

# Comparison of Statistics and Basics

	Islam	Judaism	Christianity
adherents called	Muslims	Jews	Christians
current adherents	1.3 billion	14 million	2 billion
current size rank	2nd largest	12th largest	largest
major concentration	Middle East, Southeast Asia	Israel, Europe, USA	Europe, North and South America, rapid growth in Africa
sacred text	Qur'an (Koran)	Bible	Bible (Jewish Bible + New Testament)
other written authority	Hadith	Talmud, Midrash, Responsa	church fathers, church councils, papal decrees (Catholic only)
religious law	Sharia	Halakhah	Canon Law
clergy	imams	rabbis	priests, ministers, pastors, bishops
house of worship	mosque	synagogue	church, chapel, cathedral
main day of worship	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
church and state	integrated	separate	separate

# Comparison of Origins and History

	Islam	Judaism	Christianity
date founded	622 CE	unknown	c. 33 CE
place founded	Saudi Arabia	Palestine	Palestine
founder	Muhammad	Moses or Abraham	Jesus

original language(s)	Arabic	Hebrew	Aramaic, Greek
early expansion	within 12 years, entire Arabian peninsula; within 100 years, Muslim world stretched from the Atlantic to China	little expansion; mostly confined to Palestine	within 60 years, churches in major cities in Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Rome ( <a href="#">map</a> ); entire Roman Empire by end of 4th cent.
major splits	Shia/Sunni, c. 650 CE	Reform/Orthodox, 1800s CE	Catholic/Orthodox, 1054 CE; Catholic/Protestant, 1500s CE

## Comparison of Religious Beliefs

	Islam	Judaism	Christianity
type of theism	strict monotheism	strict monotheism	Trinitarian monotheism
ultimate reality	one God	one God	one God
names of God	Allah (Arabic for God)	Yahweh, Elohim	Yahweh, the Holy Trinity
other spiritual beings	angels, demons, jinn	angels and demons	angels and demons
revered humans	prophets, imams (especially in Shia)	prophets	saints, church fathers
identity of Jesus	true prophet of God, whose message has been corrupted	false prophet	Son of God, God incarnate, savior of the world
birth of Jesus	virgin birth	normal birth	virgin birth
death of Jesus	did not die, but ascended into heaven during crucifixion	death by crucifixion	death by crucifixion
resurrection of	denied	denied	affirmed

Jesus			
second coming of Jesus	affirmed	denied	affirmed
divine revelation	through Muhammad, recorded in Qur'an	through Prophets, recorded in Bible	through Prophets and Jesus (as God Himself), recorded in Bible
view of sacred text	inspired, literal word of God, inerrant in original languages	views vary	Inspired and as the 6 <sup>th</sup> Article states:  Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation. Consequently whatever is not read in Scripture nor can be proved from Scripture cannot be demanded from any person to believe it as an article of the faith. Nor is any such thing to be thought necessary or required for salvation. By holy scripture is meant those canonical books of the Old and New Testaments whose authority has never been doubted within the church
human nature	equal ability to do good or evil	two equal impulses, one good and one bad	"original sin" inherited from Adam – inclination towards evil
means of salvation	correct belief, good deeds, Five Pillars	belief in God, good deeds	Faith in Christ as clearly stated in Ephesians 2: For by grace you have been saved

			through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
God's role in salvation	predestination	divine revelation and forgiveness	predestination, various forms of grace
good afterlife	eternal paradise	views vary: either heaven or no afterlife	eternal heaven and a new heaven and earth
bad afterlife	eternal hell	views vary: either eternal Gehenna, reincarnation, or no afterlife	eternal hell, temporary purgatory (Catholicism)
view of fellow Abrahamic religions	Jews and Christians are respected as "People of the Book," but they have wrong beliefs and only partial revelation.	Islam and Christianity are false interpretations and extensions of Judaism.	Judaism is a true religion, but with incomplete revelation. Islam is a false religion.