



Universalizing Religions

Abrahamic Faiths

**Abraham/
Ibrahim**

Ishmael

Old son,
Slave-Girl
Mother

Arabs

Islam

Shia

Sunni

Wahhabi

Who gets
daddy's
blessing &
promised land
(Israel)?

Isaac

2nd Son,
Wife =
Mother

Jews

Jesus = Messiah?

Yes

No

Christian

**Orthodox
Jews**

**Roman
Catholic**

**Eastern/
Russian
Orthodox**

Protestants

(Baptist, Lutherans, Methodists
Presbyterians, Free Evangelicals,
Locked up Evangelicals,
Non-denominational...)

Sikhism

Buddhist/
Islam
Mix

3 Types of Christian Diffusion

Relocation Diffusion

- Christian Missionaries moved from city to city bringing the teachings of Christianity to new places.
- Roman Soldiers as they conquered new lands.
- Through trade routes across the Western world.

Contagious Diffusion

- As people converted, they spread the teachings from person to person.

Hierarchical Diffusion

- As leaders of countries were converted, their influence caused their subjects to convert as well.
- European Conquest and Imperialism of the 16th – 19th century to places such as North America, Africa, Asia, Etc.

Three Major Branches of Christianity

Roman Catholicism

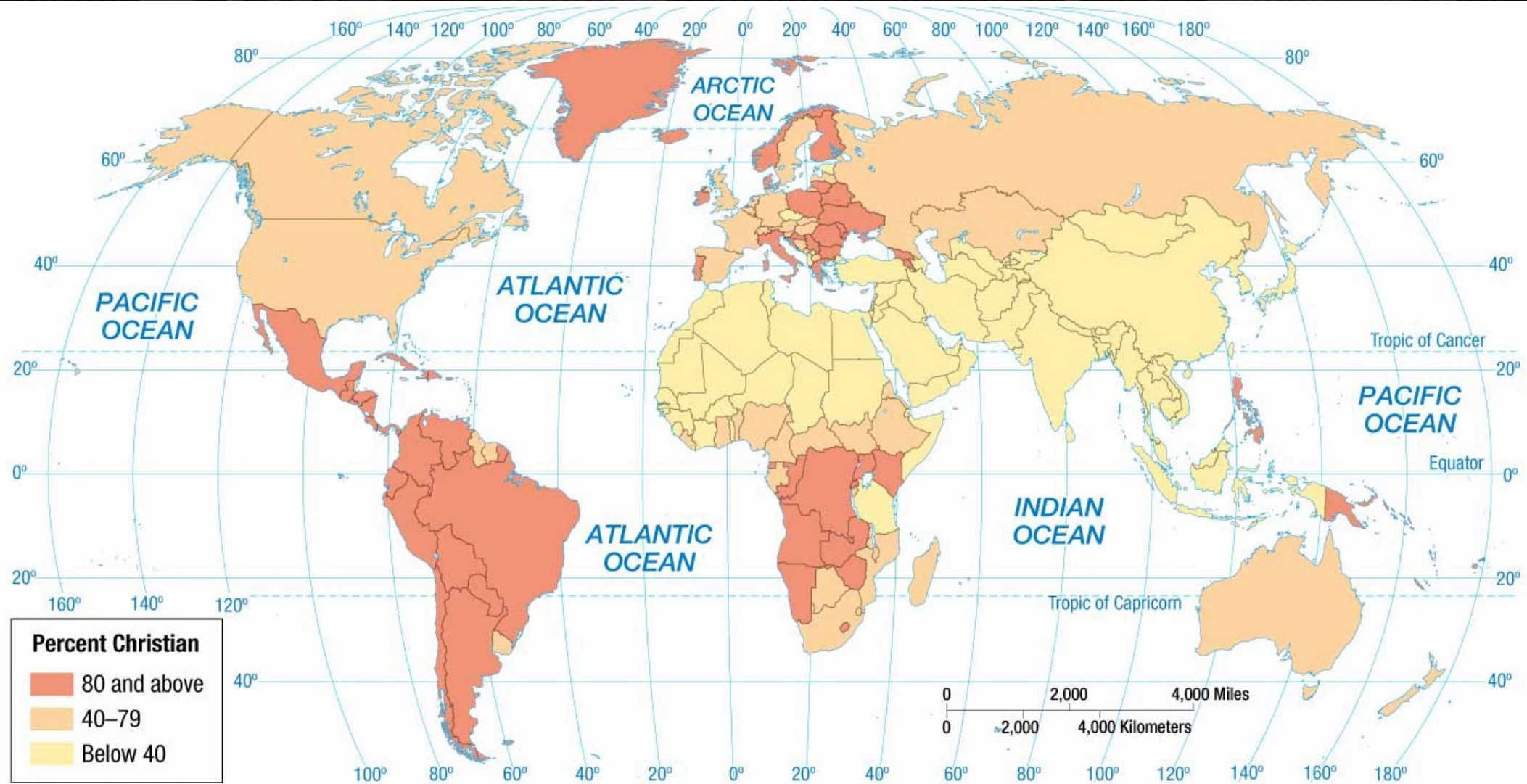
- 51% of Christianity
- Concentrations in Latin America, French Canada, Central Africa, and Southern and Eastern Europe.

Protestantism

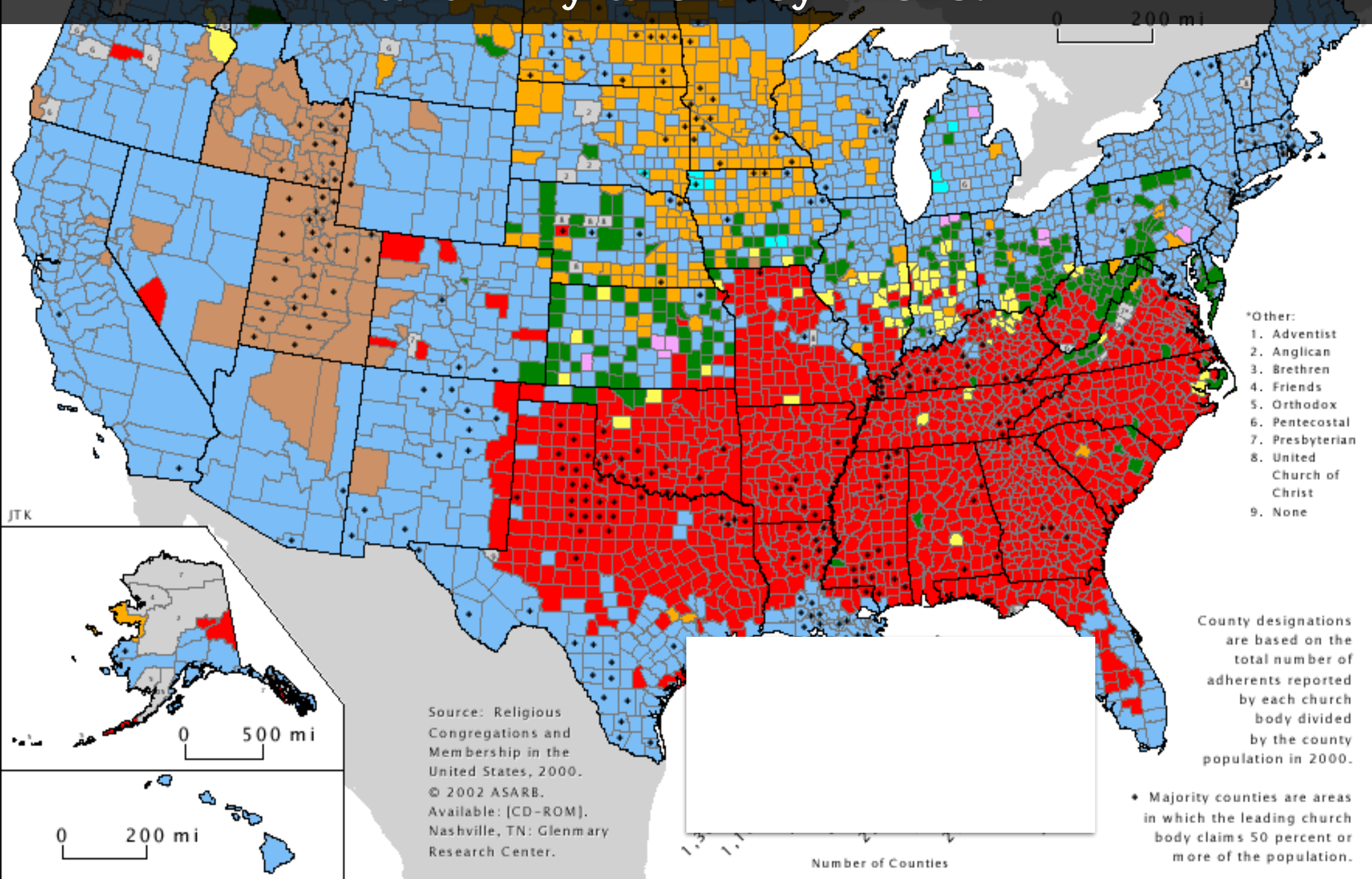
- 24% of Christianity
- Split from the Roman Catholic church in the 16th century.
- Concentrations in North America, Northern Europe, Britain, South Africa, and Australia

Eastern Orthodox

- 11% of Christianity
- Split from the Roman Catholic church in the 11th Century.
- Concentrations in Eastern Europe and Russia.



What Christian denominations are located in the US and why are they there?



