

♥ Welcome ♥

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Christianity

Cults & Religions

November 4, 2025

Rev. Deborah Dillard

Menu

Biblical Christianity †

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Hare Krishna 

Transcendental Meditation 

Sikhism 

Buddhism 

Soka Gakkai 

What the Bible Teaches

Judaism





FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Abraham of the Bible, about 2000 BC, and Moses in the Middle East.
- There are three main branches of Judaism each with its own beliefs:
 - Orthodox: Traditional Judaism
 - Conservative: Middle way between Orthodox and Reform
 - Reform: Liberal or progressive Judaism



KEY WRITINGS

- The Tanakh (Old Testament), and especially the Torah (first five books of the Bible).
- The Talmud (explanation of the Tanakh).
- The particular teachings of each branch.
- Writings of sages, such as Maimonides.



Torah Reading



WHO IS GOD?

- God is spirit. No Trinity.
- To Orthodox Jews, God is personal, all-powerful, eternal, and compassionate.
- To other Jews, God is impersonal, unknowable, and defined in a number of ways.



Orthodox Jew at the the Western Wall in Jerusalem



WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is seen either as an extremist false messiah or a good but martyred Jewish rabbi (teacher).
- Many Jews do not consider Jesus at all.
- Jews (except Messianic Jews and Hebrew Christians) do not believe he was the Messiah, Son of God, or that he rose from the dead.
- Orthodox Jews believe the Messiah will restore the Jewish kingdom and eventually rule the earth.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Some believe the Holy Spirit is another name for God's activity on earth.
- Others say it is God's love or power.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Some Jews believe that prayer, repentance, and obeying the Law are necessary for salvation.
- Others believe that salvation is the improvement of society.





WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- There will be a physical resurrection.
- The obedient will live forever with God, and the unrighteous will suffer.
- Some Jews do not believe in a conscious life after death.



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Meeting in synagogues on the Sabbath (Sabbath is Friday evening to Saturday evening).
- Circumcision of males.
- Jerusalem is considered the holy city.



Inside a synagogue



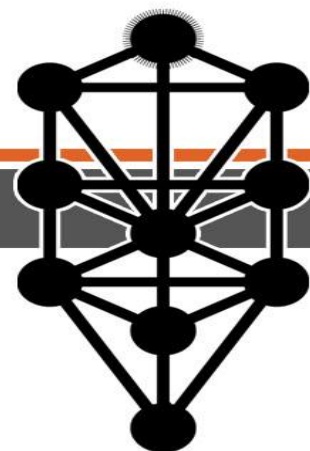
OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Many holy days and festivals, including Passover, Sukkoth, Hanukkah, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Purim.



Seder Plate used in Passover

Kabbalah Centre





FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by Shraga Feivel Gruberger (1927?—), now known as Philip S. Berg.
- But followers claim it was originally founded in 1922 by Rav Yehuda Ashlag (1885–1995) in Jerusalem.
- Headquarters today in Los Angeles, California.



KEY WRITINGS

- The *Zohar* (“Book of Splendor”), the Centre’s 23-volume translation of mystical Aramaic and Hebrew writings which first appeared in Spain in the 13th–14th centuries.
- Books by Philip Berg and his son, Yehuda, including *Kabbalah for the Layman*, *The Essential Zohar*, and *The 72 Names of God*.

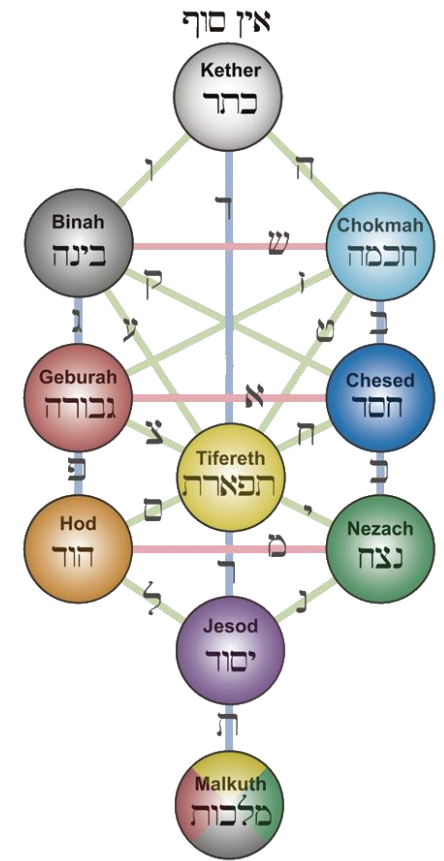


Title page of the
Zohar, 1558



WHO IS GOD?

