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| unselfishness is key to everything | used to be state religion of Japan | practice the caste system in which there are four main castes | pain and sorrow caused by greed | consider the cow is holy & eat no meat |
| does not stress life after death | earliest religion of Japan | Monotheistic & hold book is Quran | Believe in Four Noble Truths and Nirvana | founder is Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) |
| Confucius was not a prophet or religious leader but a teacher | began in Arabian peninsula & came to India in the 1500s | began with teachings of Confucius | most believe pork to be unclean to eat | developed in India & copied much of the Aryan practices |
| believe in kami or divine spirits that live in nature | started in China | looked at as a way to live instead of a religion | started with teachings of Muhammad | practice Five Pillars |
| pray five times a day & fast during Ramadan | practiced most widely in India | gather in mosques to pray | Vedas is the holy book. | believe in reincarnation & Karma |
| travel to Mecca once in a lifetime | no elaborate philosophy | Five basic relationships among men | key to peace is for people to behave with good character | supreme spirit is Brahman |
| best path is The Middle Way with 8 rules for conduct | paper says polytheistic but is really monotheistic | believe some mountains & rivers are holy | largest numbers in Southern and Eastern Asia | second largest religion in the world |
| They pray to and perform rituals to the kami. | Peace in relationships among men equals peace in country | homes have small altar to pray to spirits | If you do not want it done to you, then do not do it to others. |  |
| no gods or priests | name means “enlightened one” | third largest religion in the world | fourth largest religion in the world |  |