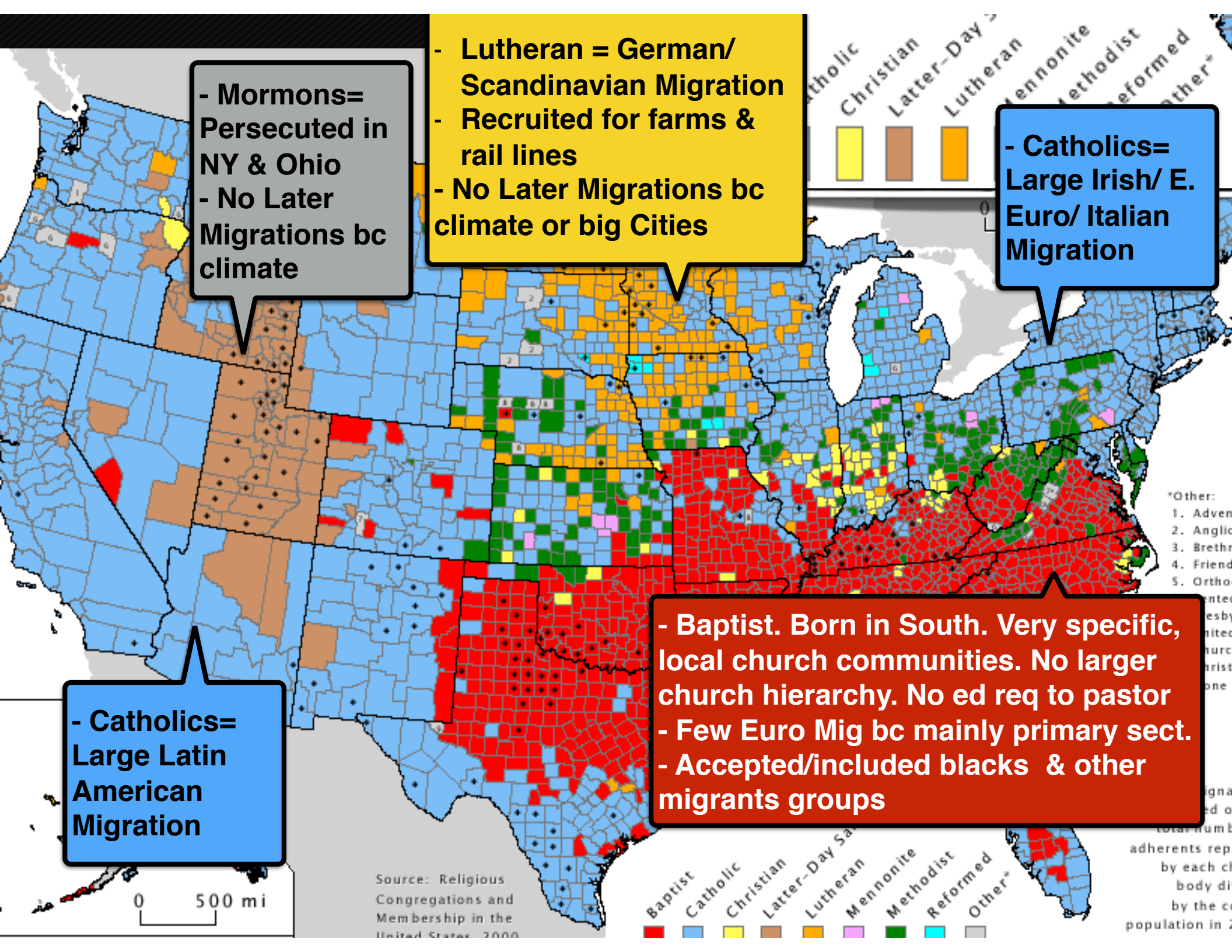


TABLE 6.1 RELIGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

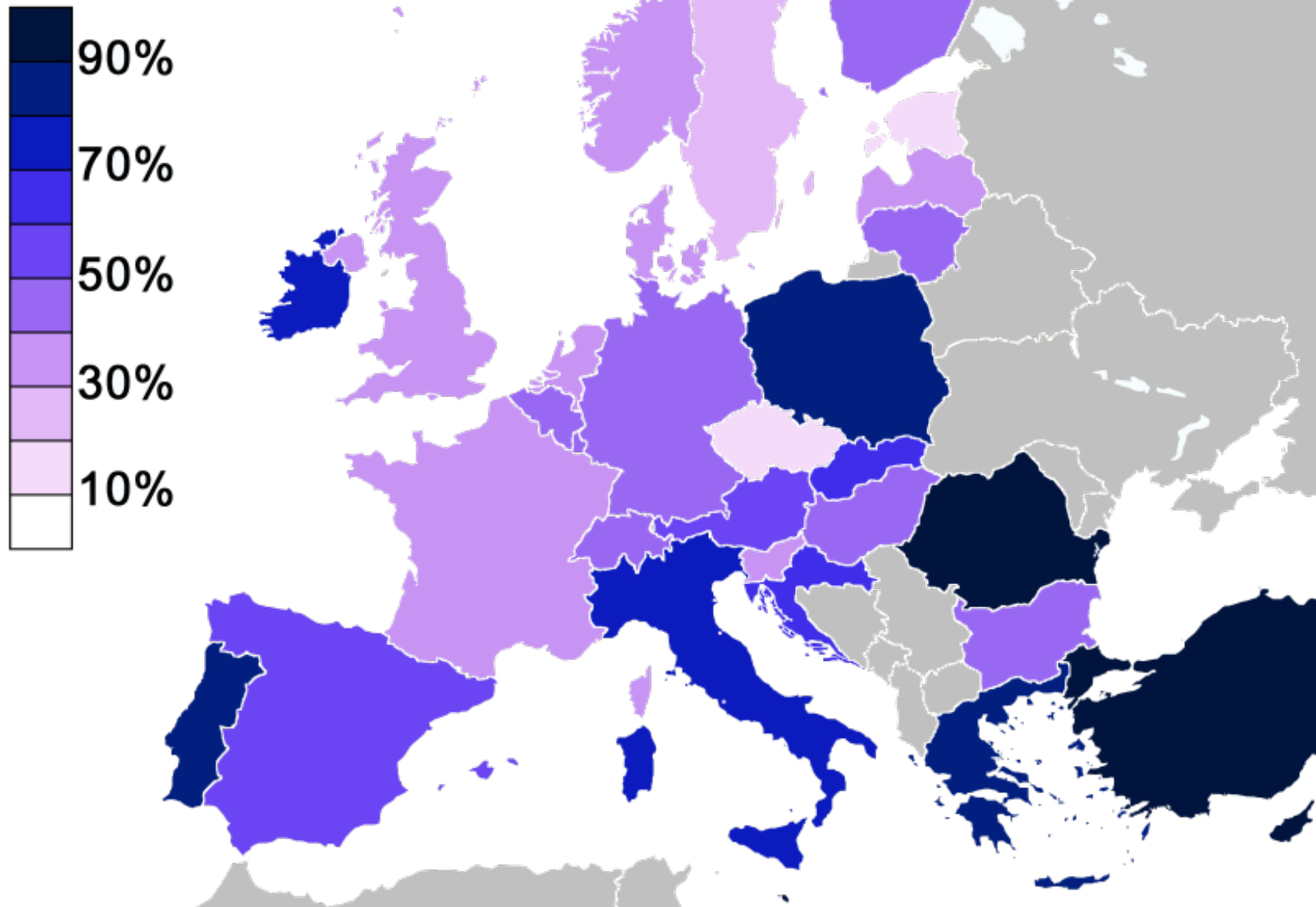
Nonreligious or atheist: 30 million	A Methodist church: 13 million	One of the Churches of Christ: 3 million
Christians: 161 million	A United Methodist church: 8 million	A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): 1 million
Roman Catholics: 66 million	An African Methodist Episcopal or Episcopal Zion church: 4 million	A Seventh Day Adventist church: 1 million
Protestants: 82 million	A Pentecostal church: 11 million	Orthodox: 3 million
A Baptist church: 37 million	A Church of God in Christ: 6 million	A church of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America: 2 million
A Southern Baptist Convention church: 17 million	One of the Assemblies of God churches: 3 million	Another Orthodox church: 1 million
A National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., church: 8 million	One of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the world churches: 2 million	Other Christians: 10 million
A National Baptist Convention of America church: 4 million	A Lutheran church: 8 million	A Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 6 million
A National Missionary Baptist Convention of America church: 3 million	An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: 5 million	A Jehovah's Witness church: 1 million
A Progressive National Baptist Convention church: 3 million	One of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod churches: 3 million	Other Christians: 3 million
An American Baptist Church, USA: 2 million	A Presbyterian Church U.S.A.: 4 million	Buddhists: 1 million
Another Baptist church: 3 million	A Reformed church: 2 million	Hindus: 1 million
	A United Church of Christ: 1 million	Jews: 3 million
	Another Reformed Church: 1 million	Muslims: 1 million
	An Episcopal church: 2 million	Other faiths: 6 million

Religious Divisions of Europe

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Calvinist
- Anglican
- Bohemian and Moravian Brethren (Hussite)
- Anabaptist
- Eastern Orthodox
- Islamic



% Believing in a “God”



Christian Burial



- One spouse Protestant,
One spouse Catholic

- Burial Plot
- Headstone
- Specific, sanctified
grave yards

Christian Burial

- Christian burial = largest consumer of burial space



How does the diffusion of **Christianity** and **Islam** differ?



Islam initially spread by **word of mouth** which transitioned into **conquest** of other lands and the establishments of **trade routes**.





