Word Cards

23 sacred

regarded with great respect by a particular

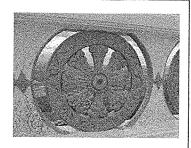


religious group and having a spiritual dimension

Example: The Vedas are the ancient sacred texts of Hinduism, which recorded the religion's philosophy and customs.

24 reincarnation

the cycle of birth and rebirth of a soul into a new body



Example: The ultimate goal of the religious path of Buddhism is to escape the cycle of birth and rebirth by getting rid of desires.

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²⁵ missionary

a person sent to promote a particular religion in a foreign place



Example: Part of the reason the Christian religion spread so far and so fast is due to the use of missionaries who travel to other places and seek to convince people to become Christian.

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26 convert

to adopt a new religion from the one previously practiced



Example: Some religions try to actively convert people through the use of missionaries while others do not.

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27 diaspora

the dispersion of people beyond their original homeland

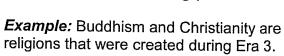


Example: By 70 CE there were more Jewish people living outside of their homeland, Jerusalem, than within it due to a diaspora.

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28 religion

a system of beliefs involving the existence and often worship of a superhuman controlling power



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29 philosophy

the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality and existence based on observation and rational argument



Example: Ancient Greek philosophy arose around 600 BCE and included thinkers like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

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30 religious ritual

a set of often repetitive acts that usually use symbolic objects, words, and actions.



Example: The religious ritual of going to church on Sunday is a common practice for Christians.

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