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|  | **Judaism** | **Hinduism** | **Buddhism** | **Islam** | **Christianity** |
| **Foundering Leader** | * **Abraham** | * **None – based on Aryan beliefs** | * **Buddha or Prince Siddhartha Gautauma** | * **Mohammed** | * **Jesus** |
| **How many Gods?** | * **One** | * **Many** | * **None** | * **One** | * **One** |
| **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** |
| **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** |
| **When?** | * **2000 BC** | * **Thousands of years ago** | * **500 BC** | * **600 AD** | * **30 AD** |
| **Where- Starting Geographic Location** | * **Country of Israel** | * **India** | * **India** | * **Arabian Penninsula-Saudi Arabia** | * **Israel** |
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