Asia’s Religious Groups

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| Buddhism |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Shintoism |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Buddhism | India | Siddhartha Guatama (Buddha) | The Tripitaka - containing the collected teachings of Buddha | The Four Noble Truths, The Middle Way (Eightfold Path), Nirvana, Reincarnation | Primarily in Southern & Eastern Asia |
| Hinduism | Pakistan and India | No individual founder | Many texts, The Vedas is one | Polytheistic – any gods, Reincarnation, the Caste System, Karma | Primarily in India |
| Shintoism | Japan | No individual founder | No single text | Life and nature are sacred and must be protected, kami | Japan |
| Confucianism | China | Confucius | The Four Books and Five Classics, including writings of Confucius | Golden Rule, Honesty, love of family, kindness to others, honest work, respect for the state | Important in China and other places in East Asia |