- The supreme being (*Ein Sof*, “endlessness”) is unknowable, infinite, and impersonal—described as both “everything” and “in everything.”
- Revealed through ten emanations or manifestations (*sefirot*, “numbers”).
- Sefirot are illustrated with male and female aspects as ten points on the Kabbalah “Tree of Life” diagram.



Tree of Life diagram



WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is not God, nor is he the Jewish Messiah (who is yet to come).
- Some believe Jesus was a Kabbalist himself.



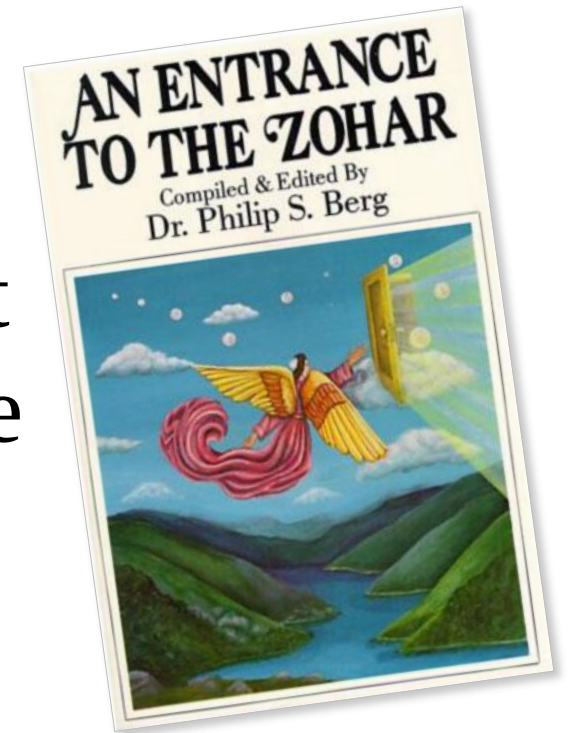
WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Ru'ah HaKodesh (“spirit of holiness”) is said to be a state of the soul that enables one to prophesy.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Man is a vessel with the spark of the Creator; he repairs God/the universe by right living and sharing so he can hold more of the Creator's light.
- Kabbalah enables us to understand and live in harmony with spiritual laws on which the universe operates.





WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Followers believe in reincarnation, not resurrection.
- Man is said to climb the Tree of Life back to God, and thus return to Paradise and “restore Eden.”



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Evil is not a moral issue, but a question of violating universal principles.
- Wear red string bracelets and other talismans to protect from the “Evil Eye” and negative spiritual influences.
- Extensive use of astrology and meditation.
- Controversy over expensive merchandise, courses, and fundraising methods.



Hinduism



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- No one founder. Evolved as a mix of religious influences in India, around 1800–1000 BC.
- Main types: Vaishnavism, Shaivism, and Shaktism.



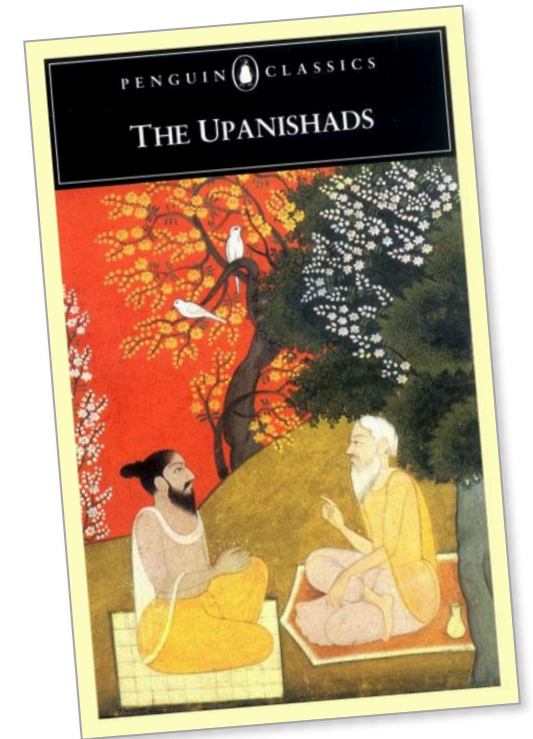
Ancient Hindu temple, Konark, India

Hinduism



KEY WRITINGS

- Many writings, including *The Upanishads*, *The Vedas* (oldest, about 1000 BC) and *The Bhagavad-Gita*.

