

5 WORLD RELIGIONS VOCABULARY

Terms to Know-JUDAISM

prophet a messenger sent by God to share God's word with people

monotheism the belief in only one God

tribe a group of people who share a family member in the past

Exodus the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt

covenant an agreement with God

Torah the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai; later they became a part of the Hebrew Bible

commandment a rule that God wanted the Israelites to follow

Terms to Know-CHRISTIANITY

parables short stories that teach a lesson about good, or honorable, behavior

resurrection coming back to life from the dead

apostle Christian leader chosen by Jesus to spread his message

salvation the act of being saved from the effects of wrongdoing, or sin

hierarchy an organization with different levels of authority

clergy church officials

laity regular church members

doctrine official church teaching

gospel an account of the life and teaching of Jesus, written by the apostles

pope the title for the bishop of Rome, who is the head of the Roman Catholic Church

Terms to Know-ISLAM

Quran the holy book of Islam

shari'ah Islamic code of law

minaret a tower of a mosque from which a person calls Muslims to prayer

Terms to Know-HINDUISM- major religion that developed in ancient India; main belief: all souls are part of one universal spirit

Brahman the universal spirit worshiped by Hindus

reincarnation the idea that the soul is reborn into many different lives

dharma a person's personal duty, based on the individual's place in society

karma a good or bad force created by a person's actions; it determines whether a person's soul will be reborn into a higher or lower form of life

Terms to Know-BUDDHISM-religion founded by Siddhartha Gautama; main belief: inner peace comes from ending desire

reincarnation the idea that the soul is reborn into many different lives

nirvana a state of perfect happiness that is achieved after giving up all desires

meditate to engage in thought or contemplation; reflect.