CHURCH OF GOD FAMILY TREE

TRACING OUR ROOTS

ATHEISM
BELIEF IN NO GOD

ATHEISTS & NONRELIGIOUS
- REJECT SUPERNATURALISM

BUDDHISM
- ONLY MAJOR RELIGION THAT DOES NOT TEACH A LIVING GOD (SOME FORMS HAVE "IMPERSONAL DEITIES") • REINCARNATION • NIRVANA
- MEDITATION, NON-ATTACHMENT, SEARCH FOR PEACE, ENLIGHTENMENT

EASTERN ORTHODOXY
(GREEK & RUSSIAN ORTHODOX)
- EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN CHURCHES SPLIT FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH REJECTS PAPAL SUPREMACY
- AUTHORITY IN BISHOPS
- HIGHLY LITURGICAL, ANCIENT & SYMBOLIC WORSHIP
- VENERATION OF ICONS

JUDAISM
- MOSES
- LAW *(TORAH)*
- RABBINICAL COMMENTARY *(TALMUD)*

MONOTHEISM
BELIEF IN ONE GOD

CHRISTIANITY
- JESUS CHRIST (ONLY SON OF GOD)
- THE TRINITY
- OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS
- SALVATION IN CHRIST ALONE
- 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

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ISLAM
- MUHAMMAD & QURAN PRIMARY AUTHORITIES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
- PAPAL SUPREMACY • PRIEST AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN MAN & GOD
- VENERATION OF MARY/SAINTS
- WORKS/GRACE VITAL TO SALVATION
- LITURGICAL WORSHIP CENTERED IN LORD'S SUPPER • PURGATORY

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PROTESTANTISM
- ORIGINATED IN 16TH-CENTURY BREAK WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (REFORMATION) LED BY LUTHER, ZWINGLI & CALVIN
- JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH
- SCRIPTURE IS SOLE AUTHORITY FOR FAITH & LIFE
- PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

LUTHERAN
- MARTIN LUTHER
- REFORMATION THEOLOGY
- CREEDS • INFANT BAPTISM
- LITURGICAL WORSHIP

REFORMED
- FLOWS FROM THEOLOGY OF ZWINGLI & CALVIN
- SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD
- PREDESTINATION
- LIMITED ATONEMENT
- ETERNAL SECURITY
- INERRANCY OF SCRIPTURE
- EMPHASIS ON CREEDS
- INFANT BAPTISM
- PRESBYTERIAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

PRESBYTERIAN
- WESTMINSTER CONFESSION
- BOTH CONSERVATIVE & LIBERAL GROUPS
- WORSHIP CENTERS ON PREACHING

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
- PILGRIM FATHERS' CHURCH
- ECUMENICAL

MENNONITES
- PACIFIST
- SIMPLE LIFESTYLE

BAPTIST
- LARGEST BLOCK OF NORTH AMERICAN PROTESTANTS
- MOST ARE CALVINIST

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCHES OF CHRIST/DISCIPLES OF CHRIST/CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- SALVATION OCCURS AT BAPTISM
- EMPHASIZE MENTAL ASSENT TO FAITH
- WEEKLY COMMUNION

ANABAPTIST/BELIEVERS' CHURCH
- SEEKS TO RESTORE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY
- ADULT BAPTISM ONLY
- BIBLE IS MANUAL FOR CHURCH GOVERNMENT
- MISSIONARY MINDED
- STRESSES INDEPENDENCE
- SIMPLE WORSHIP
- CONGREGATIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

INDEPENDENT BIBLE CHURCHES
- FUNDAMENTALIST • INDEPENDENT
- ANTI-ECUMENICAL • CALVINIST

BRETHREN IN CHRIST

LATE 1800s

QUAKERS (FRIENDS)

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS

ANGLICAN
- COMBINES PROTESTANT & CATHOLIC IDEAS
- BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
- SCRIPTURE IS AUTHORITATIVE
- EMPHASIZES WORSHIP OVER CREEDS
- INFANT BAPTISM
- EPISCOPAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

METHODIST
- STEMS FROM 18TH-CENTURY REVIVAL LED BY JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY
- SALVATION AVAILABLE TO ALL
- ARMINIAN • SANCTIFICATION AS SECOND WORK
- MISSIONARY MINDED

WESLEYAN-HOLINESS CHURCHES
- BORN OUT OF 19TH-CENTURY HOLINESS REVIVALS
- SIMPLE WORSHIP
- ACCEPTED PIETISM EMPHASIS
- SANCTIFICATION BOTH INSTANTANEOUS & PROGRESSIVE
- REVIVAL ORIENTED
- MISSIONARY MINDED
- CONSERVATIVE IN THEOLOGY
- EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL ETHICS
- APPEAL TO THE POOR

CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON, IN)
- UNITY • HOLINESS
- WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

NAZARENE

FREE METHODIST

WESLEYAN

SALVATION ARMY

PENTECOSTAL/ CHARASMATIC

EPISCOPAL
- EMPHASIZES BEAUTY OF WORSHIP IN LITURGY & RITUAL.

UNITED METHODIST
- COMBINES EVANGELICAL & LIBERAL METHODISTS
- SOCIAL ACTIVISM
- PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION
- PASTORS APPOINTED BY BISHOPS

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- 19TH-CENTURY SPLIT BASED ON RACIAL ISSUES

PRIMITIVE TRIBAL RELIGIONS
- GODS ARE SEEN THROUGHOUT NATURE
- ANIMISM • ANCESTOR WORSHIP

POLYTHEISM
BELIEF IN MANY GODS

HINDUISM
- THOUSANDS OF GODS
- REINCARNATION • KARMA

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