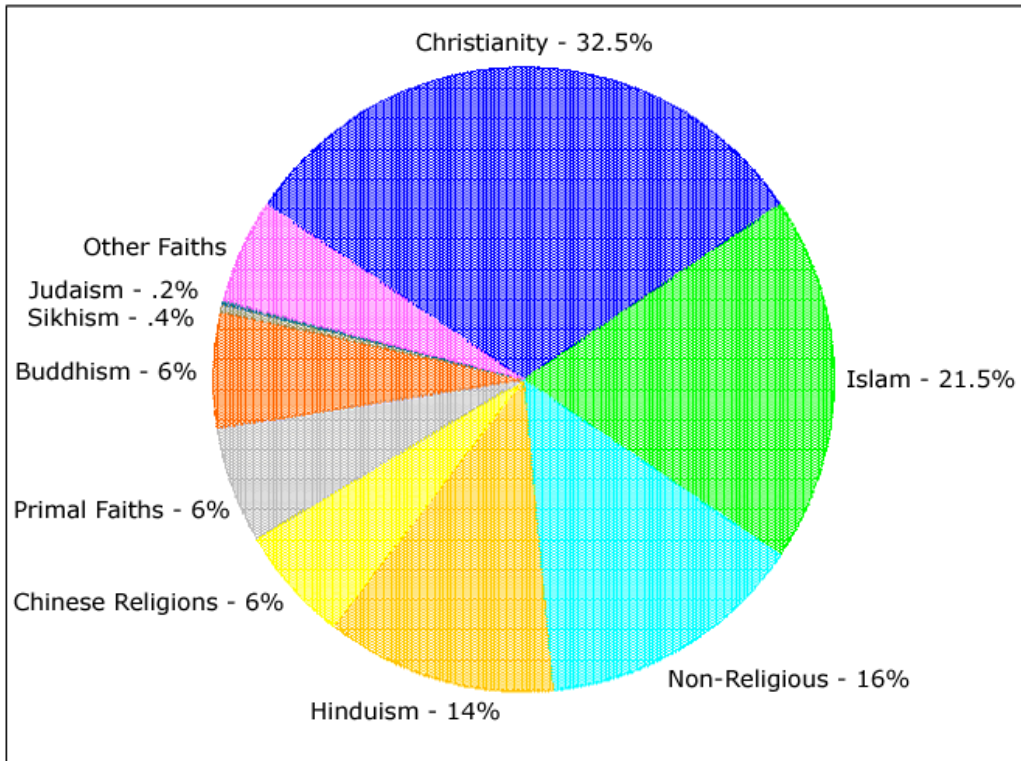


INTERFAITH WITNESS

Hinduism



What is Hinduism?

“Hinduism includes a diversity of ideas on spirituality and traditions, but has no ecclesiastical order, no unquestionable religious authorities, no governing body, no prophet nor any binding book; Hindus can choose to be polytheistic, pantheistic, monotheistic, agnostic, atheistic, or humanistic.

Wikipedia

Hinduism has been variously defined as a religion, a religious tradition, a set of religious beliefs and a way of life.

“Unlike other religions of the world, the Hindu religion does not claim any one Prophet, it does not worship any one God, it does not believe in any one philosophical concept, it does not follow any one act of religious rites or performances; in fact, it does not satisfy the traditional features of a religion or creed. It is a way of life and nothing more.”

Supreme Court of India

You already know some things about Hinduism

Karma, Sacred Cows, Caste System, Yoga, Meditation, Nirvana, Sacred Ganges River, Reincarnation, Gurus, Enlightenment, and finally...The Circle of Life. (Cue Video) (This slide should build with a variety of fonts and sizes)

Bindi (show picture) Spiritual eye

Red = married Black = single.

Mehindi (Henna) Tattoos (show picture)

Preparing the bride (decorating) for marriage in a Hindu wedding.

Turbans (show picture)

Only one small sect of Hindus (shiks) wear turbans for religious meaning

Prominent Themes of Hinduism

Dharma: ethics and social duty

Samsara: the continuing cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth

Karma: action, intent and consequences

Moksha: liberation from Samsara or freedom from this life

Yoga: paths or practices

Objectives of the Hindu Life

Dharma: that which all existing beings must accept and respect to sustain harmony and order in the world.

Artha: virtuous pursuit of wealth for livelihood, obligations and economic prosperity.

Kama: desire, wish, passion, longing, pleasure of the senses; the aesthetic enjoyment of life.

Moksha: the liberation from sorrow, suffering and Samsara into perfect nirvana.

Karma: past actions have consequences in this present life and current actions have consequences in the life to come.

Witnessing to Muslims

- 1. Be courteous and loving**
- 2. Reflect interest in their beliefs.**
- 3. Be acquainted with their basic beliefs.**
- 4. Stick to the primary doctrines of the Christian faith.**
- 5. Point out the reality of a personal God and the way He revealed himself through the person of Jesus Christ.**
- 6. Stress God as the creator and sustainer of all reality.**

- 7. Share the plan of salvation as a gift of grace, not something to be earned through lifetimes of effort.**
- 8. Pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Trust Him to provide wisdom and grace.**
- 9. Be willing to become a friend and personal witness to the Hindus.**