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Religions

IMAGINE



NO RELIGION

Hinduism

Symbol



Supreme Being

One Supreme Reality
- Brahman is everywhere but has no form. It can be represented by male, female or animal.

Trimurti - 3 gods in one image.

Brahma - the Creator

Vishnu - the Preserver of life.

Shiva - the Destroyer and Regenerator.

The images are an aid to worship and are not worshipped themselves.

Book


The Vedas - these existed in oral form for centuries before they were written down.

The Puranas - long verse stories of Hindu myths, gods, goddess and heroes.


Dharma-Shastra (ancient law and customs)

Upanishads and Bhagavad-Gita (philosophical writings)


Buddhism

Symbol	Supreme Being	Book
	<p>Buddha (the Enlightened One) Born a Hindu Prince as Siddhartha Gautama c. 560 BC in Nepal. (He is not actually worshipped as a God, but Buddhists follow his teachings)</p>	<p>Tripataka (three Baskets)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Written in ancient Pali or in Sanskrit2. Like baskets of food, the three baskets of wisdom should be passed from one person to another.

Islam

Symbol	Supreme Being	Book
	Allah	Qur'an (Koran) Comprised of writings of Mohammed (born AD 571).

Judaism

Symbol	Supreme Being	Book
	The Lord God	<p>Tenakh - the Scriptures of 24 books divided into three sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Torah lists all the Laws given to Moses by God and all the rules for the conduct of everyday living.2. Nevi'im comprise the prophetic books of Judaism.3. Ketubim contains the psalms and writings.

Sikhism

Symbol



Supreme
Being

Nam
(God)

Book

Guru Granth Sahib
(Revered Book)

