

1.1 - Ansient Sacred Texts: Dictionary

1.1.1 – **Hinduism**: Date: 1809

The dominant religion of India that emphasizes dharma with its resulting ritual and social observances and often mystical contemplation and ascetic practices

1.1.2 – **Judaism**: Date: 14th century

1: a religion developed among the ancient Hebrews and characterized by belief in one transcendent God who has revealed himself to Abraham, Moses, and the Hebrew prophets and by a religious life in accordance with Scriptures and rabbinic traditions

2: conformity to Jewish rites, ceremonies, and practices

3: the cultural, social, and religious beliefs and practices of the Jews

4: the whole body of Jews : the Jewish people

1.1.3 – **Christianity**: Date: 14th century

1 : the religion derived from Jesus **Christ**, based on the Bible as sacred scripture, and professed by Eastern, Roman Catholic, and Protestant bodies

2 : conformity to the **Christian** religion

3 : the practice of Christianity

1.1.4 – **Islam**: Date: 1817

1 : the religious faith of Muslims including belief in Allah as the sole deity and in Muhammad as his prophet

2 **a** : the civilization erected upon Islamic faith **b** : the group of modern nations in which Islam is the dominant religion

1.1.5 – **Laozi (Boddhism, Taoism)**:

A- **Bouddhism**: Date: 1801

A religion of eastern and central Asia growing out of the teaching of Gautama Buddha that suffering is inherent in life and that one can be liberated from it by mental and moral self-purification;

B- Taoism: Date: 1838

1: a Chinese mystical philosophy traditionally founded by Lao-tzu in the sixth century *B.C.* that teaches conformity to the Tao by unassertive action and simplicity

2: a religion developed from Taoist philosophy and folk and Buddhist religion and concerned with obtaining long life and good fortune often by magical means)

1.1.6 – **Jainism:** Date: 1858

: a religion of India originating in the sixth century *B.C.* and teaching liberation of the soul by right knowledge, right faith, and right conduct

1.1.7 – **Zoroastrianism:** Date: 1849

: a Persian religion founded in the sixth century *B.C.* by the prophet Zoroaster, promulgated in the Avesta, and characterized by worship of a supreme god Ahura Mazda who requires good deeds for help in his cosmic struggle against the evil spirit Ahriman.

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