

Universalizing and Ethnic Religions



Definitions

- Universalizing religions seek to have global appeal and actively try to gain converts
 - Spread through Stimulus, Contagious, relocation, and Hierarchical diffusion
- Ethnic Religions are associated with a singular group of people, membership is gained by birth
 - Spread primarily through relocation diffusion

Comparing

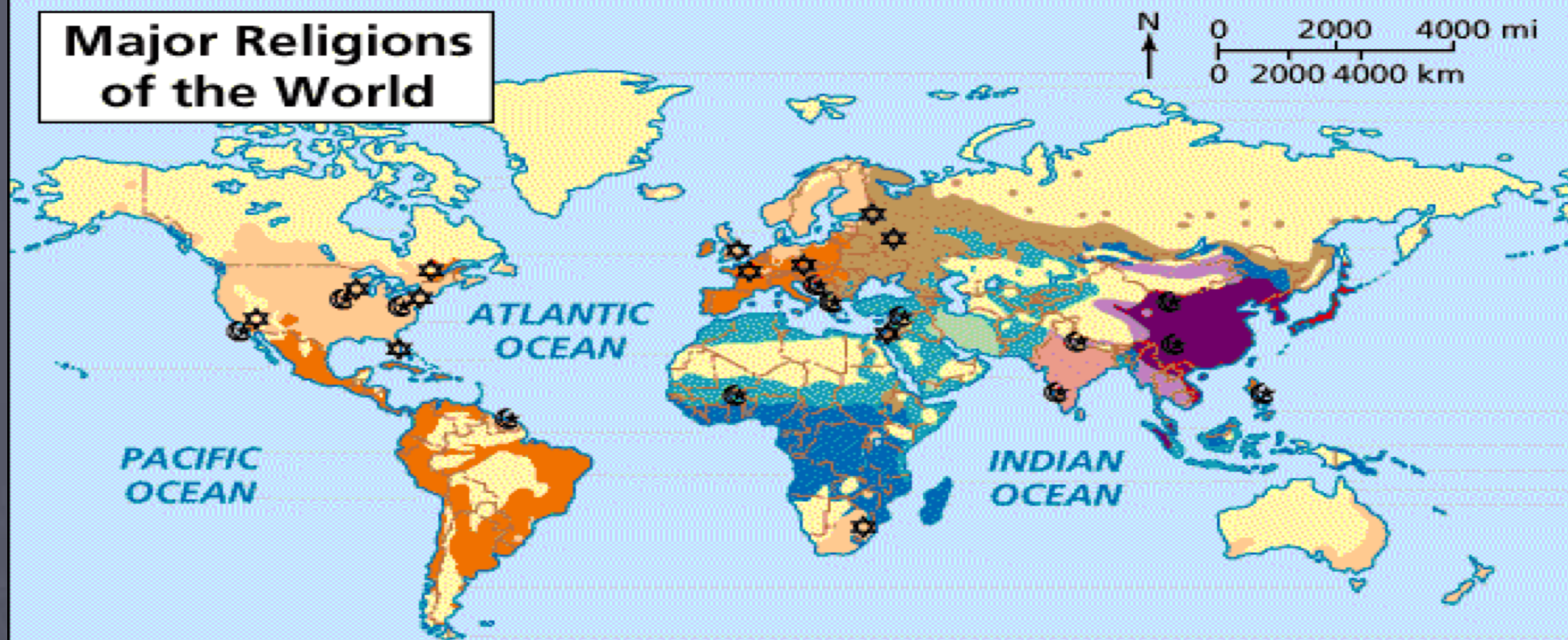
Universalizing

- Global appeal
- Usually, beginnings traced to an individual
- Use of missionaries to spread
- Followers widely dispersed
- Holidays based on founder's life

Ethnic

- Tied to singular group of people in one place
- Usually unknown source
- Content linked to landscape in place of origin
- Follower clustered
- Holidays based on local climate and history of people

Major Religions of the World



Roman Catholicism
 Protestantism
 Eastern Orthodox Christianity
 Islam - Sunni
 Islam - Shi'ah

Japanese religions (Shintoism, Buddhism)
 Chinese religions (Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism)
 Hinduism
 Buddhism

Local religions
 Judaism
 Significant Muslim population
 Religions mixed

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Universalizing

- Buddhism *
- Christianity (Protestantism, Catholicism, Orthodox)
- Islam (Shi'ite & Sunni)
- Sikhism

Ethnic

- Confucianism
- Daoism
- Hinduism
- Judaism
- Shintoism