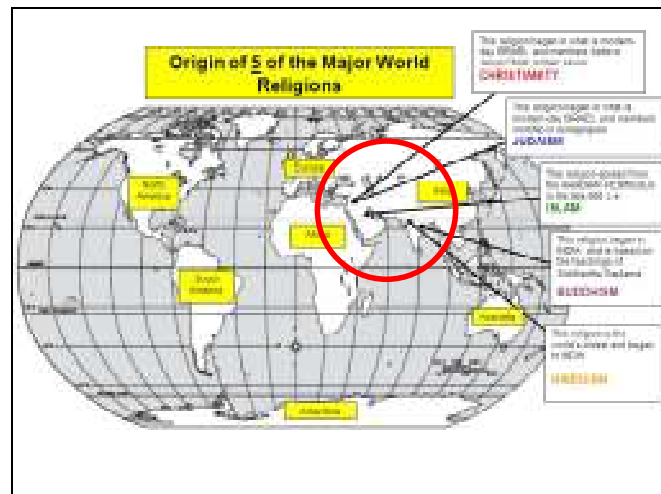
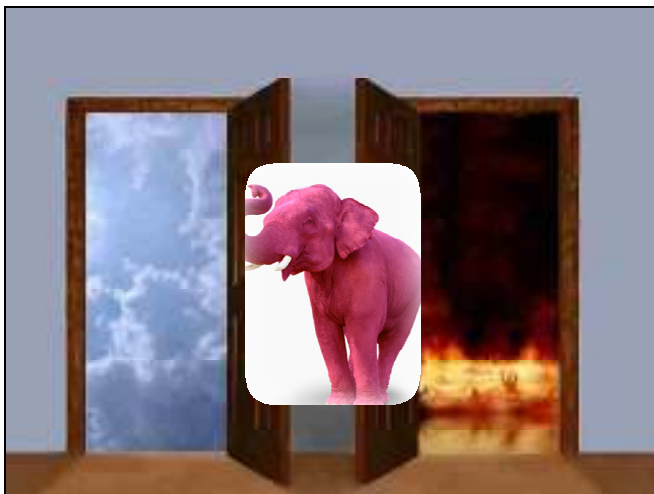
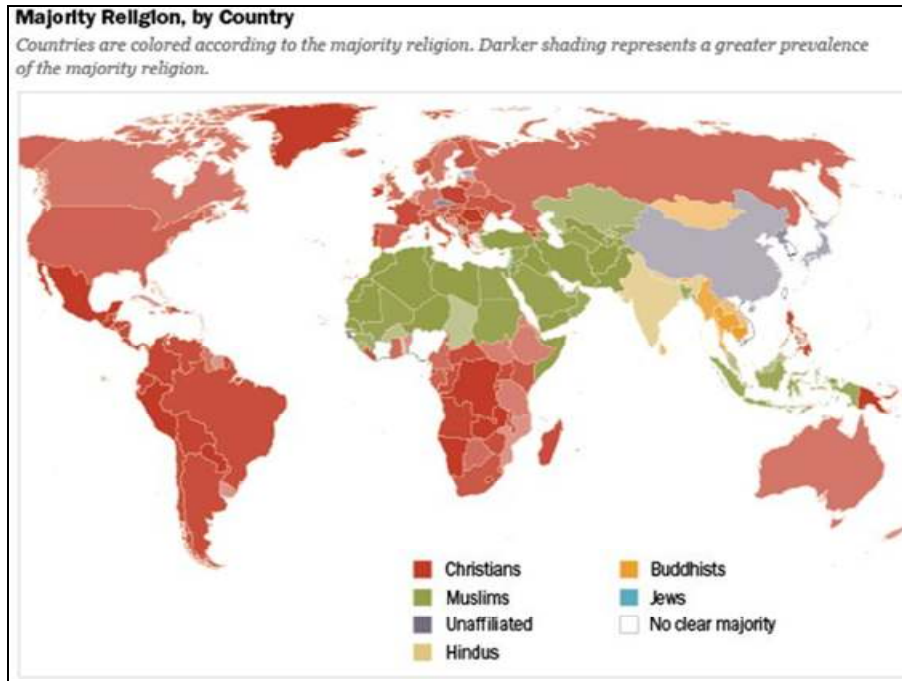


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1ST THINGS 1ST

- This is the most universal of Hindu symbols and its sound is used in meditation. In Hinduism, the word “Om” is the first syllable in any prayer. More specifically, Om is used to symbolize the universe and the ultimate reality. Some people say that this symbol represents the three aspects of God: the Brahma (A), the Vishny (U) and the Shiva (M).

