



The Emergence and Spread of World Religions

Unit 4, Lesson 5



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World History Timeline (~250,000 BCE-present)



The Era of Foragers (Paleolithic) about 200,000+ years

The Agrarian Era 10,000 years

The Industrial Era 250 years

250,000 BCE

8,000 BCE

0

500 CE

1750 CE

Present

Era 3

ZOOM!

Major World Religions that Spread During Era 3

2000 BCE

1500

1000

500

1 CE

500 CE

Era 3: 1000 BCE-500 CE

Hinduism

Judaism

Buddhism

Christianity

Maps of War – The History of Religion in 90 seconds

<http://www.mapsofwar.com/ind/history-of-religion.html>

- **We** will watch this clip two times. The first time we watch this clip, focus on the big picture of what you are seeing. Where and when did religions emerge?

Stop and Jot AFTER watching the clip the first time – What did you notice? What are you thinking?

- Watch the clip again.

Turn and Talk:

- Did you notice anything different this time?
- Where and when did world religions develop?
- Write down one question you have about the video.

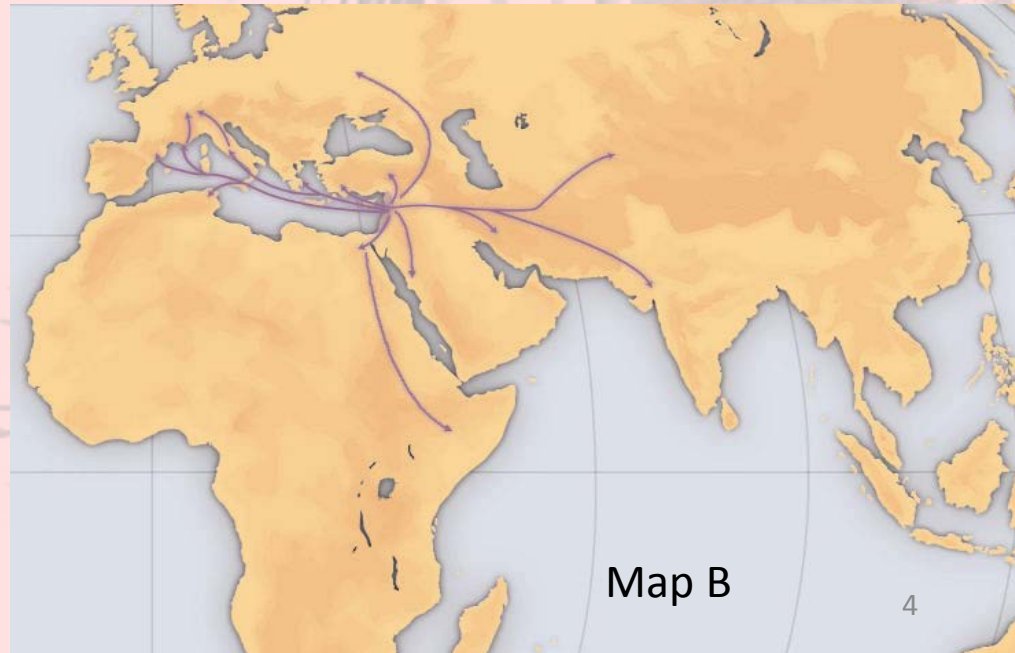


Map A

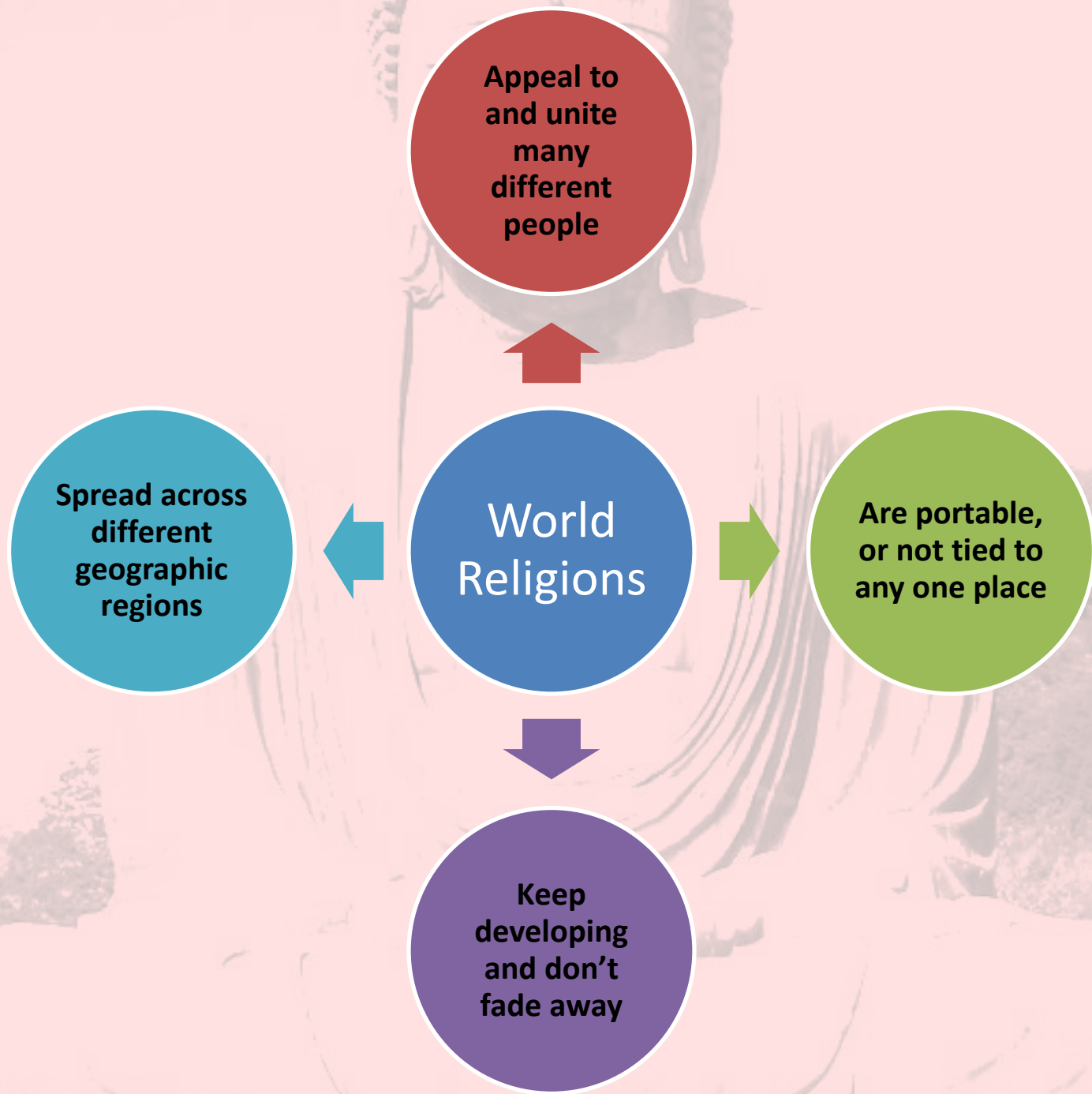
Think about what you saw in the video, then Turn and Talk about the questions below:

One of these maps is about the spread of Christianity, and one is about the spread of Buddhism.

- Which is which?
- How do you know?
- What do you think the arrows represent?



Map B



Does this religion seem to fit the criteria for a world religion?

- Many people in Ancient Egypt worshipped Hapi (Hep, Hap, Hapy) as one of their gods. Hapi was a water and fertility god who was popular throughout the area and was connected to the Nile River. Some people considered him to be the god of the Nile.
- He was seen as a god that connected Upper and Lower Egypt because he represented the Nile River which flowed through both places.
- Hapi was also associated with the important floods that happened every year along the Nile. The floods made farming better in that area because they brought in new, fertile soil.

Turn and Talk... Does this religion seem to be a world religion?
Why or why not?



What do you notice?

