

R&W - Is scripture central to religion?

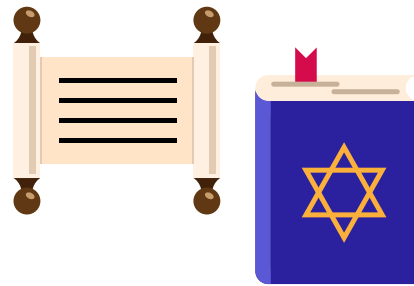
Abrahamic	Religions that believe in one God and are related to Abraham. These include the Jewish, Christian and Muslim worldviews.	recite	To say or repeat something from memory.
central	In religious contexts, the most important.	revelation	The act of revealing or making something known that was previously hidden or secret.
Hadith	A recorded saying or action of the Prophet Muhammad, providing guidance for Muslims.	sacred	Something that is greatly respected, treated with care and connected to God.
holy	Related to God or religion, considered special and to be respected by followers.	Tenak	A collection of Hebrew scriptures, including the Torah, the Nevi'im and the Ketuvim.
prophet	A person who is believed to be chosen by God to share a God-given message to the people.		

The **Torah scroll** or **Sefer Torah** is the first of the five books of Moses in the **Jewish** worldview.



Many religious people believe that God sent down revelations through significant people to help humanity live better lives.

Many Jewish, Christian and Muslim people share similar beliefs about God and his communication with the prophet Abraham. These worldviews are sometimes referred to as **Abrahamic** religions.



The Torah scroll is central to the Jewish worldview and is used as a scroll in the **synagogue** because it is the way it was written originally and so each copy of the Torah is made as a replica of the original.

The **Chumash** is a copy of the Torah in book form, containing commentaries and translations which some Jewish people use at home and in the synagogue to help them read and understand the Torah.



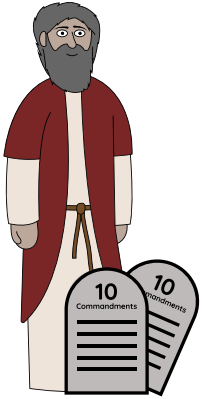
The **Qur'an** is central to the **Muslim** worldview. Many Muslims believe the Qur'an was revealed to the **Prophet Muhammad** in Arabic through the **Angel Jibril**.

Muhammad could not read or write so the revelations of Allah were passed on **orally**. Some revelations were written down by his companions.

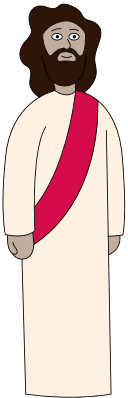
After his death, the revelations were compiled together into a single book, later agreed on by Islamic scholars. All copies of the Qur'an are the same.

The **Sahaba** (companions of Muhammad) also shared and wrote **Hadith** which were the sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad.

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The **Old Testament** is important to the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. It has religious texts and scriptures, and is part of the Hebrew Bible. It is also the first part of the **Christian Bible**, containing 39 books. Some of the important figures in the Old Testament are Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon.



The **New Testament** is the second part of the **Christian Bible** and it contains the teachings and stories related to **Jesus**. It contains 27 books. Some of the important individuals in the New Testament are Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist and the apostles.



The **Hindu worldview** includes the belief in one divine power called **Brahman**, which can take the form of many gods and goddesses.

Many Hindus follow 'Dharma' for moral duties and believe in karma which means that their actions affect their future lives. Some Hindus value meditation, yoga and rituals.



The Hindu scripture includes the **Vedas**, which are ancient scriptures with hymns and rituals, and the **Bhagavad Gita**, which teaches life lessons. Stories from these scriptures teach understanding, kindness and respect.



In the **Quaker** worldview, some Quakers use the **Christian Bible**. Many Quakers focus on '**inner light**' or the goodness in everyone. Quiet **meetings** in Quaker meeting houses help some Quakers listen to their 'inner light' and make good choices.

