

## Chapter 15

### The only true religion

#### Christianity the largest religion with 2.5 Billion adherents

They say in order to be a good salesman you have to believe in the product you are selling. The same holds true for soul winning. Let me assure you that in soul winning you are selling the best religious product on the market which is Christianity. The Christian religion is the only religion that can be traced back to God as the founder. Christianity is the only religion that its founder, Jesus Christ came back to life and is still alive. There were thousands of eye witnesses that confirm that Jesus was crucified on a cross and was buried but came back to life and was seen by thousands of people. History can indisputably trace Christianity back to Jesus Christ the son of God. I know of no religion that disputes that Jesus Christ was a real live historical figure. Many of these other religions quote him and copy many of his teachings. History and the Bible record that Jesus Christ had no earthly father. There are eye witnesses and written historical records to verify this. In the new testament book of Matthew the first chapter is the ancestry or family tree of Jesus Christ starting with a man named Abraham 4000 years ago. Some people ask why did God choose Abraham to be the God father of this great nation? The fact is that he chose God and loved God above all other men alive. God spoke directly to him making a covenant with him to make a nation of his decedents that would be the kingdom on earth of God and through his blood line would come the savior of the world namely Jesus Christ. However that blood line is interrupted just at the birth of Jesus and is stopped. There is a jump and gap at the event of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. The historical genealogy comes forward through each father of the household for about 2000 years until it goes forward 42 generations and it says Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary who was the mother of Jesus who is called the Christ. The father of Jesus is God himself. Mary became pregnant by an act of God while she was a virgin and had not had sex with any man. Notice it does not say Joseph was the father of Jesus because later on in the Bible it says Joseph was the step father of Jesus Christ. Almighty God was the father of Jesus who told his disciples repeatedly that very fact while he walked on this earth. All through out the 2000 years prophesy's of the Old Testament there were given many predictions about Jesus being born. In fact so many were given that it is mathematically impossible for them to have been a coincidence. Now in the blood line or ancestry of Mary the mother of Jesus it is traced back to Adam and Eve in Luke chapter 3. I especially love verses 37 and 38 that say " Enoch was the son of Jared , which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth , which was the son of Adam which was the **son of God**. Wow that just sets me on fire. Jesus Christ is the SON of God.. No other religion on earth can state that fact. No other religion can save man from their sinful state. These other religions are just rules and regulations while Christianity is a relationship with a real live individual, Jesus Christ.

Now let me tell you about 5 well known and popular religions. You will quickly see that all but Christianity were founded by men. If you want to do a further study you will find that most of these men were criminals in their time, some adulterers, child molesters, thief's and crooks in general. The information has been gathered from Wikipedia the free on line dictionary. This is to present a non biased brief description of each of these religions.

#### Judaism the oldest religion

This religion is believed to have been started by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in what is now Iraq. This was about 6000 years ago. Archeological evidence dates it back to Egypt to the time 4000 years before the birth of Jesus. The religion was then accepted by a man name Abraham and from his lineage came the birth of Jesus Christ the son of God. Verified by modern language in the New testament in Matthew the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. The Hebrew Bible places Abraham's birth 1,948 years after the Creation, or 1948 AM ([Anno Mundi](#), "Year of the World") These writing are verifiable through history and archaeological evidence. The Hebrew race was the one that produced the birth of Jesus Christ through a virgin woman impregnated by God and born to a virgin Hebrew girl named Mary. Today there are 13.4 million Hebrews or Jews as they are now called. 42% live in the country of Israel 42% in the United states and the rest scattered around the world.

#### Islam the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest religion

Islam or Muslims as the followers are called was founded in Mecca in 622 CE by a guy named **Muhammad ibn Abdullah** the prophet. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest religion with 1.5 billion followers. Most modern people know it as the religion of the modern day terrorist. He is buried where he died, which was in Aisha's



Mormon belief system is oriented geographically around the North and South American continents. Mormons believe the people of the Book of Mormon lived in the western hemisphere, that Christ appeared in the western hemisphere after his death and resurrection, that the true faith was restored in upstate New York by Joseph Smith, and that the [Garden of Eden](#) and location of Christ's second coming were and will be in the state of Missouri. For this and other reasons, including a belief by many Mormons in [American exceptionalism](#), [Molly Worthen](#) speculates that this may be why [Leo Tolstoy](#) described Mormonism as the "quintessential 'American religion'"