<http://www.sacred-symbols.com/hindu-symbols.html>

1ST THINGS 1ST

- As the cross is to Christians, [the Om](#) is to Hindus. This symbol is actually a sacred syllable representing the [Brahman](#) or the Absolute - the source of all existence.

- http://hinduism.about.com/od/artculture/a/1_u_symbols.htm



1ST THINGS 1ST

- Aum is the most important Hindu symbol. Its prolonged intonation is associated with the primeval sound through which the universe was created. Aum is the most important *mula* (root) mantra and is thus chanted at the beginning of many prayers, *mantras*, and rituals.

- <http://iskconeducational-services.org/HoH/lifestyle/806.htm>



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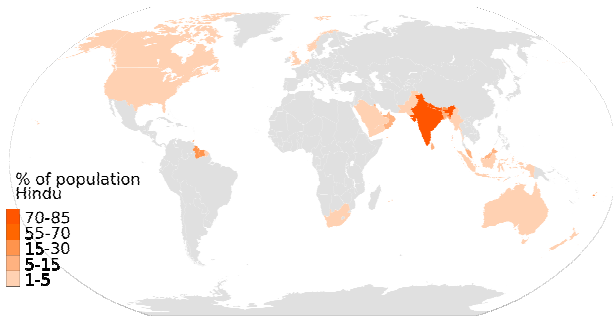
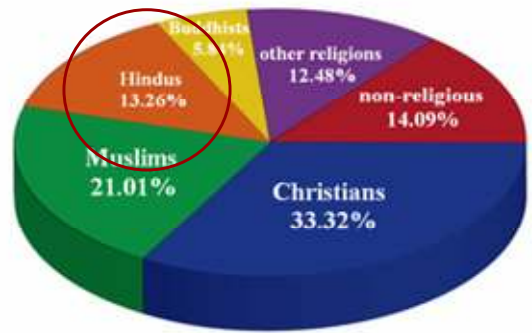
- **Facts about size and Rank:** It is the third largest religion of the world with more than 1 billion followers.

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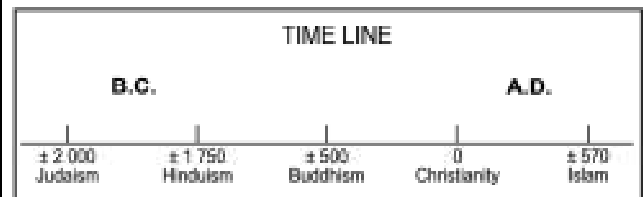
FACTS @

- **Location:** Most of the Hindus live in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka with considerable presence in all other parts of the world also. About 85% of Hindus live in India. That is why India is also called as “Hindustan.”

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HISTORY



HISTORY

- No particular founder or holy book. Instead early Vedic tradition evolved into Hinduism.



HISTORY

- Hinduism originated in India. Hinduism is largely based on the teachings from Vedas.
- Vedic tradition is based on a group of sacred texts known as the Vedas.

HISTORY



HOLY TEXT



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HINDU “theology”



THEOLOGY

- Karma is the universal principal of cause and effect. Both good and bad karma not only decide our fate (sorrow and happiness) in the present life, but also in future life.

KARMA



THEOLOGY

- Hindus believe the soul (without body) is immortal and takes birth again and again.

Beliefs of Hinduism

- Each caste has *dharma*
 - Rights, obligations & duties of caste, within social order
 - Be the best brahmin / kshatriya / whatever you can be
 - Failure to do *dharma* leads to regression down caste system
- If one does *dharma*, one will have good *karma*, and will be reincarnated to a higher caste, eventually reaching *moksha*



HINDUISM

FACTS @

- **Aims of life:** Dharma (righteousness), Artha (wealth), Kama (desire), and Moksha (salvation) are the four objectives of a Hindu's life.