Areas at one time under Muslim rule

The **Two** Main **Branches** of Islam

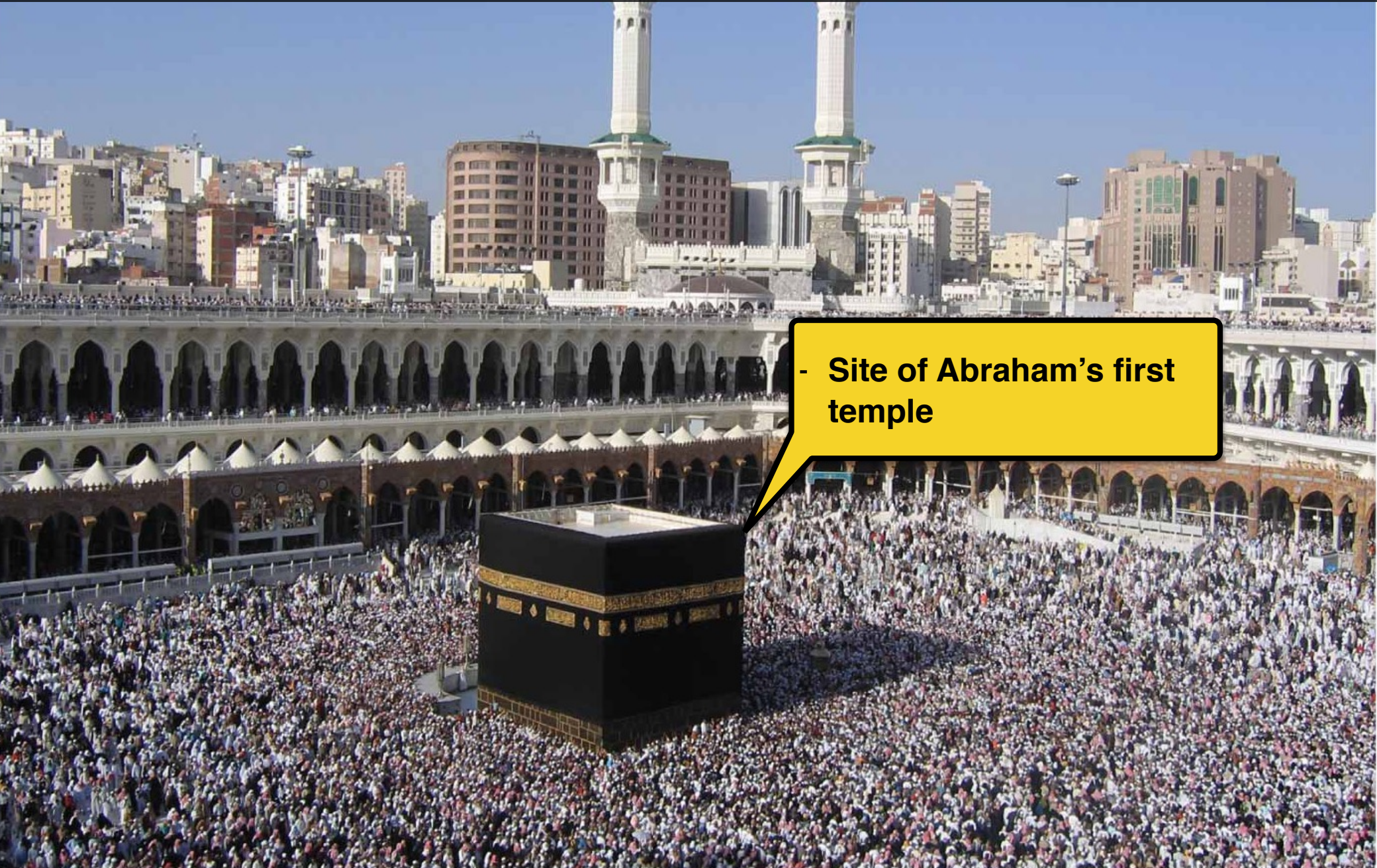
Sunnis

- 83% of all Muslims and is the largest branch in the Middle East and Asia.
- The country with the largest Sunni population is Indonesia.
- Believe that Muhammad's Successor should be chosen by religious leaders.

Shiites

- 16% of all Muslims and is located in only a few countries of the Middle East.
- 40% live in Iran, 15% in Pakistan
- Believe that Muhammad's Successor should be a member of his family.

Mecca: Holy Site of Muslims



- Site of Abraham's first temple

Dome of the Rock: Jerusalem



- Where Muhammad ascended to visit heaven

- Also the same site as “Solomon’s Temple” for the Jews...

Blue Mosque: Istanbul



Muslim Burial



- Cremation is forbidden

Buddhism is:



Apatheistic. A god or gods hold no practical significance in Buddhism.

Buddhism was founded by:



Siddhārtha Gautama. Buddhists believe he is the “Most Enlightened One” of our age.

Buddhism's Important Holidays:



Vesākha (Birth of Buddha), **Bodhi Day:**
(Day Buddha received enlightenment:)

Buddhism's Important Places:

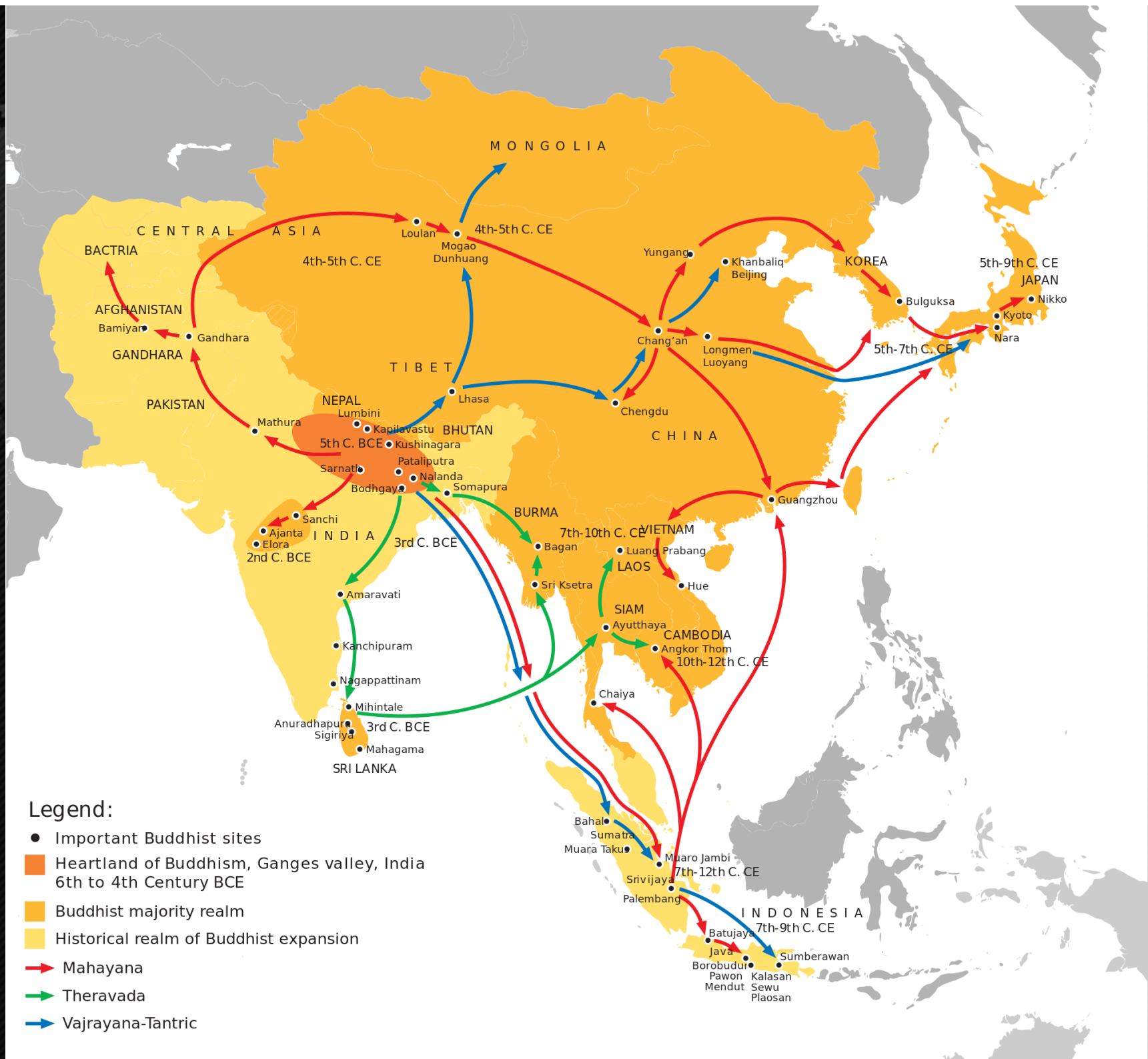


Lumbini (Birthplace),
Bodh Gaya (Enlightenment),
Sarnath (First Teaching),
Kusinara (Death)

Buddhist Diffusion in the 1st Century



Buddhism spread by **relocation diffusion** along the Silk Road and other trade routes.



The **Three** Main **Branches** of Buddhism

Mahayana

- 56% of Buddhists
- Characterized by incorporating a large number of belief systems while moving into East Asia.

Theravada

- 38% of Buddhists
- Strict adherence to Buddha's teachings.
- Located primarily in Southeast Asia

Tantrayana

- 6% of Buddhists
- Emphasis on meditation and mysticism
- Located primarily in Tibet and Mongolia



