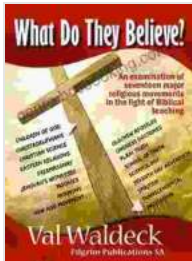


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Religion has played an integral role in shaping human history and culture. It provides spiritual guidance, moral principles, and a sense of community. However, with the vast array of religious movements and beliefs, it can be challenging to understand the intricacies of each. *What Do They Believe: An Examination Of 17 Major Religious Movements* is a comprehensive guide that unravels the beliefs, practices, and origins of these influential movements.

Major Religious Movements Explored

Ancient Religions

1. Hinduism

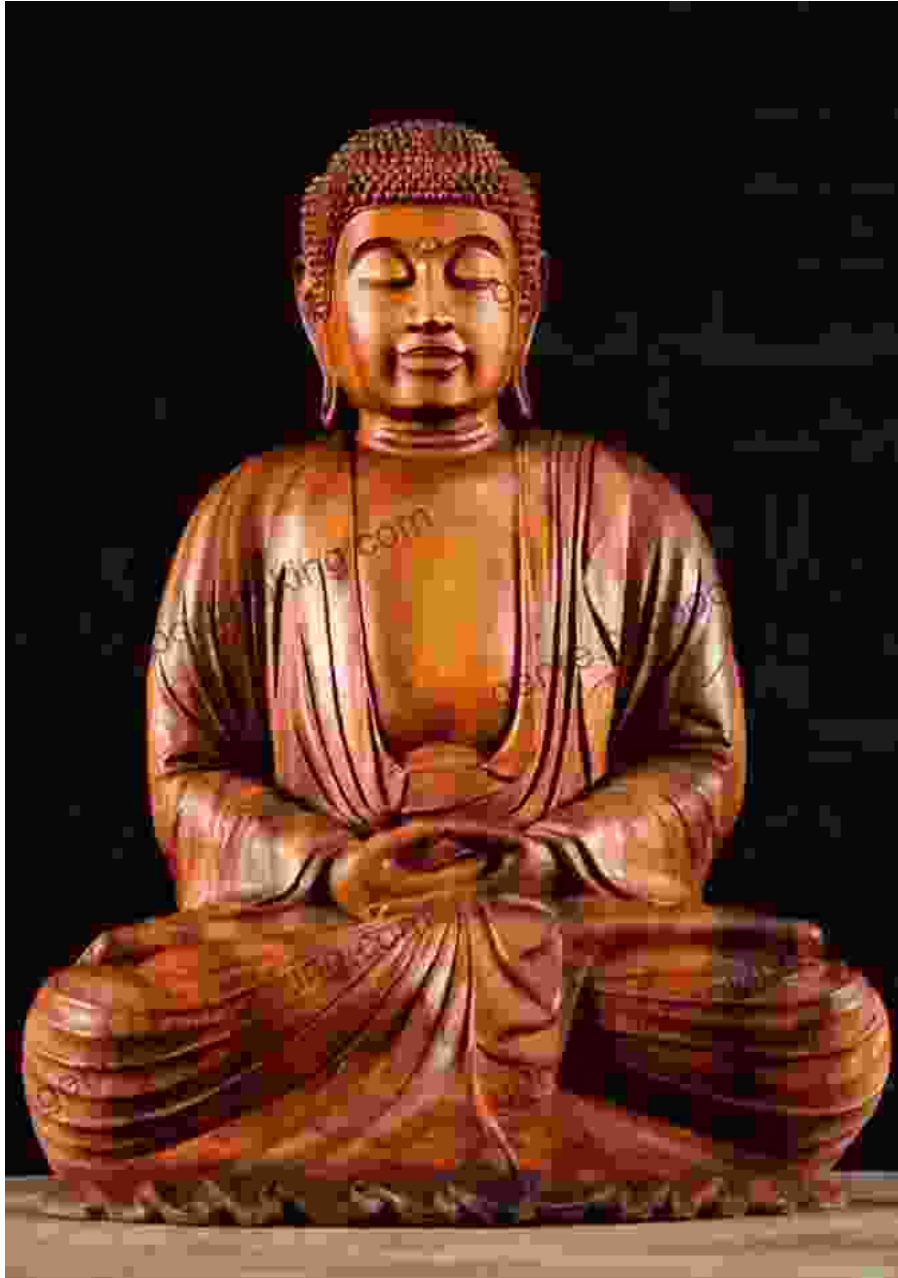
Hinduism, the oldest surviving major religion, is characterized by its polytheistic beliefs, belief in reincarnation, and the importance of dharma (righteousness).



