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DECEMBER - WORLD RELIGIONS



1. Laozi.

Clue: Laozi was a philosopher in ancient China. He is the author of the Tao Te Ching, an important text from Chinese history and he is a central figure both in philosophical and religious Taoism.



2. Ajanta Caves.

Clue: Located in the Maharashtra state in India, these caves contain monuments carved by believers of Buddhism between 200 BCE and 650 CE. They are renowned for the paintings and carvings that fill the complex.



3. Five Pillars of Islam.

Clue: The five central tenets of Islam include faith, prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage. The image here shows the word for prayer, or shahada, the first pillar of Islam.



4. The Ten Commandments.

Clue: The Ten Commandments are religious laws concerning worship and ethical behavior significant in Judaism and Christianity. The laws were reportedly inscribed on two stone tablets which Moses carried down Mount Sinai to the Hebrews, whom he was guiding through the wilderness after their liberation from slavery in Egypt.



5. Ganesh.

Clue: This Hindu deity is not only the "remover of obstacles," but also a patron of arts and sciences. He represents wisdom and intelligence. This image is based on the Chola fresco at the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India.

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6. Great Mosque of Djenne.

Clue: The first mosque at Djenné was built sometime in the thirteenth century but was completely destroyed by the 1800s. The current mosque was rebuilt in 1907. Both the original and current mosques were built of adobe in the Sudano-Sahelian style.

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7. Temple of Heaven.

Clue: This temple complex was built in Beijing between 1406 to 1420 for the Yongle Emperor. It was expanded 200 years later by the Jiajing Emperor. The buildings are full of Taoist and heaven worship symbolism. For example, all the roof tiles are blue to represent heaven. Image: By Unknown; Wikimedia Commons; Public Domain



10. Zoroastrianism.

Clue: Often considered the world's first monotheistic religion, Zoroastrianism had a huge influence on art and philosophy in the ancient Middle East. According to Zoroastrians, the purpose of life is to perfect the self and the world through "good words, good thoughts, good deeds." This symbol, the Faravahar, represents these three principles.



8. Mother Teresa.

Clue: Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who has become recognized throughout the world for her charitable acts. The organization she established to help the needy still functions today. She was added to the Catholic canon of Saints on September 4, 2016.

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11. Elliot Indian Bible.

Clue: John Eliot translated the King James bible into the indigenous Massachusetts language to produce the first bible published in North America. The final edition including all 66 books of the Bible was printed in 1663.



9. Mongolian Astrology Chart.

Clue: This circular chart was taken from a manuscript titled Manual of Astrology and Divination. The manuscript is full of charts and diagrams that Buddhist monks would use to predict the best time to do various tasks.

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12. In the Begining.

Clue: Written in Hebrew is the phrase, "In the beginning...," the opening line of the first book in the Bible. The Book of Genesis—a word meaning "origin" in Greek—narrates the creation of the earth and ancestral roots of humanity according to the Judeo-Christian tradition.