Buddhist Burial: Cremation

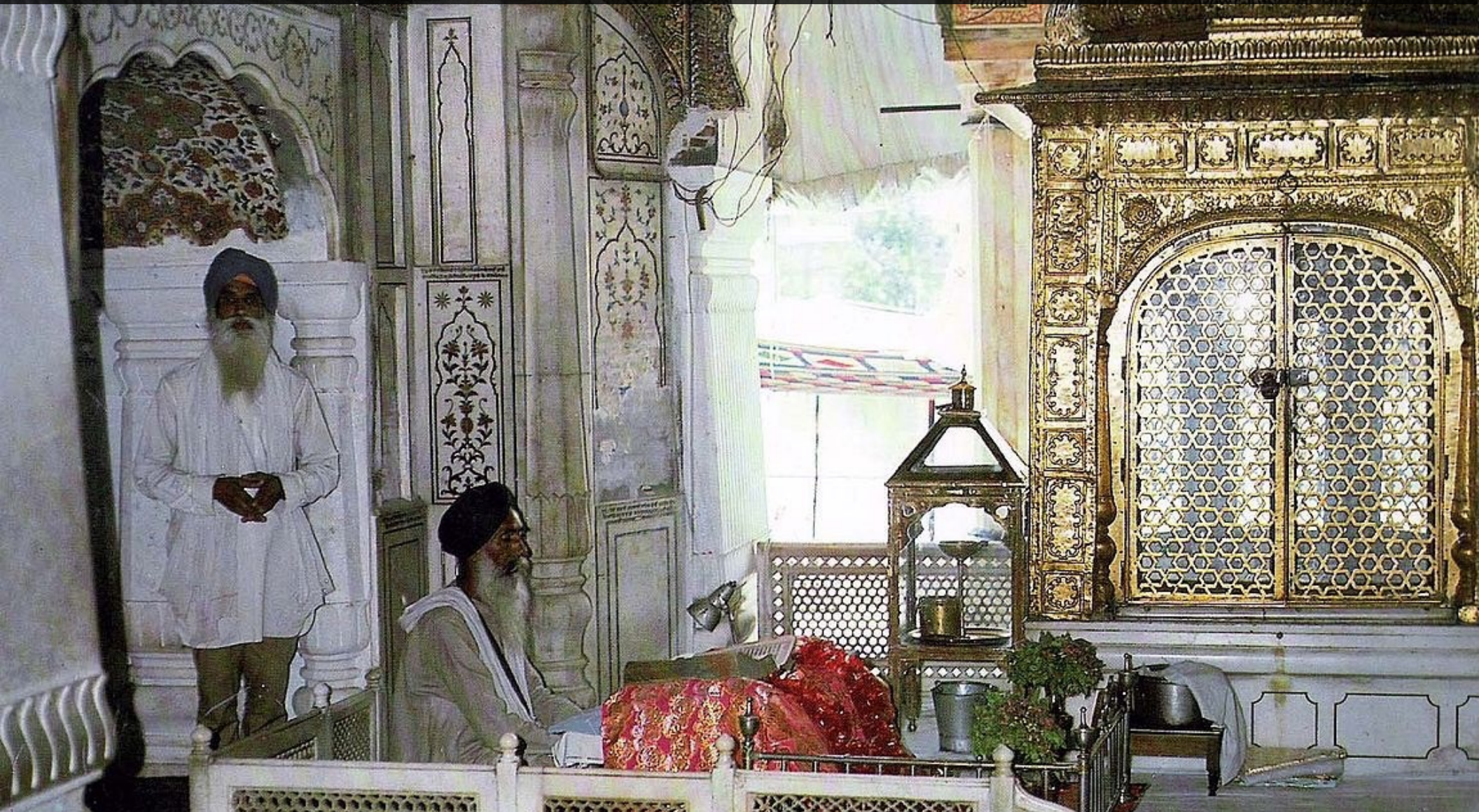


Sikhism believes:



A person should seek **continual improvement** through **individual responsibility**.

Sikhism was founded by:



Guru Nanak. Sikhism combines beliefs from **Islam** and **Buddhism.**

Sikhism is located:



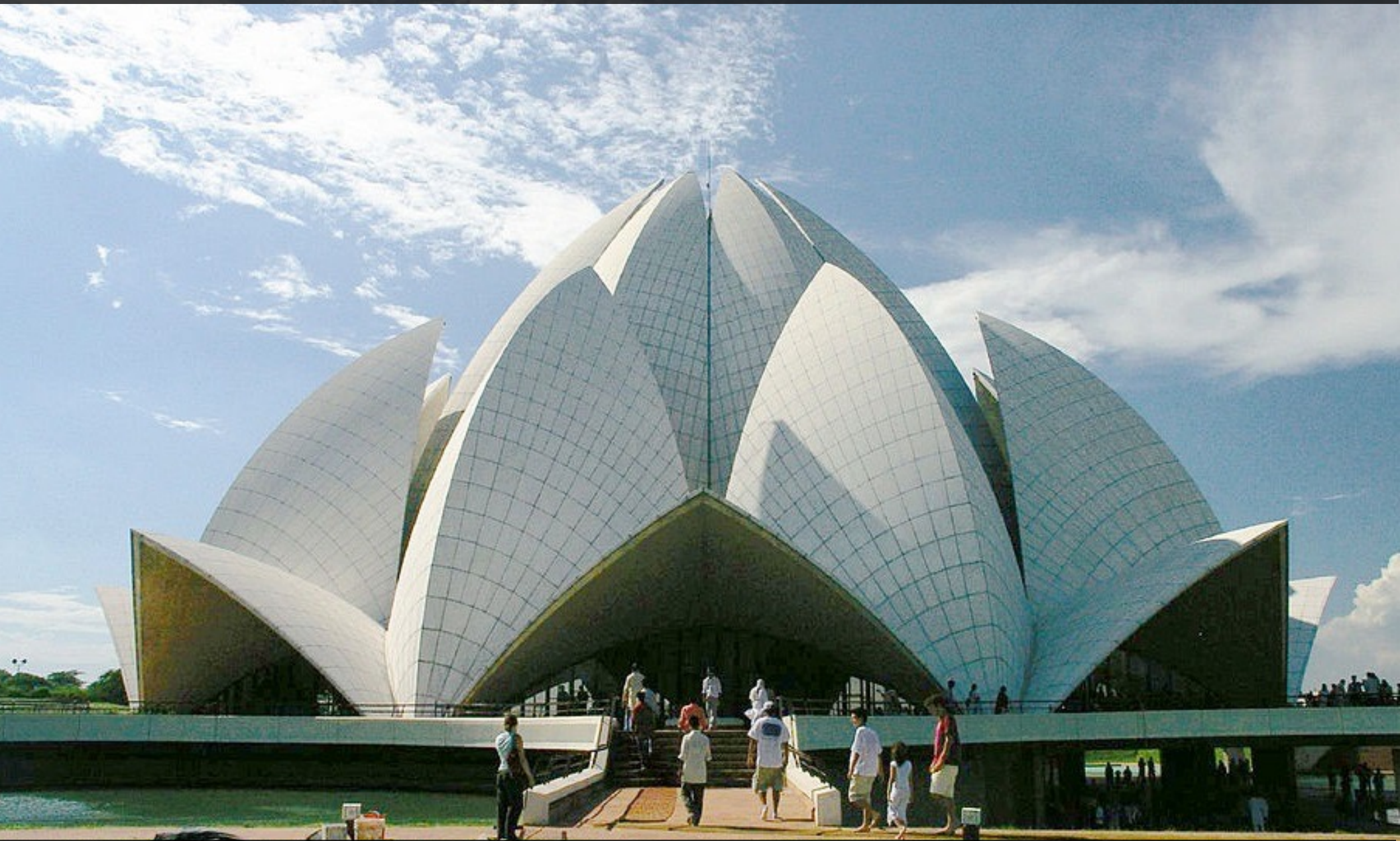
Most Sikhs (21 million) live in the Punjab region of India. Others (3 million) live across the world.

Baha'i believes:



Baha'i emphasizes **Spiritual Unity** among all people. All major religions come from the **same god** and everyone is equally **worthy of acceptance**.

Baha'i was founded by:



Siyyid 'Ali Muhammad in 1844.

Baha'i is located:



Most Baha'i live in Iran.



