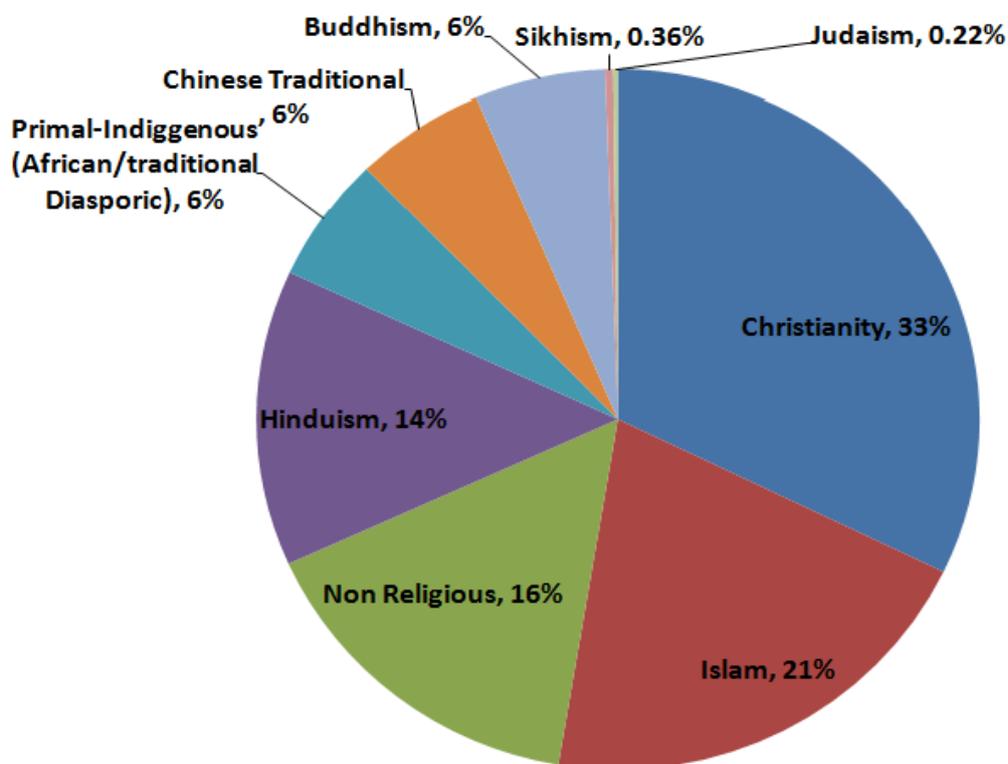
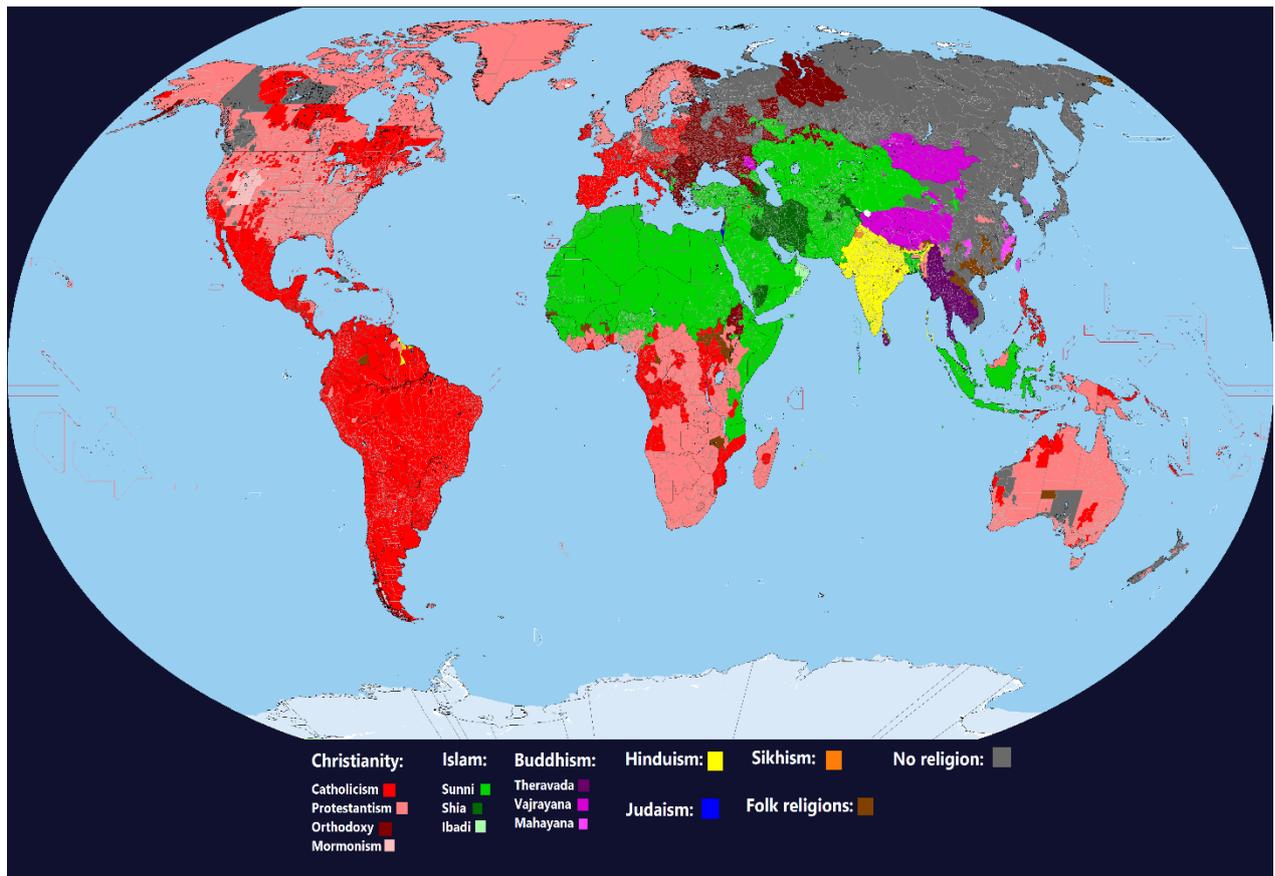


