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Similarities between all religions:

\*They all want to “fix” us or make us better in a way

 how to fix sin, desires, salvation

 follow rules, live a good life, pray…to get to better place

 provide explanations for unknown, they all address creation, pain, suffering

 abstinence?

 encourage putting effort into something (prayer, diet…) to get happiness out of it, to please their god

\*Treatment of others (golden rule = treat others the way you want to be treated) How society should function – how to live your life

\*They all have symbols of their religion, holy text, places of worship, prophets/gurus

 ex. Sikhism = khanda, Guru Granth Sahib Ji, temple, 10 gurus

 Christianity = cross, Holy Bible, church, Jesus

 Hinduism = Om, Vedas, temple/shrine, Pandit (priest not so much guru)

 Buddhism = Dharma wheel, Varga, temple, Buddha

 Judaism = star of David, Tanakh & Talmud, synangogue, Moses

 Islam = crescent w star, Quran, mosque, Muhammad

All have a belief in a diety or dieties, afterlife of some sort (reincarnation, heaven/hell…) How you live your life determines afterlife

god/gods are omnipresent, omniscient (?)

power of prayer, meditation

Holy days, Rituals, Identification

Sikhism = Diwali, Vaisakhi, martyrdom Guru Arjan, Amritshak (baptism), 5Ks

Hinduism = Diwali, Janmashtami, Puja, Maala

Christianity = Christmas, Easter, communion, baptism, baby dedication, cross, rosary

Judaism = Shabbat, Hannukah, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Passover, star of David

Islam = Ramadan, Eid, 5 Pillars

Buddhism = Buddha’s Birthday, Vesak, jade Buddha pendant, Buddha beads

Rituals, celebrations of important people and events, building of community,

Build a sense of community, family and belonging

Persons who dedicate their life to the religion aka. monasticism

Sikhism = Gyani (priest), Nihani (armed Sikh warrior)

Hinduism = Pandit

Christianity = monks, nuns, priests, deacons, pope, pastor

Judaism = Rabbi

Islam = Imam

Buddhism = monks, nuns

(dress code? modesty, head must be covered…)

Some commonalities

Prophets (Jesus, Buddha, Abraham, Muhammad…)

Places of worship

Pilmgrimages

Islam = Hajj

Sikhism = Golden Temple 5 Takhts (temples)

Buddhism = Mahabodhi Temple (THE Bodhi tree)

Christianity & Judaism = Jerusalem, Haz

Hinduism = 4 Peethas (home to Vaishno devi)