Ethnic Religions

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Overview

Hinduism

**Confucianism
and Daoism**

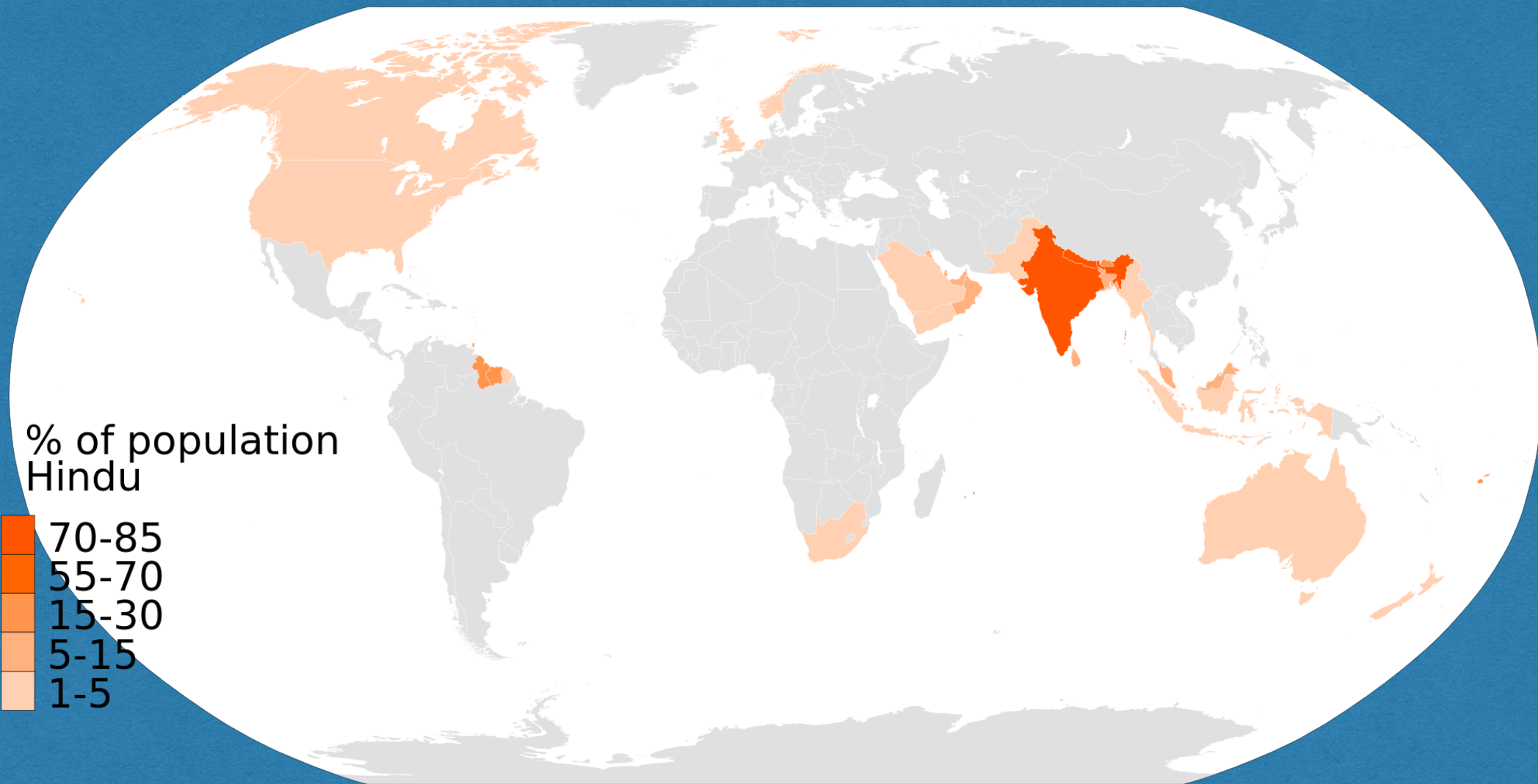
Shintoism

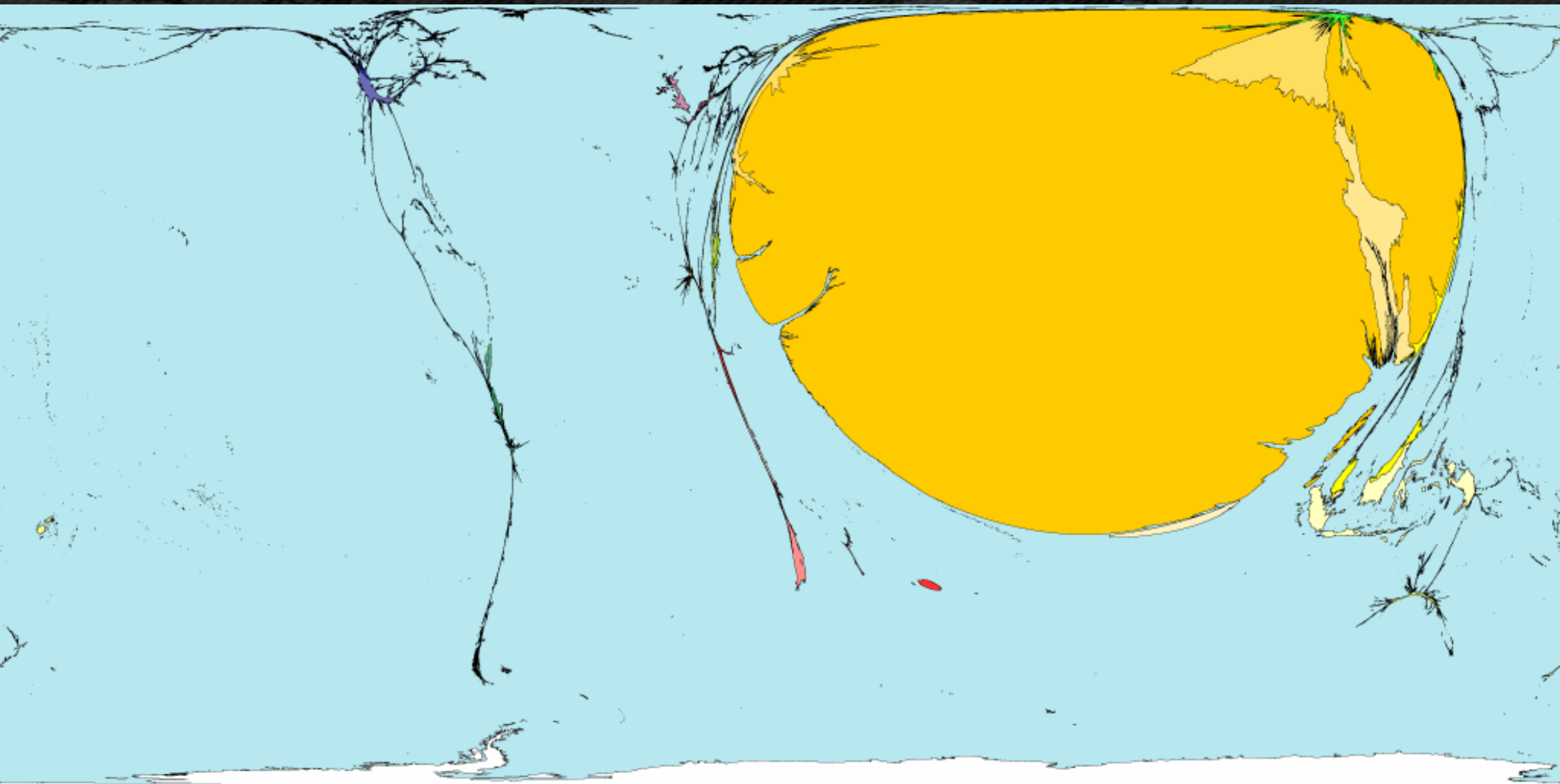
Judaism

**Shamanism
and
Traditional
Religions**

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Section A: Hinduism





Main Hindu Gods & Goddesses

THE TRIMURTI (Hindu Trinity):



Brahma

The Creator

Vehicle: swan

has 4 heads, 4 arms, and a reddish complexion

not commonly worshipped; not to be confused with Brahman (the ground of all being) or the Brahmin (priestly caste)



Vishnu

The Preserver

Vehicle: garuda (bird)

has 4 arms, a blueish complexion, and rests on a snake

was incarnated (born as an animal or human) nine times with one more still to come; is the main god of **Vaishnavism**



Shiva

The Destroyer / Transformer

Vehicle: bull

has matted hair, a third eye, a blue throat and a trident in his hand

often worshipped in the featureless lingam form; is the main god of **Saivism**

SHAKTIS (female aspects):

Saraswati

Goddess of knowledge, music, and the arts

Vehicle: swan

wife of Brahma

sits on a white lotus playing a veena



Lakshmi

Goddess of wealth and prosperity

Vehicle: owl

wife of Vishnu

usually shown bestowing coins and flanked by elephants



Parvati

The Divine Mother

Vehicle: lion

the reincarnation of Shiva's first wife

has many forms, such as the popular Durga and Kali (see below); often shown together with Saraswati and Lakshmi as the **tridevi** ('triple goddess')



OTHER POPULAR HINDU GODS



Ganesh

God of the intellect and the remover of obstacles

Vehicle: mouse

son of Shiva & Parvati

has an elephant's head



Murugan

God of war

Vehicle: peacock

son of Shiva & Parvati

popular in Tamil areas

also known as Skanda

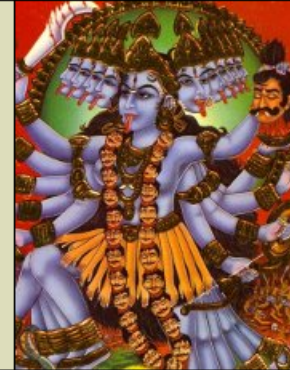


Durga

A fiercer form of Parvati

Vehicle: tiger

has ten arms holding many weapons

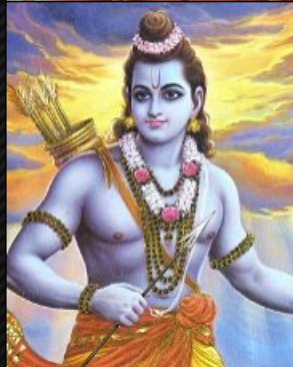


Kali

Goddess of time and death

Vehicle: donkey

usually portrayed as dark and violent



Rama

The 7th avatar (incarnation) of Vishnu

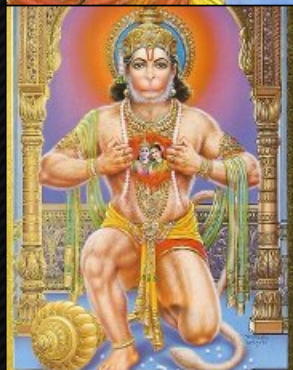
the central figure in the epic story *Ramayana*



Krishna

The 8th avatar (incarnation) of Vishnu

usually portrayed as a child and a prankster; often shown playing the flute



Hanuman

an ape-like god known for assisting Rama



Surya

God of the Sun

pulled on a chariot by horses

Hinduism is:



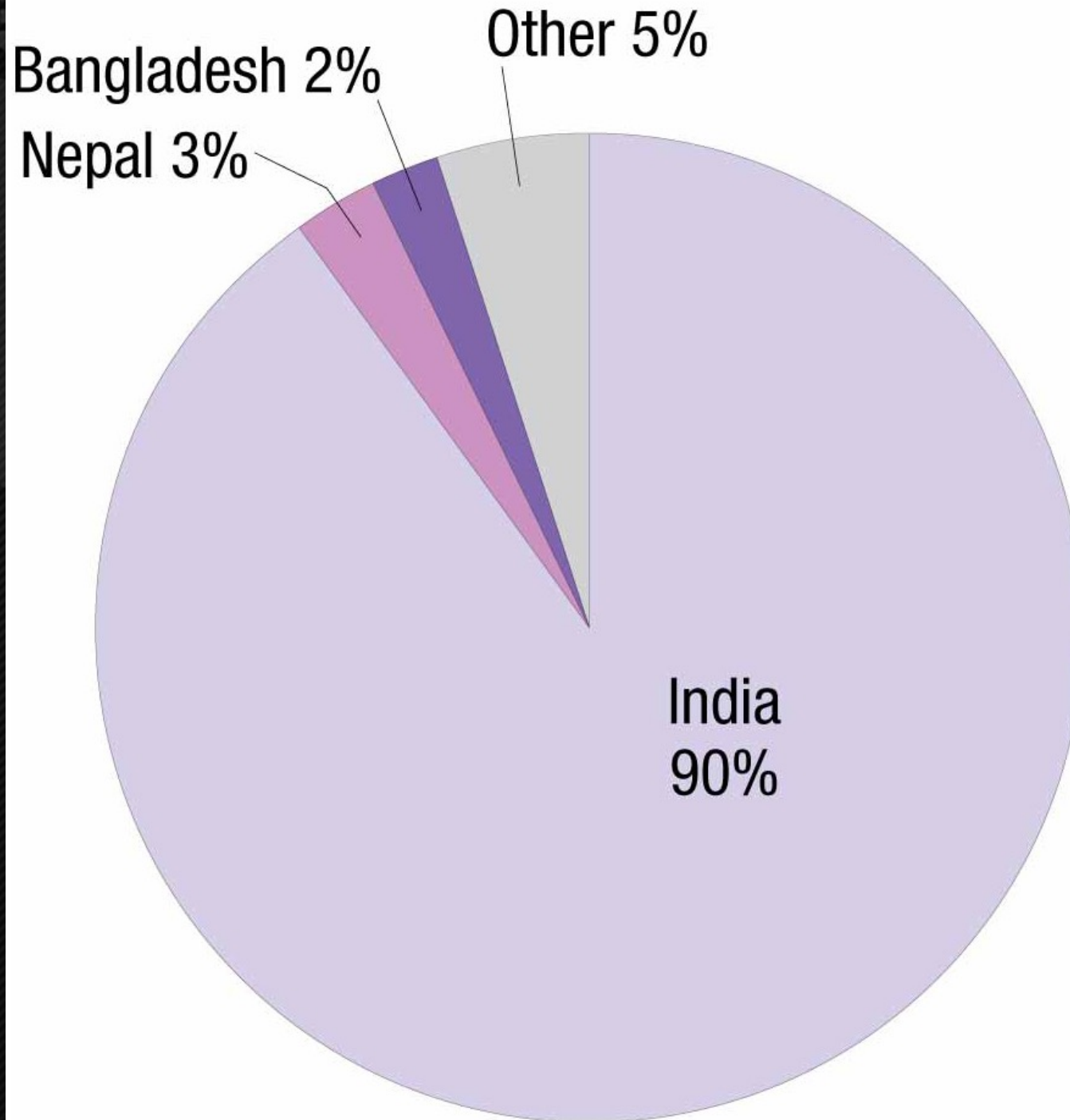
The 3rd largest religion in the world and concentrated in Nepal and India.

