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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 oneness, together. It is one of the newest religions in the world. A man named Bahá'u'lláh founded this religion 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 God sent messengers to the people to teach truth. The last of these messengers was Bahá'u'lláh.

Followers of Bahá'í believe that all religions worship the same God and that it is important to be kind to other human beings. Bahá'ís pray, read, and meditate, or think, every day.

**Origin:** Persia (the country that is now Iran)

**Belief in a god:** One God

**Belief in afterlife:** Yes

**Holidays:** Bahá'í New Year; Bahá'í observances only days each year

**Buddhism**

Buddhism began in India in 560 BCE, or before Common Era, when a man named Siddhartha Gautama began teaching his beliefs. Siddhartha went in search of enlightenment, the way toward the true meaning of life and religion. He spent what he had learned to others. Soon, he became known as Buddha. This is the same given to someone who has reached nirvana, the highest form of peace and happiness. Buddhists believe that being kind and giving to worthy people can help them find nirvana.

Followers practice Buddha's teachings, known as the dharma. The dharma teaches that after people die, they are born again. The way they live in one life determines what their next life will be like.

Today Buddhism has over 380 million followers around the world. Most Buddhists live in Tibet and other parts of Asia.

**Origin:** India

**Belief in a god:** No

**Belief in afterlife:** Yes

**Holidays:** Vesak (in celebration of Buddha's enlightenment, death, and birth); Magha Poya (in honor 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 takes some ideas from Christianity.

Followers of Candomblé practice many of their rituals in temples called terreiros. Here they worship beings called orixás, which act as a connection between humans and a higher god called Oshunlame.

Followers believe that during special ceremonies, orixás take over their bodies and dance. In the terreiros, prayers and possessions may read people's fortunes and read worship. Another high part of Candomblé is the belief that one must follow his or her destiny, or fate.

**Origin:** Brazil

**Belief in a god:** One God served by lesser deities

**Belief in afterlife:** No; orixás guide for this information

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*(Prof. Jeremie Blanda DDS)*

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