Respect for
all Life
[Vegetarian]

Human Life as Supreme

Four Stations of Life
[Caste]

Priests / Teachers

Nobles / Warriors

Merchants

Servants

Four Stages of Life

Student

Household

Retired

Renuncant

Four duties of life

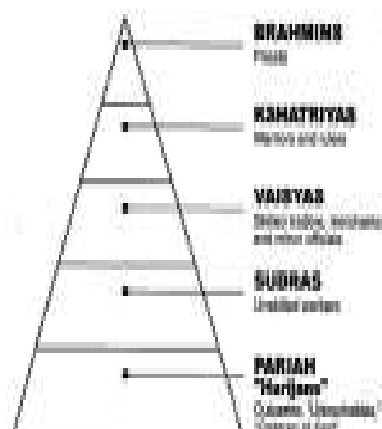
Pleasure

Success

Social

Religious

REINCARNATION



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NIRVANA

- **Nirvāṇa** is an ancient Sanskrit term used in [Indian religions](#) to describe the profound peace of mind that is acquired with [moksha](#) (liberation). In [shramanic](#) thought, it is the state of being free from [suffering](#). In [Hindu philosophy](#), it is union with the [Brahman](#) ([Supreme Being](#)).



THEOLOGY

- Polytheism **AND** Pantheism
 - Polytheism
 - The doctrine of or belief in more than one god or in many gods.

THEOLOGY

–Pantheism

- The doctrine that God is the transcendent reality of which the material universe and human beings are only manifestations: it involves a denial of God's personality and expresses a tendency to identify God and [in] nature.

THEOLOGY

- Hindus all believe in one Supreme God who created many Gods, highly advanced spiritual beings, to be his helpers.



HINDUISM



FACTS @

- **Main Deities:** Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu, and Lord Shiva are the creator, protector, and destroyer respectively. These are the three main deities in Hinduism.



gods INCARNATE



The Error of Hinduism

- Hindu thought can add to its galaxy of sacred the Christian Bible and Jesus Christ as a god, . . .

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The Error of Hinduism

- . . . yet they cannot embrace His person and work as uniquely redemptive and without equal.

The Error of Hinduism

- Their answer to “sin” and suffering is not found in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The Error of Hinduism

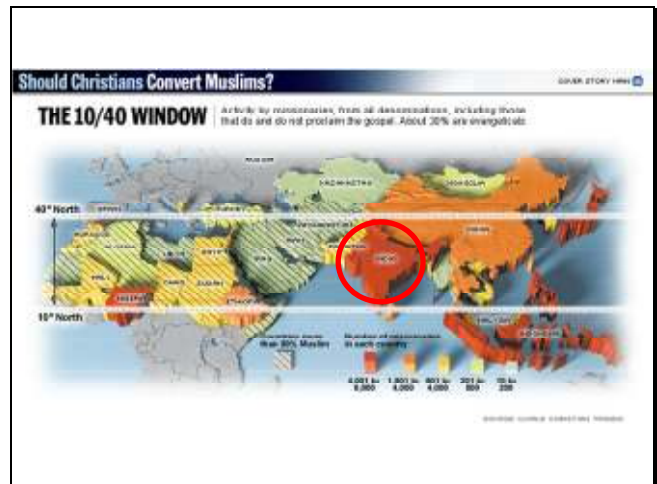
- In Hindu thought, deliverance from such things is only possible through the doing of good works through endless cycles of rebirth / reincarnation.

The Error of Hinduism

- Because Hinduism does not embrace the exclusive nature of biblical truth and the central place Jesus Christ has in the unfolding of God's *Story*, they are lost . . .

The Error of Hinduism

- . . . and do not have their sins atoned and they will be separated from God forever and experience His absence and feel the torment of their rejection of Him forever.



HINDUISM



“Brethren, Pray for Us”

❖ India

- 1.3 Billion w/ @59 Million Christians
- Laborers . Lost . Leaders

- India is the most populous democracy on earth.
- According to the 2011 census, 79.8% of the [population of India](#) practices Hinduism and 14.2% adheres to [Islam](#).
- 2.3% claim Christianity.

PERSECUTION

- Since May 2014, India has been governed by a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

PERSECUTION

- As a result, radical Hinduism, which was already present under the previous government, has increased steadily.

PERSECUTION

- While intolerance has risen, and minorities are constantly attacked, the central government has refused to speak out against the atrocities – thus further encouraging the radical Hindus to step up their actions.

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PERSECUTION

- The level of impunity has gone up markedly for those who push for a completely Hindu India.

HOPE

- Like the apostle Paul in Philippians 3:8ff, they must look at all of their posturing for personal salvation, consider it as dung . . .

HOPE

- . . . and lay claim only and alone to Jesus Christ in His person and work in order that they might gain Christ. Cf. Matt. 16:24-28

HOPE

- They must embrace God's provision for salvation being by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

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State	Jewish Population (1899)	Jewish Population (2014) ^o
West Virginia	6,000	2,310
Wisc.	10,000	28,255
Wyoming	1,000	1,150
Total	1,043,800	6,768,855

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