Hindus worship:

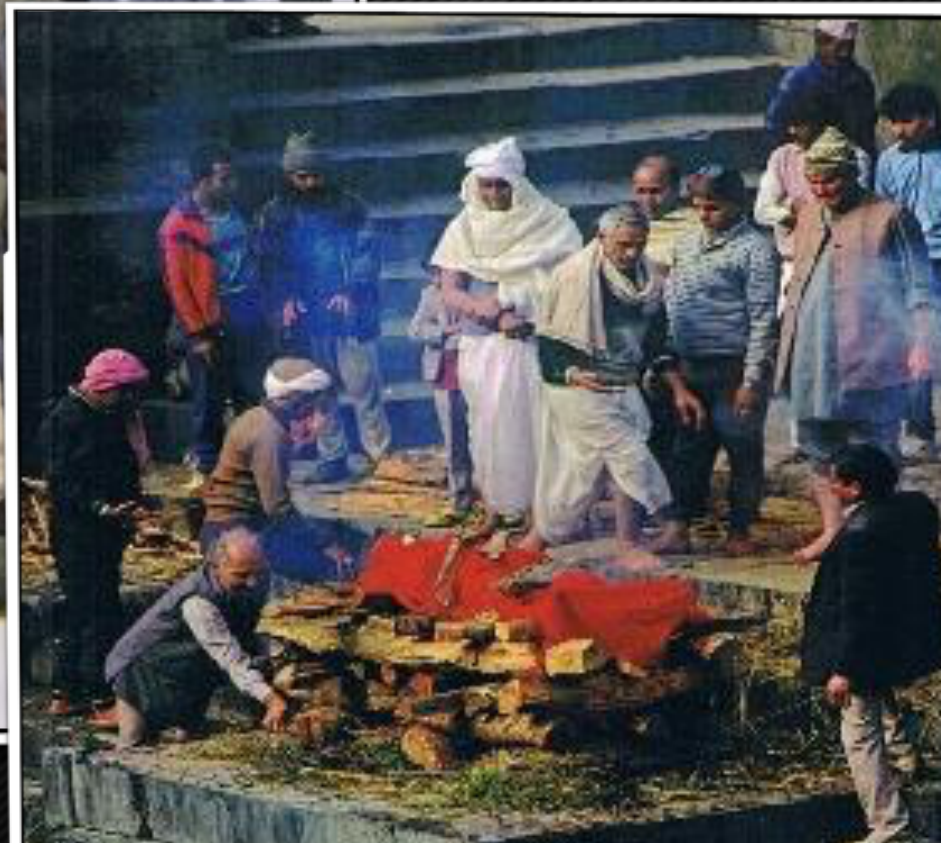
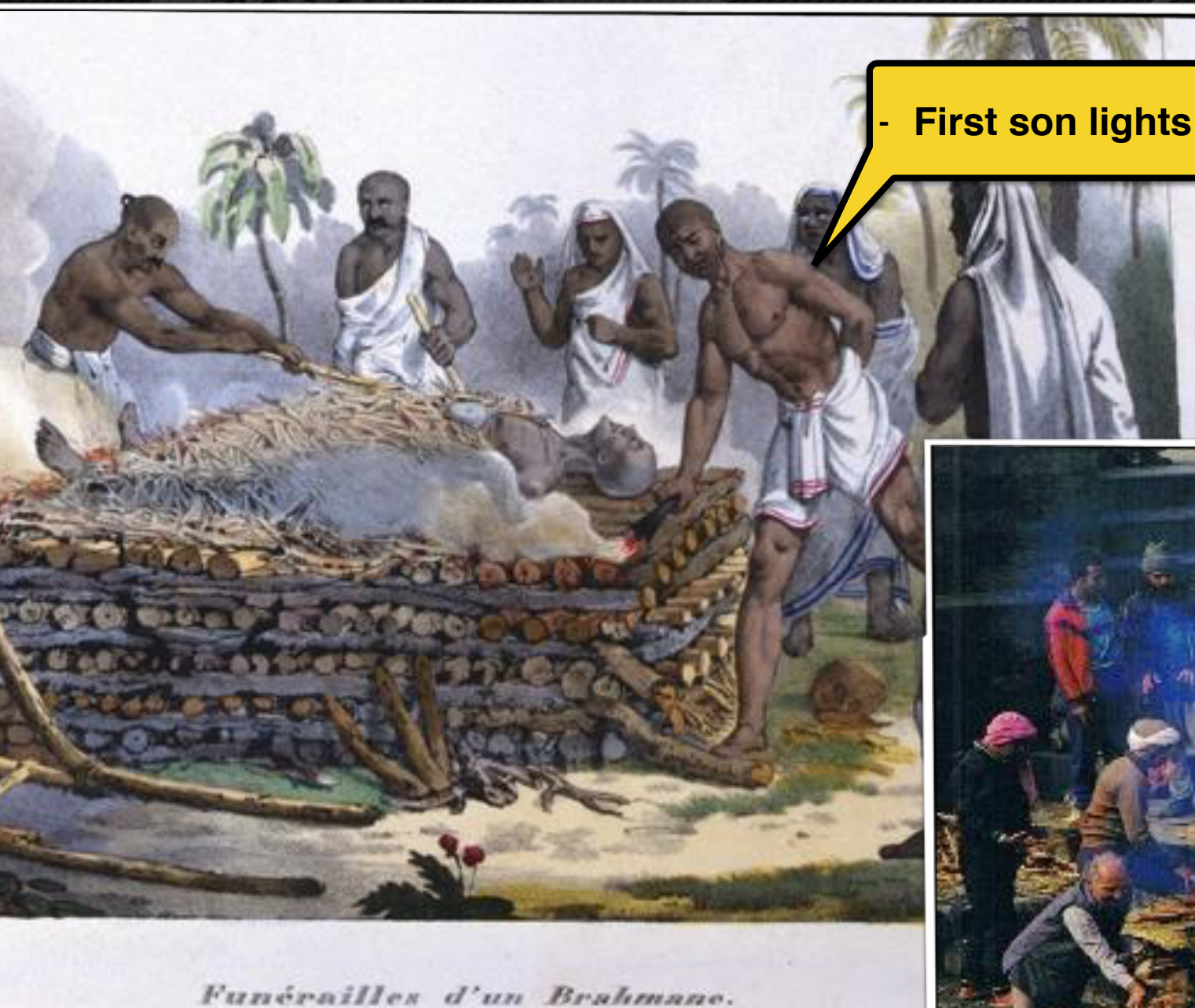


Many different gods though most (70%)
follow the god **Vishnu** or **Siva** (26%)

Percent of world Hindu population



Hinduism Burial: Cremation



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Section B: Confucianism and Daoism

Confucianism is:



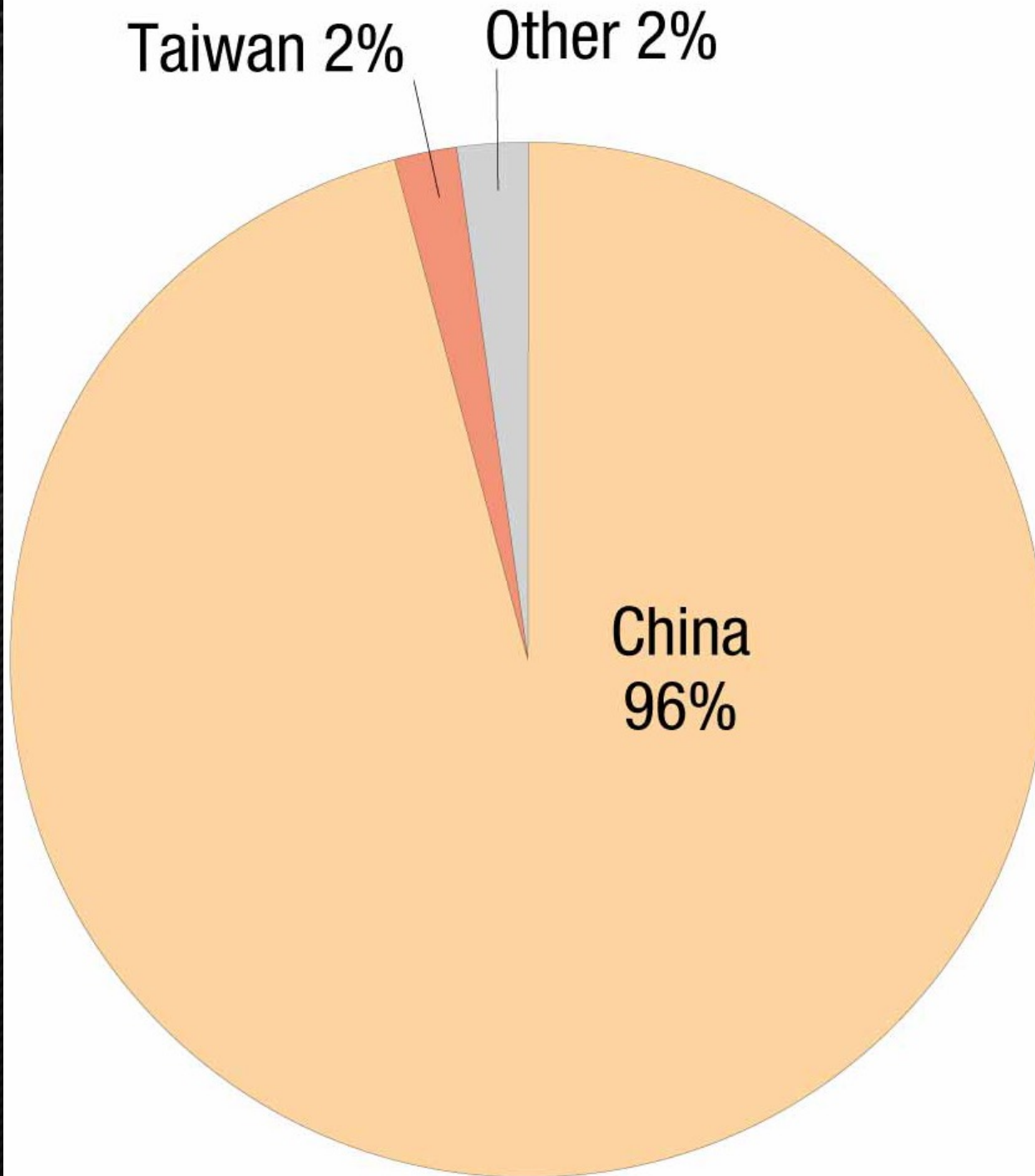
Located in **China** and characterized not by a belief in a god or gods but by **ethical obligations** to **family** and **society**.

