must follow his or her destiny, or fate.

**Did you know?** Followers of Candomblé believe that each person has an ancestral soul.

**Belief:** Brazil  
**Belief in a god:** One God served by lesser deities  
**Belief in afterlife:** Holidays: No religious service for this information.

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**(Leola Smith)**

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