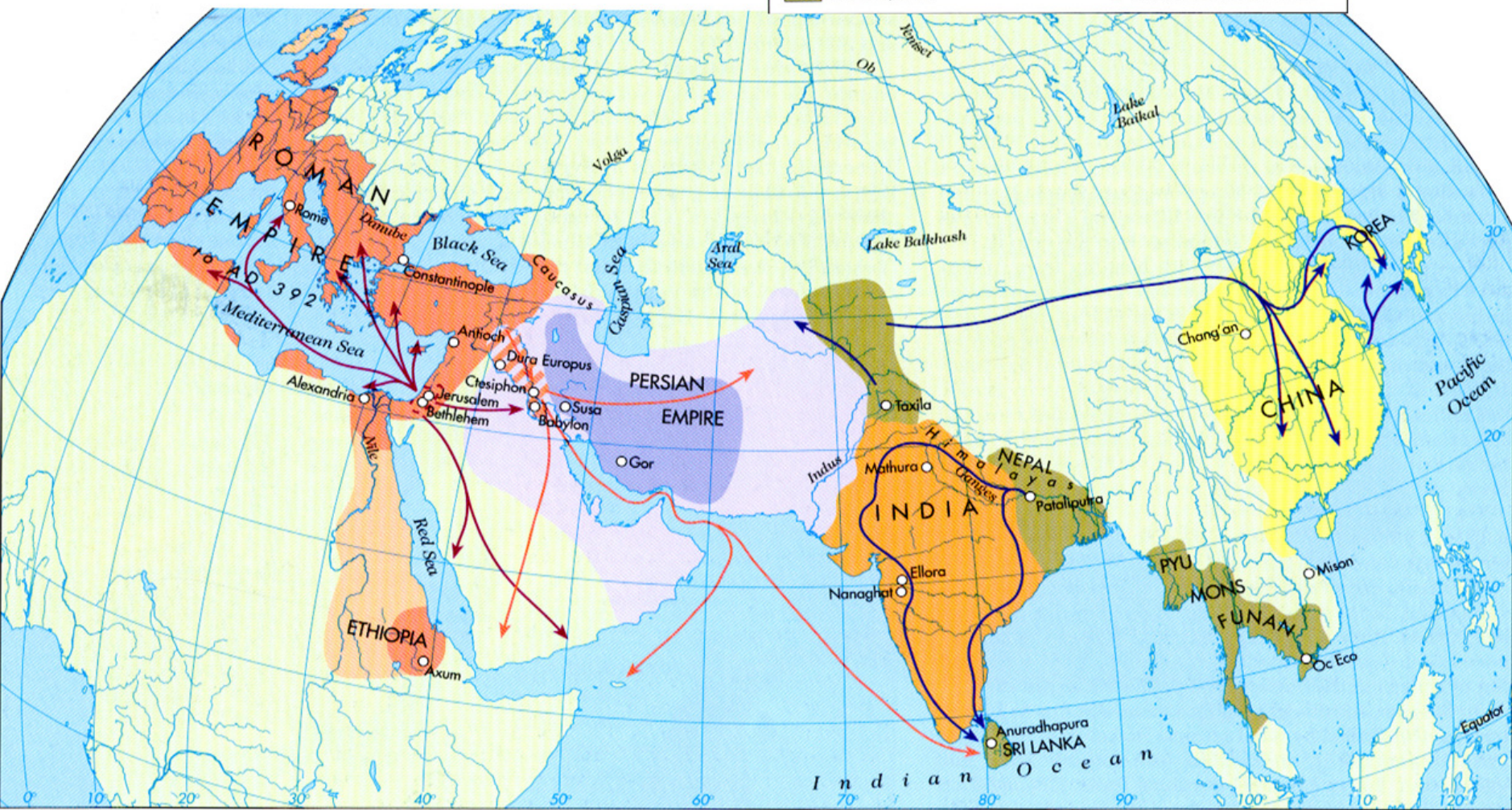
Where did the world religions begin?

What else was in these places?



1 WORLD RELIGIONS TO AD 600

- Christianity by AD 392
- Christianity established AD 392–600
- Zoroastrianism from 6th century BC
- Zoroastrianism established under Sasanians AD 226–650
- Hinduism from 6th century BC
- Buddhism by AD 600
- Confucianism and Daoism 3rd century BC to 1st century AD
- Judaism before 600 BC
- Spread of the religions:
 - Christian missions c. AD 45–600
 - Buddhist missions c. 250 BC–AD 600
 - Jewish Diaspora c. 600 BC–AD 200



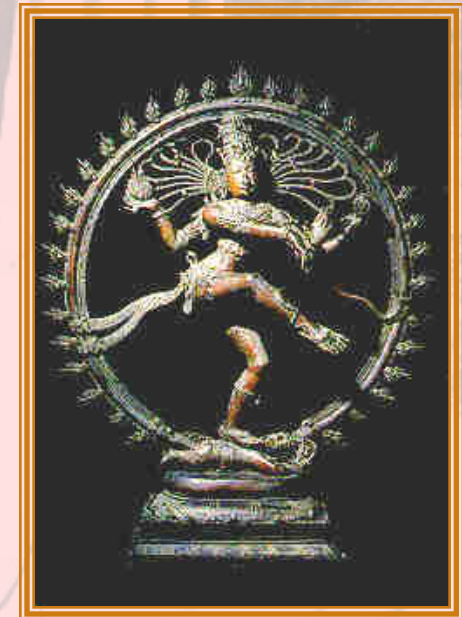
Turn and Talk: The arrows on the map show where and when religions spread. HOW do you think they spread? Share ideas with your partner.



Expanding Networks: Religions

When people carried a new religion from place to place, they also often took along

- A writing system (This was useful in teaching holy scripture.)
- Trade goods (Religion was a basis of trust among merchants.)
- Art styles (Religious ideas were often expressed in painting, sculpture, and architecture.)





Exit Pass

Explain one new idea you learned about world religions in this lesson.

Argument Formation Note Tracker



- What was the connection between world religions and empire?
- Why didn't world religions develop during the Foraging Era?
- How did empires make world religions possible and necessary?
- How did world religions affect empires?

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