Daoism is:



Located in China. Followers attempt to follow the Tao (Path) or having one's will at harmony with the universe.

Percent of world Taoist population



Daoism: Worship Ancestors





Section C: Shintoism

Shintoism is:



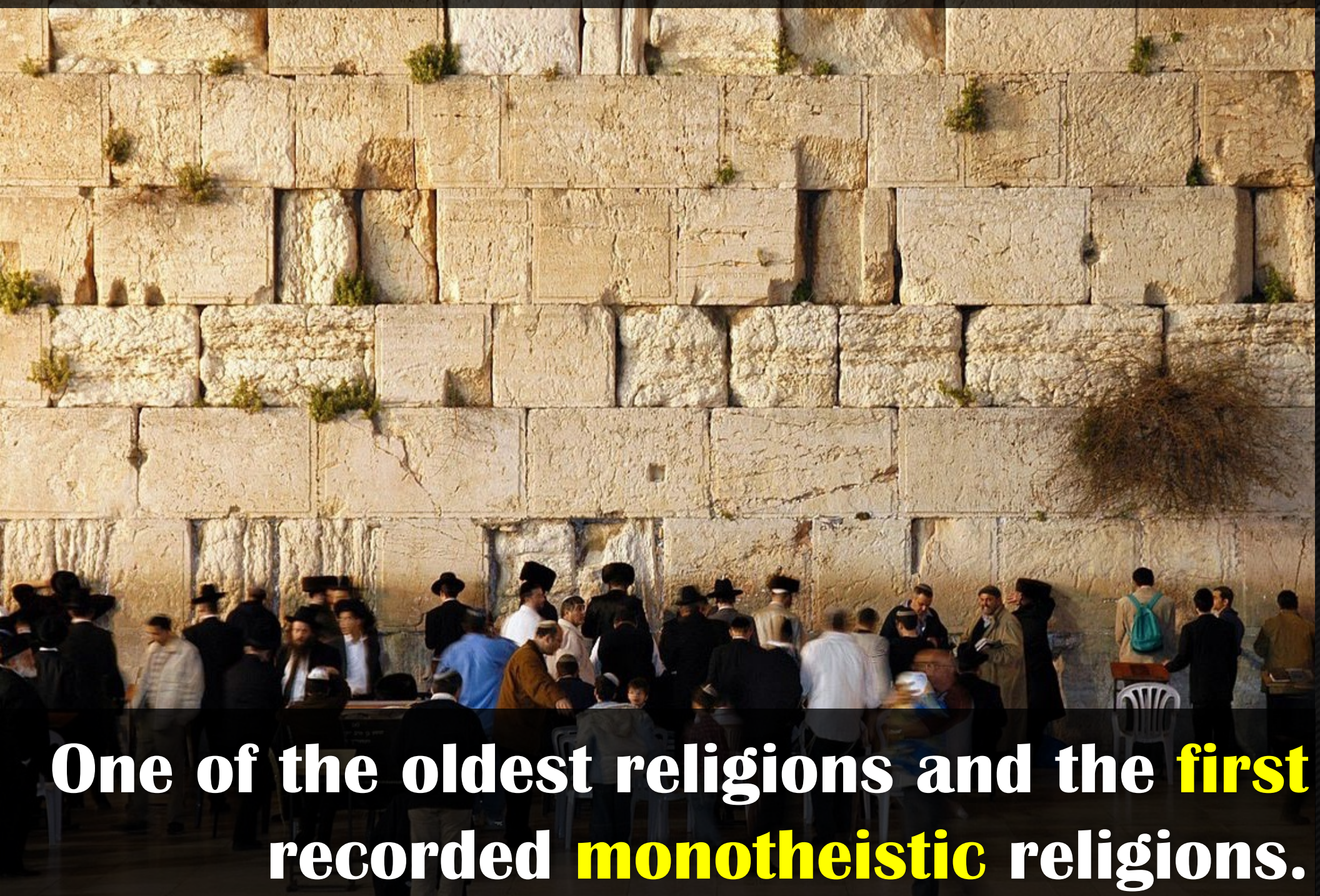
- Ancestor worship

The **indigenous Japanese religion**. It focuses on the worship of various **forces of nature**.



Section D: Judaism

Judaism is:



One of the oldest religions and the first recorded monotheistic religions.

Judaism is:



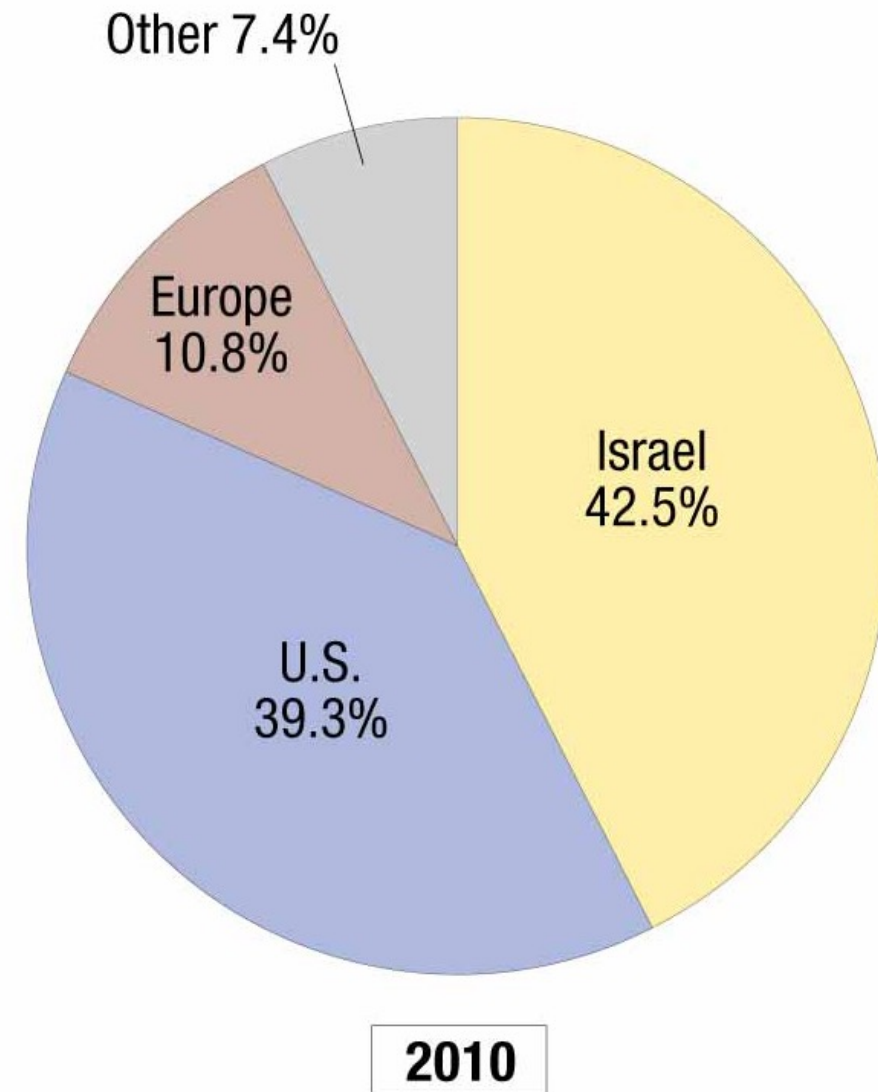
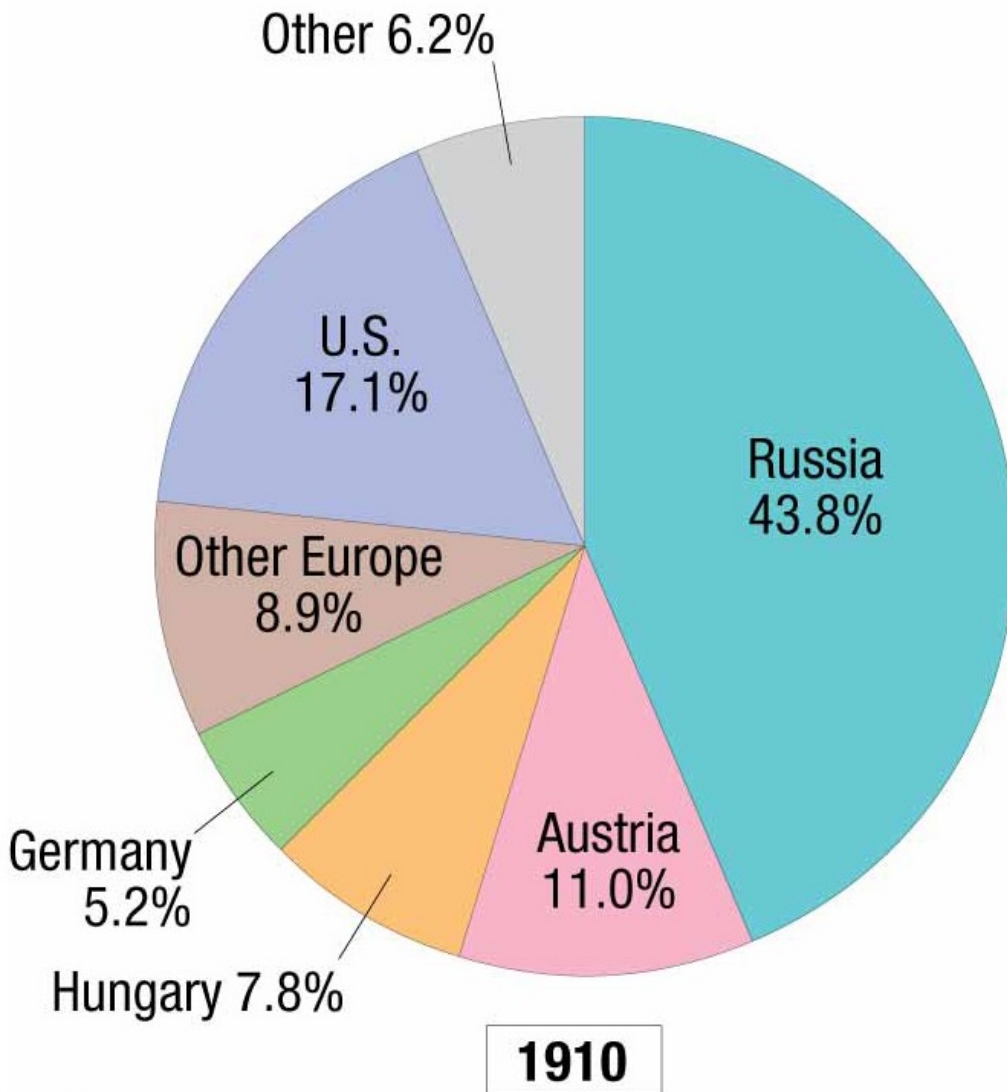
Considered an ethnic religion because of its numbers and because it is generally limited to one ethnic group.