## **The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest of the world's independent religions.**

[4]The Bahá'í Faith (☞ [/bə'haɪ/](#))[1] with 6 million followers is a [monotheistic religion](#) founded by [Bahá'u'lláh](#) in 19th-century [Persia](#), emphasizing the spiritual unity of all humankind.[2] There are an estimated five to six million Bahá'ís around the world in more than 200 countries and territories.[3] ]In the Bahá'í Faith, religious history is seen to have unfolded through a series of divine messengers, each of whom established a religion that was suited to the needs of the time and the capacity of the people. Three core principles establish a basis for Bahá'í teachings and doctrine: the [unity of God](#), the [unity of religion](#), and the [unity of humankind](#). [4] From these postulates stems the belief that God periodically reveals his will through divine messengers, whose purpose is to transform the character of humankind and develop, within those who respond, moral and spiritual qualities. Religion is thus seen as orderly, unified, and progressive from age to age. Again a religion started by man and is a collection of his belief

### **Worlds most populist country**

Just for kicks and giggles I threw in these facts about the worlds most populated country, China and what religions they have. Sad to say that 90% of the Chinese folks are headed for hell. Only 150 million Christians out of 1.3 billion population. But thanks be to God there are nearly as many Christians in China now as in the United States and the number is growing very fast..

Nowadays [Shenism-Taoism](#) and [Buddhism](#) are the largest religions in China with respectively over 30%[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#) (of which 160 millions, or 11% of the total population of the country, are [Mazuists](#)[\[15\]](#)) and 18–20%[\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#) of the population adhering to them, thriving throughout the country as the government is allowing them to spread.[\[19\]](#) Almost 10% of the population is composed of those regarded as [non-Han ethnicities](#) who following their traditional tribal religions.[\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#) Christians are 3–4% of the population according to various detailed surveys,[\[22\]](#)[\[23\]](#)[\[24\]](#)[\[25\]](#) although American press states there might be more due to the house church movement;[\[26\]](#) Muslims are 1–2%.[\[27\]](#) The remaining section of the population, ranging between 40% and 60%, is mostly agnostic or [non-religious](#); purely [atheists](#) are 14–15%.[\[24\]](#)[\[28\]](#)[\[29\]](#) Various [new religious movements](#), both indigenous and exogenous, are scattered across the country.[\[30\]](#) [Confucianism](#) as a religion is popular among intellectuals.[\[31\]](#)

### **Be proud you are on the winning team of Jesus Christ**

There are over 200 registered religions in America today. None of them can trace their origins back to the God of the universe. More importantly Jesus Christ is still alive today and in full operation mode. When he was crucified on a cross he rose from the dead and was seen by hundreds of witnesses. When he finally left earth in bodily form he sent his Holy Spirit to live in every believer that accepts and wants him.

I was out fishing on the pier on the gulf of Mexico this past summer. I met a guy that had been just released from prison. He claimed that he had studied many different kinds of religions and had concluded that all and any of them could get a person to heaven if they believed hard enough in one of them. He asked me what if a person lives in the darkest, deepest jungles of Africa in a tribe with 200 other Africans? What if no human ever comes to them and tells them about any form of religion? I said that is a problem with any other religion but not

with Christianity because Jesus Christ will go visit them personally. He has that ability.

I used to belong to Chuck Colson's "Prison fellowship" group in Arizona. We used to go into the prison for 3 days on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and tell prisoners about Jesus. We would eat and sleep right in the prisons with the convicts. Of course we slept in a room separate from the prisoner. I remember we met an inmate that had been in Fort grant prison for 13 years. He had been convicted of killing 3 people. He was super mean. He would fight and try to kill anyone he could get his hands on. He was thrown in solitary confinement for a 24 day sentence. Solitary is a 6 foot by 6 foot concrete room with no lights or windows. There is a trench around the inside wall filled with the human waste of the inmate. He was fed through a hole in the door where he spit at and tried to bite the hand that fed him. He had no idea what day or time it was. He grew more hateful and mean as time passed. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day during the pitch dark he saw a figure that spoke to him and said "I am Jesus Christ I love you and I was sentenced to the prison of hell and suffered just like you. I took your hate, pain and sin for you and you don't have to live like this Trust me." He said if you are for real I'll accept you right now. The only way he knew it was the 23<sup>rd</sup> day was because he was let out the next day. His life was totally changed. When I met him it was 5 years later. He was as gentle as a lamb. A healthy, handsome man. He had gained trustee status and was able to live in the general population with other inmates. He has learned a trade of machinist while attending trade school in prison. Of course he was serving a life sentence and has no desire or hope to ever get out of the physical prison but he is out of the prison of sin. He is as free as any person living in the free world.

