

Key Points of the 5 Great Religions - Compiled by Bill Haley, ca 1995 as a personal quest

Text (ef=earliest fragment)	Religion	Spokesman	Nature of God	Nature of Man	Salvation: How do I get to God	Afterlife
The Torah- 1200 BC The Old Testament The Mishnah The Talmud ef: 725 BC	Judaism 3000 Years	Abraham Covenant 2000 BC Moses-Law 1200 BC	*One God *Creator, Ruler, Transcendent, He speaks, He can be known	*Created in image of God *Dignity *Sinful, *Life is short	*Keeping the Law *Offering Sacrifices of atonement	*Resurrection not found in the Torah *living with God where God is
Torah, Psalms Gospels-1st century The Qu'ran ef: 900's AD	Islam "Surrender" 1400 years	Mohammed 570-632	*He is one, He is great, He is merciful to Muslims *Absolutely unique and inconceivable	*Religious brings *Created to worship Allah	*5 Pillars-witness, prayer, Ramadan, alms, pilgrimage *Good outweighs bad	*Heaven and Hell
The Old Testament The New Testament (50-90 AD) ef: early 100's AD	Christianity 2000 years	Jesus Christ 6 BC- 27 AD	*One God, a Trinity, *He is infinite, personal, sovereign, omniscient, imminent, and good *He can be known	*Created in image of God *Dignity *Sinful *Valuable	*Admitting sin *Belief in Jesus and trusting the Cross *Following Jesus *Love	*Eternal Soul *Heaven and Hell *Conscious *Embodied *Recreated physical earth
The Vedas Upanishads The Sutras Bhagadva Gita ef: post BC	Hinduism "India" 5000 years	None	*Brahman-Brahma Shiva, Vishnu *Pure being, pure delight, pure intelligence *Unknowable, One	*God is you You are God	*Karma, *bhakti, dharma, knowledge *Varansi	*Reincarnation, *Samsara, *Moksha, release, union, *unconsciousness
Dhammapada "The Path of Truth" Tripitaka ef: 100 BC	Buddhism 2500 years	Sidharta Gautama "The Buddha" ca 560-480 BC	**"I do not know so I will not comment"	*Atman, no self, *Individuality is an illusion	*Nirvana *Four Noble Truths *Eightfold Path: morality, discipline, wisdom	*Unconscious Union **"Blowing out"
Aquarian Conspiracy 1981 Celestine Prophecy 1990	New Age 30 Years	Shirley Maclaine, etc	*God is You	*You are God	*Leave this world	*Unclear *Reincarnation

Other important columns would include *The view of suffering and evil *What does one do with one's own suffering?

*What is the societal vision? *What is a human's obligation to others, which ones, and why?