Judaism is:



**Located in many areas around the world
because of the diaspora.**

Percent of world Jewish population



Jewish Burial





Section E: Shamanism and Traditional Religions

Shamanism is an:



Ethnic religion in which people follow a religious leader or **shaman.**

Shamanism is often expressed through



Animism: A belief that all natural objects contain a spirit and conscious life.

Examples of Shamanism:



Native American Tribes

Examples of **Shamanism**:



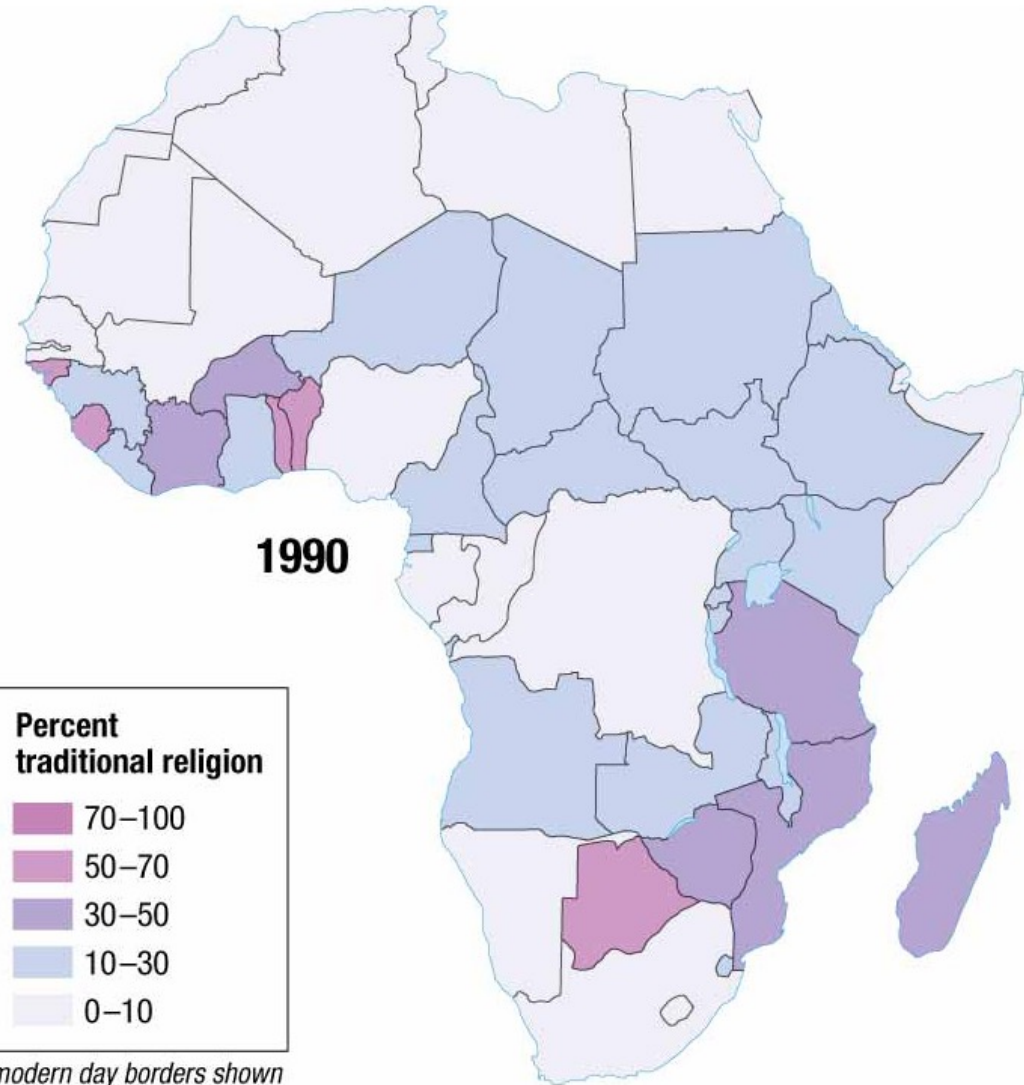
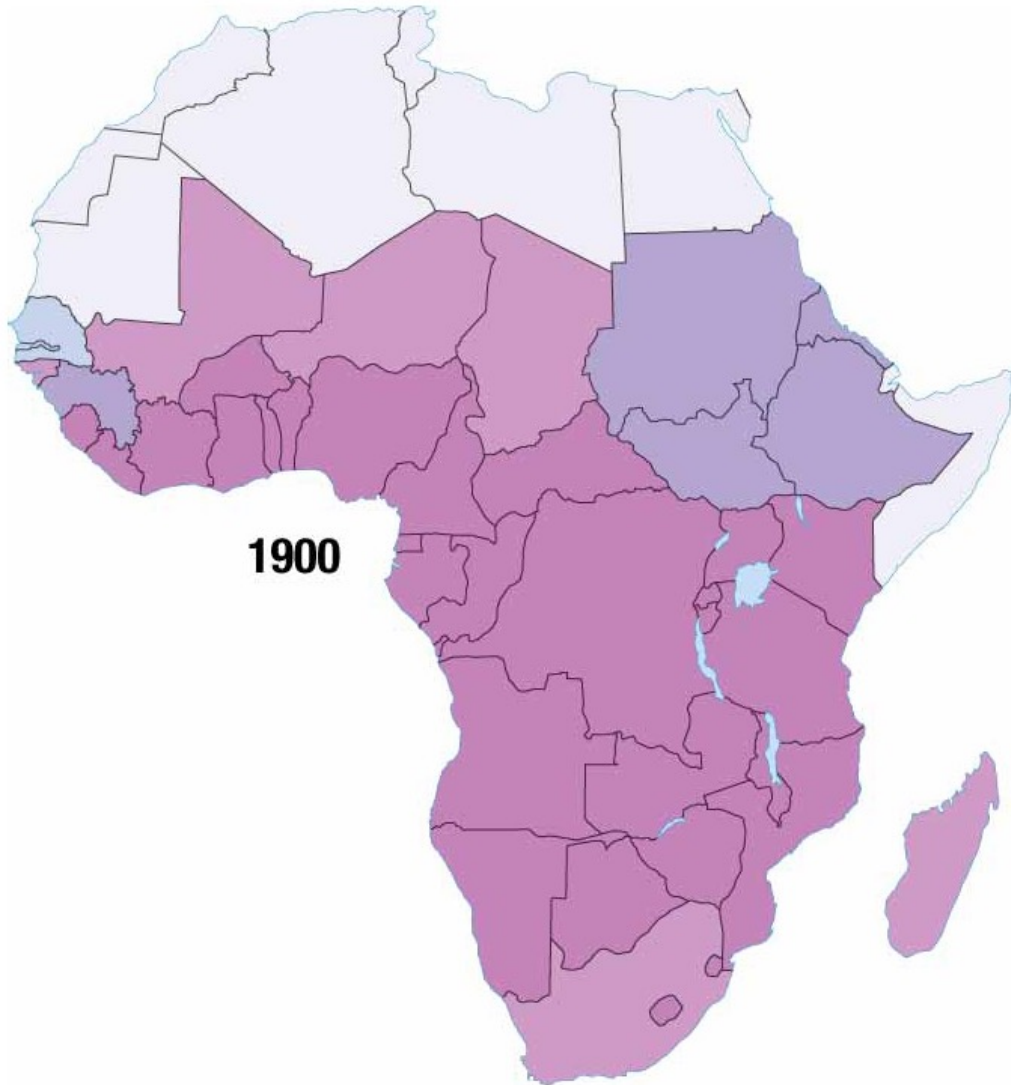
African Tribal Religion

Examples of Shamanism:

- Dancers “become” the gods, being embodied by the spirits.



African “Voodoo”



**Percent
traditional religion**

- 70–100
- 50–70
- 30–50
- 10–30
- 0–10

modern day borders shown

International Cremation Statistics 2010

Figures in **Black** = 2010 % rates
Figures in **Blue** = 2009 % rates (or last available figure)

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