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|  | **Judaism** | **Hinduism** | **Buddhism** | **Islam** | **Christianity** |
| **Foundering Leader** | * **Abraham**
 | * **None – based on Aryan beliefs**
 | * **Buddha or Prince Siddhartha Gautauma**
 | * **Mohammed**
 | * **Jesus**
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| **How many Gods?** | * **One**
 | * **Many**
 | * **None**
 | * **One**
 | * **One**
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| **Holy Writings/ Major revered text** | * **The Torah**
* **Ten Commandments**
* **The Hebrew Bible**
 | * **The Vedas**
* **The Upanishads**
* **Bhagavad-Gita**
 | * **None**
 | * **Qur’an**
 | * **The Bible – Old and New Testaments**
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| **Beliefs/Teachings** | * **Monotheism (1 God)**
* **Sabbath (Holy Day)- Saturday**
* **Moses led the Jewish people out of Egyptian slavery & brought them the Ten Commandments**
 | * **Karma**
* **Reincarnation**
* **Do not eat beef**
* **Cows are sacred**
* **Caste System**
* **Priests on top/laborers on bottom**
* **Untouchables**
 | * **Four Noble Truths = Eight Fold Path**
* **Karma**
* **Reincarnation**
* **Goal is to reach peace and harmony (Nirvana)**
 | * **God in Arabic is “Allah”**
* **Mohammed was a prophet**
* **Five Pillars of Faith-5 duties that Muslims must fulfill.**
 | * **Jesus was God’s only son, sent to Earth to save humankind from sin**
* **Jesus was crucified by the Romans**
* **Jesus rose from the dead**
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| **When?** | * **2000 BC**
 | * **Thousands of years ago**
 | * **500 BC**
 | * **600 AD**
 | * **30 AD**
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| **Where- Starting Geographic Location** | * **Country of Israel**
 | * **India**
 | * **India**
 | * **Arabian Penninsula-Saudi Arabia**
 | * **Israel**
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