## GLOBAL RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION OF POPULATION

Most of the human population on earth have a strong belief in spirituality or super power or commonly they believe in GOD which is basically what we call religion. Studies by scholars have confirmed that more than 4000 varieties of religion exist on planet earth. However, we only count the major religions which we commonly see around us or which have got a large following. Some of the major religions on earth are – Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism etc.



From the diagram we can see that Christianity is the largest followed religion on earth. It is followed by Islam, Non religion, Hindus and so on. It is interesting to note that though Christianity is the largest followed religion on earth but it will gradually be surpassed by Islam because the followers of Islam religion is growing very fast. It has been found that every muslim woman has 2.9 children per head which is highest among any other religion.



This map with different colours shows the distribution of population of different parts of the world. Let's discuss some important religion in detail

- 1) Christianity- This religion is centered around Jesus Christ. It is a monotheistic religion that is having only one god. It became the state religion of the roman empire and got popularity in European continent. But in the present time the followers of Christianity is declining in Europe and increasing in north America, south America etc.
- 2) Islam - It is also a monotheistic religion which is being started by prophet Muhammad who said himself to be the messenger of GOD OR ALLAH. It started in the present-day Saudi Arabia. His teachings were collected in Quran. He started his journey of religion from a place called the Mecca where he was severely criticized and later, he gathered his follower from Medina and spread the religion to every corner of the World.
- 3) Non-religious – This group of people do not have faith in any religion. They are secular in nature.
- 4) Hinduism- It is believed to be the oldest religion but it has no clear founder. It dated back to the Vedas. It is a religion having numerous deities and gods. This religion has got so many reformations and modifications in its entire course of evolution. It is concentrated in its distribution and mainly found in India, Nepal etc.
- 5) Buddhism-This was founded by Siddharth Gautama more than 2500 years ago in India. There are about 470 million followers of this religion. It is mostly followed in

east and south east Asia. This religion beliefs in Noble truth which explains the causes of ones worries and sufferings and also the ways to mitigate them.

- 6) Judaism - It is a monotheistic religion. They believe their god communicates through prophets and reward good deeds while also punishes evil. They worship in holy places called the synagogues and their spiritual leader is called rabbis. The six-pointed star of David is the symbol of Judaism. Most of the followers are found in United sates and Israel.