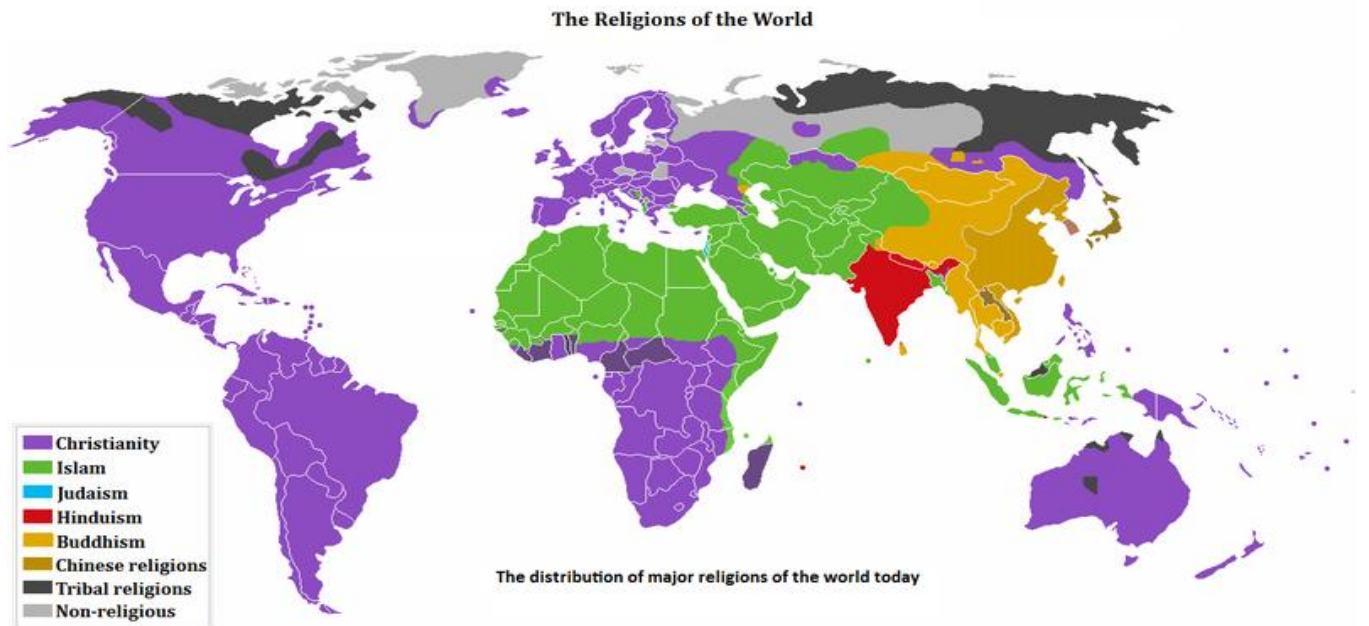


ABC Religious Traditions



If a Buddhist woman wants to marry a Christian man (or vice versa), should we encourage them? The woman has to learn and practice her husband's tradition, and the man has to learn and practice his wife's tradition. Instead of having just one spiritual root, they will have two spiritual roots. Both can have and learn two spiritual traditions such as Christianity and Buddhism. Both will gain their spirituality from both sides of the traditions. I would like to recommend to learn and touch the ABC Spirituality world of our three spiritual ancestors who were Abraham (Abrahamism), Buddha (Buddhism), and Confucius (Confucianism). The ABC religious traditions cover approximately 6 billion population.

I was grown up and rooted in the traditions of Buddhist and Confucius. My wife is rooted in Jewish traditions. And my children and grandchildren are rooted in the Christian traditions. Our family is rooted in the ABC traditions of multiple choice of traditions. One who respects one's own traditions will be able to respect other people's traditions. We learn more wisdom from other traditions and add our value of wisdom to our own traditions.

Abrahamism	Christianity 2.1 B Judaism 13 M Islam 1.6 B	Middle East Origin	Approx. 3.7 Billion
Buddhism	Buddhism 520M, Hinduism 1.1B	Indian Subcontinent Origin	Approx. 1.6 Billion
Confucianism	Confucianism 500 M Taoism 100 M	East Asia Origin	Approx. 600 Million

1) Abrahamism



The Abrahamism is referred to a group of collective Semitic-originated religious communities of faith that claim descent from the practices of the ancient Israelites and the worship of the God of Abraham. Abrahamic religion was able to spread globally through Christianity being adopted by the Roman Empire in the 4th century and the Islamic Empire from the 7th century onward. As a consequence, today the Abrahamic religions are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are the largest Abrahamic religions. As of 2005, estimates classified 54% (3.6 billion people) of the world's population as adherents of an Abrahamic religion, about 32% as adherents of other religions, and 16% as adherents of no organized religion. Christianity claims 33% of the world's population, Islam has 21%, Judaism has 0.2%. An Abrahamic religion is a religion whose followers believe in prophet Abraham and his descendants to hold an important role in human spiritual


development. The best known Abrahamic religions are Judaism, Christianity and Islam. They also all believe that people should pray to and worship God often.

2) BUDDHISM



Buddhism is the philosophy based on the teachings of the Buddha. The Buddha always called his philosophy of life (The Noble Ones' Teachings or Truth and Training) and asked his disciples to refer to themselves as Buddha. Buddhism is the fourth largest religion after Christianity, Islam and Hinduism and there are about 500 million Buddhists in the world today. Hinduism was included in the Buddhism because of Indian religion. Buddhism is a branch of Hinduism or that it started as a reform movement within Hinduism. Hinduism did not exist at the time of the Buddha and only began to evolve after the 3rd or 4th centuries CE. Despite disagreements on the philosophical level, the relations between Buddhists and Hindus in ancient India were generally harmonious as both tend to be tolerant religions.

3) Confucianism



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Confucianism is an ethical and philosophical system, also described as a religion, developed from the teachings of the Chinese philosopher Confucius (551–479 BCE). Confucianism originated as an "ethical-sociopolitical teaching" during the Spring Confucianism is a Chinese ethical and philosophical system developed from the teachings of the Chinese philosopher Confucius. This complex system of thought includes moral, social, political, philosophical, and quasi-religious thought. It has had a considerable influence on the culture and history of East Asia. While it originated in China, it has spread to Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. Most people who adhere to the teachings of Confucius follow traditional Chinese religion, which blends Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism and traditional local practices and beliefs.