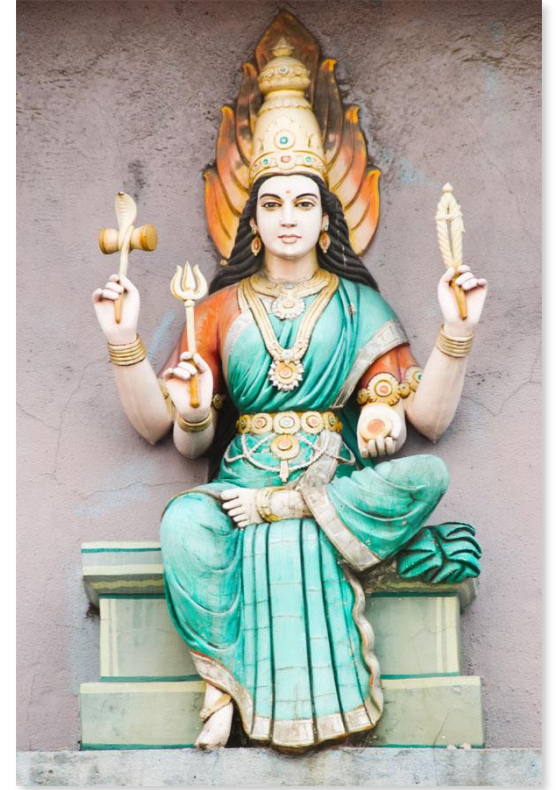


WHO IS GOD?

- God is “The Absolute,” a universal spirit.
- Everyone is part of God (Brahman), but most people are not aware of it.
- People worship manifestations of Brahman (gods and goddesses).

WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus Christ is considered a teacher, a guru, or an avatar (incarnation of Vishnu).
- He is a son of God as are others.
- His death does not atone for sins and he did not rise from the dead.



Vishnu



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is not part of this belief.

HOW TO BE SAVED

- Release from the cycles of reincarnation is achieved through yoga and meditation.
- This release requires spiritual evolution through many lifetimes.
- Final salvation is absorption or union with Brahman, like a raindrop falling into the ocean.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Reincarnation into a better status (by means of good karma) if a person has behaved well.
- A person who has lived badly can be reborn and pay for past sins (bad karma) by suffering.



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Many Hindus worship stone and wooden idols in temples, homes.
- Disciples meditate on a word, phrase, or picture; may wear orange robes and have shaved heads.

OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Many use a mark, called a *tilak*, on the forehead to represent the spiritual “third eye.”
- Yoga involves meditation, chanting, breathing exercises.
- Some gurus demand complete obedience.
- Hinduism is the foundation of New Age and Transcendental Meditation.



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NEXT

WEEK

Hare Krishna



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Meditation**



Sikhism



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on Wednesdays @ 7:00pm via



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Meeting ID: **831 4245 6020**

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Dial-in: **(929) 205-6099**

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WITH US**

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Please submit your
prayer
requests in the
“Prayer Box”
located in the front
lobby.



Prayer Request Card

If you have any prayer requests or needs,
please let us know & let us pray for you!

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For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

Great

Annual

Thank
you!

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s Invited

Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 am



MISSIONARY MINISTRY

FOOD

PANTRY DONATION DRIVE



Thank you for
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- * Canned Vegetables
- * Rice
- * Cranberry Sauce
- * Stuffing Mix



ATTENTION
NMBC Members aged 75 & up

Saturday, December 13th ~ 10:00-11:00 AM

HOLIDAY DRIVE-BY

Senior Saints 75 & older

Each participant will receive a token of love

Deadline to sign up is December 5th. Please sign up at the security desk or call the church at 678-479-8190 and leave a message for Sis. Shelia Watson or Sis. Brenda Marshall.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

NO CLASSES: *November & December*

Classes ***RESUME*** in January

Saturday, January 10, 2026 – ZOOM

Saturday, January 24, 2026 – IN-PERSON

All classes held 9:00 am – 12 noon

2025 Mortgage Burning Campaign

**The Goal = \$76,756.50
to pay off our mortgage by December 15, 2025**

The Ask = \$512 pledge per household

**For questions or info, contact the church
@ 678-479-8190 or @ nmbapt@bellsouth.net**

Good Night

sweet DREAMS

DEAR Friends

