

A Dictionary of Religious Literacy

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4 Gospels	Apocalypse	city upon a hill
4 Noble Truths	Apostles' Creed	Confucius
5 Ks (of the Sikh religion)	Armageddon	Confucianism
5 Pillars of Islam	atheism	Congregationalism
7 sacraments	atonement	Conservative Judaism
7 deadly sins	baptism	creationism
8-Fold Path of Buddhism	Baptists	crusades
10 Commandments (in its Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant versions)	Bhagavad Gita	Dalai Lama
	Bible	Daoism
	bin Laden, Osama	David and Goliath
12 apostles	Black Muslims	Decalogue
Abraham	Born-again Christian	Deism
Abrahamic Tradition	Buddhism	Disciples of Christ
Adam and Eve	Calvinism	dispensational
Adventism	Catholicism, Roman	premillennialism
African Methodist	Christ	Easter
Episcopal Church	Christian Coalition	Edwards, Jonathan
Ahimsa	Christianity	Eid
Allah	Christmas	Eightfold Path of Buddhism
Al- Qaeda	Churches of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Buddhism
Anglicanism		encyclicals

Episcopalianism	Great Awakening	Judeo-Christian
establishment clause	hadith	Judeo-Christian-Islamic
Eucharist	“Hail Mary”	Just-war theory
evangelicalism	hajj	Kabbalah
Fall	Hanukkah	Kama Sutra
Falwell, Jerry	Hare Krishnas	karma
Family values	hijab	King Jr., Martin Luther
fatwa	Hinduism	kirpan
First Amendment	Holocaust	Koran
Five Ks.	Holy Communion	Kwanzaa
Five Pillars of Islam	imam	Lao-tzu
Four Noble Truth	Immaculate Conception	Last Supper
free exercise clause	inerrancy, biblical	Latter-day Saints, Church
Friends, Religious Society	infallibility, papal	of Jesus Christ of
of	intelligent design	Lord’s Prayer
fundamentalism	Islam	Luther, Martin
Garden of Eden	Islamism	Lutheranism
Genesis	Jehovah’s Witnesses	Malcolm X
Gnosticism	Jerusalem	Martyr
“God Bless America.”	Jesus	Mary
Golden Rule	Jihad	Mary Magdalene
Good Samaritan	Joan of Arc	Mass
gospel of wealth	Judaism	Mecca
Graham, Billy	Judas Iscariot	Medina

megachurch	predestination	Second Great Awakening
messiah	Presbyterianism	Second Vatican Council
Methodism	Prodigal Son	secular humanism
millennialism	Promised Land	separation of church and state
monotheism	Protestantism	Sermon on the Mount
Moral Majority	Puritanism	Serpent
Mormonism	Quakers	Seven Deadly Sins
Moses	Quran	Seven sacraments
mosque/masjid	Ramadan	Seventh-Day Adventism
Muhammad	Reform Judaism	Shahadah
Nation of Islam	Reformation	Shariah
Nativity	Reformed theology	Shiite Islam
New Testament	reincarnation	shirk
nirvana	Religious Right	Sikhism
Noah	resurrection	Social Gospel
nonviolence	revivalism	Sodom and Gomorrah
Old Testament	Roman Catholicism	stations of the cross
Orthodox Christianity	Sabbath	Sunni Islam
Orthodox Judaism	sacrament	Taliban
Paul	Sadducees	Tanakh
Pentecostalism	Satan	Tao Te Ching
Pharisees	Scientology	Trinity
polytheism	Scopes Trial	Unitarianism
pope	Second Coming	

Upanishads

Vatican II

Vedas

virgin birth

Vishnu

Wahhabism

yin/yang

yoga

Zen

Zionism