Adi Granth (First Book)
Includes some writings
from Muslims and
Hindus

Christianity

Symbol

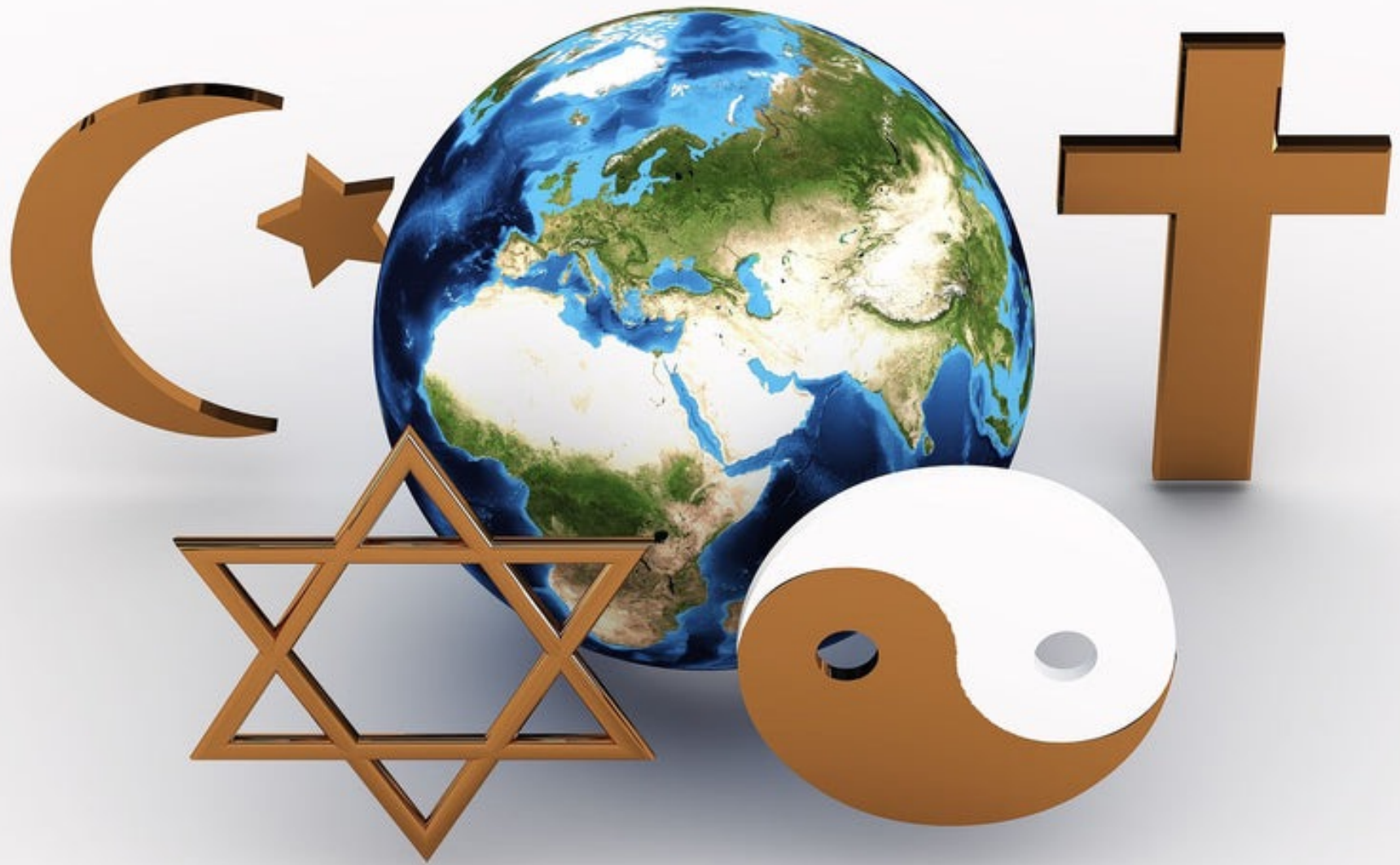


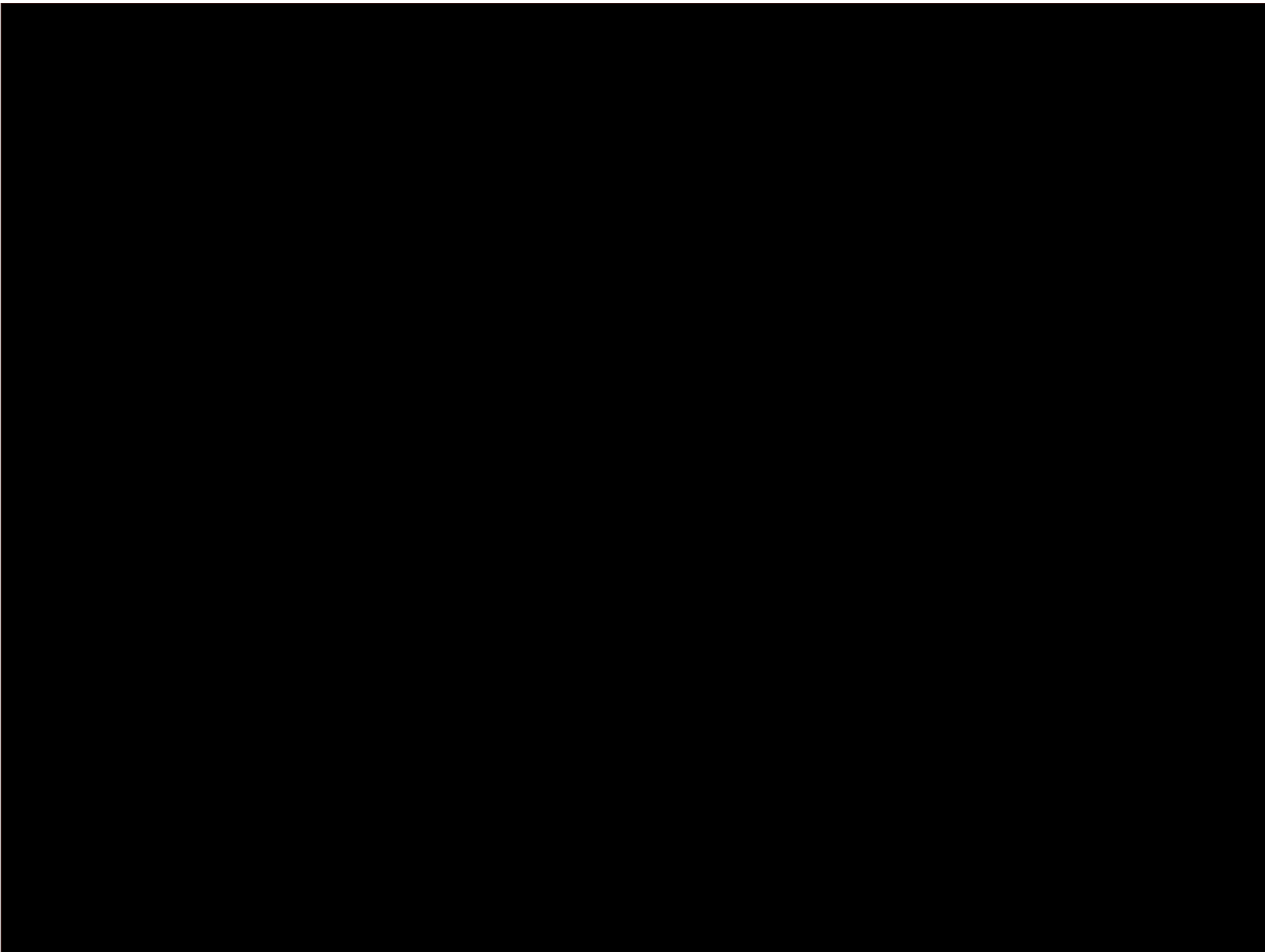
Supreme Being

God
The Holy
Trinity:
God the
Father,
God the Son,
and
God the Holy
Spirit.

Book

The Bible:
• Old Testament
• New
Testament





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