

Major Beliefs of the World—Unit 3

Religion	Important Writings	God, Gods, or Spirits	Afterlife	Rituals	Principal Branches	Ethics/Morals
Christianity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Bible 	One God is expressed in three persons: the Creator, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven and Hell 	The sacraments bring believers closer to God. Sermons and reflections on the Bible and the world from a minister are also important.	Many denominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Catholic • Protestant • Eastern Orthodox • Latter-Day Saints 	The 10 Commandments and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount state that all humans are created in God's image. Christians should act in accordance with God's will.
Platonism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socratic Dialogues 	Platonism is vague about belief in god(s). However, Plato describes the Good and the Beautiful as eternal concepts (forms).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the body dies, the immortal soul eventually experiences reincarnation and comes back to the world 	Platonism does not have specific rituals. Study and dialogue can help people learn the truth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	People must understand moral principles to act in moral ways.