

Religion

Universalizing vs. Ethnic Religions
Global Distribution of Faith

Terms

- **branch**: a large and fundamental division within a religion
- **denomination**: is a division of a branch that unites a number of local congregations in a single legal and administrative body
- **sect**: a relative small group that has broken away from an established branch/denomination
 - **heretic**: one who disagrees with church doctrine
- **sectarianism**: conflict arising from perceived differences between subdivisions of a group
- **adherents**: a believer or supporter

Universalizing

vs.

Ethnic Religions

- In general
 - Seeks to appeal to all
 - = **mostly proselytic**
 - Truths apply to all!!!!
 - tied to life of founder, humans can move, relics can too!
- Holy Places
 - tied to phys. environment
 - very immobile. Mountains and rivers don't move!
- Both involve **pilgrimages**
- Calendar
 - Celebration of the founder's life
 - Celebration of the seasons
- Cosmogony
 - **Beliefs about origin of the universe**
 - God creates nature/physical environment for humans to use
 - God = nature
 - incorporates events from phys. environment
- Diffusion
 - precise origins/hearth, tied to a specific founder
 - usually **widespread**
 - unclear or unknown origins, not tied to a specific founder, **Ltd. diffusion**, usually tied to geography of a location. Can diffuse thru relocation

World Religions

Universalizing

Ethnic

- **Major**

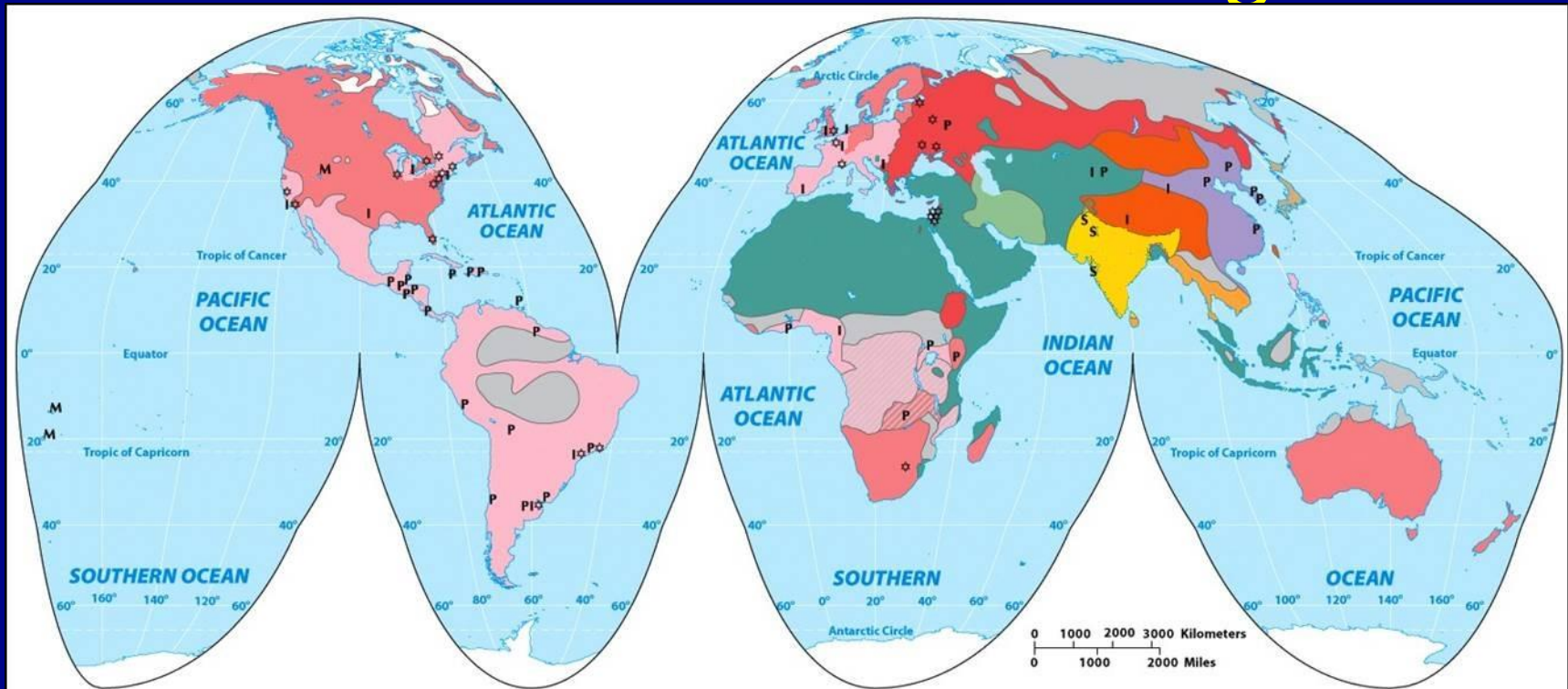
- Christianity (1)
- Islam (2)
- Buddhism

- **Minor**

- Sikhism
- Bahá'í

- Hinduism (3)
- Confucianism
- Daoism
- Shinto
- Judaism
- Ethnic African religions
 - Animistic

World Distribution of Religions



RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM	HINDUISM
Mostly Roman Catholic	Sunni	HINDUISM
Mostly Protestant	Shia	BUDDHISM – TANTRAYANA
Mostly Eastern Orthodox		BUDDHISM – THERAVADA
JUDAISM	EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTS	CHINESE RELIGIONS and BUDDHISM – MAHAYANA
SIKH	ISLAM	SHINTOISM and BUDDHISM – MAHAYANA
MORMANISM		TRADITIONAL and SHAMANIST RELIGIONS
		TRADITIONALIST MIXED

THE MAP!!!! We will be returning to this!