2. Buddhism

Founded by Siddhartha Gautama, Buddhism emphasizes the importance of compassion, non-violence, and the pursuit of enlightenment to overcome

suffering.



3. Jainism

Jainism is a non-theistic religion focused on non-violence, asceticism, and the liberation of the soul.

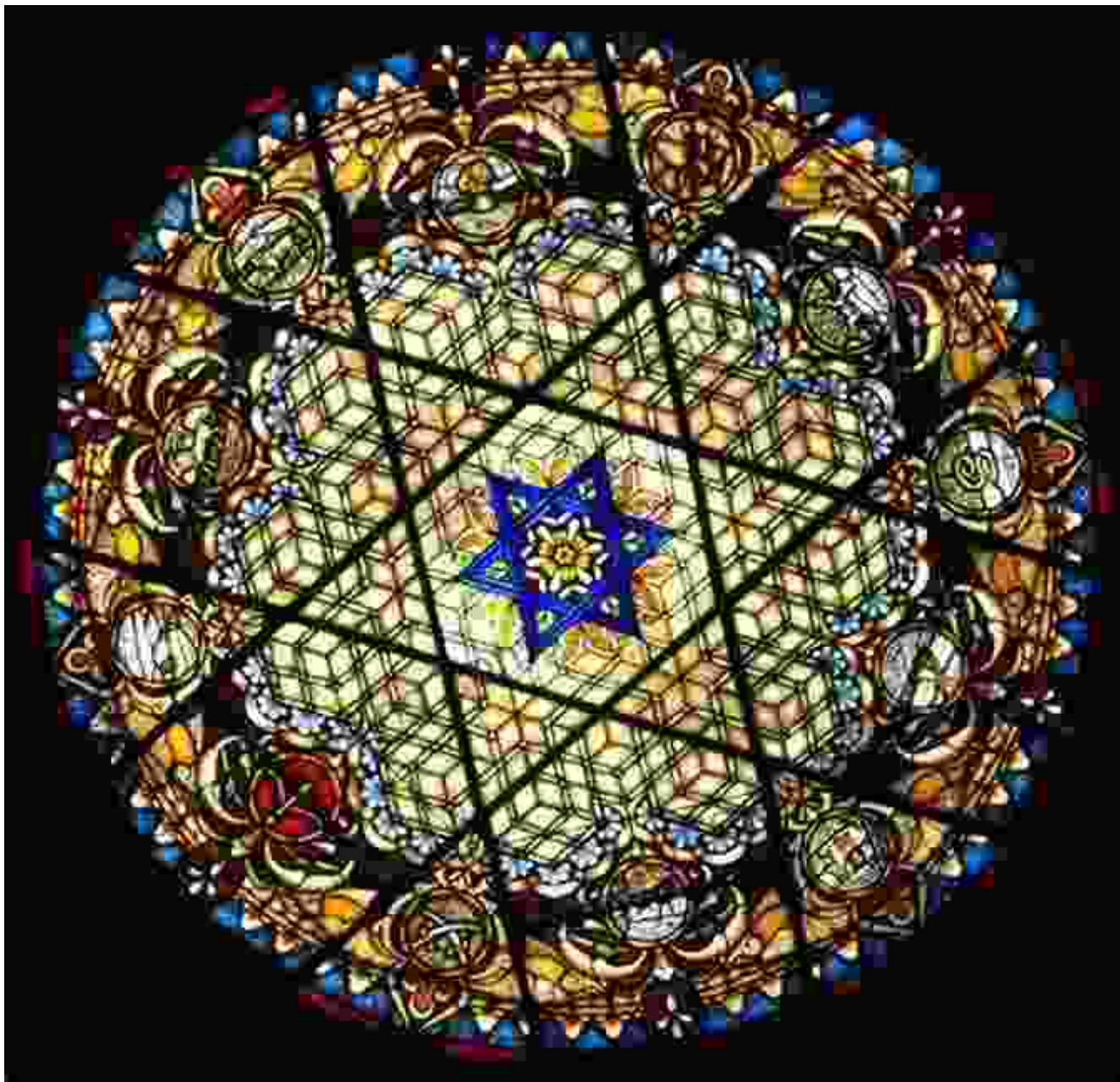


Abramic Religions

4. Judaism

Judaism, based on the teachings of the Hebrew Bible, is a monotheistic religion that emphasizes the importance of covenant with God and ethical

living.



5. Christianity

Christianity, founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ, is the largest religion in the world and emphasizes love, grace, and the importance of following

God's will.



6. Islam

Islam, founded by the Prophet Muhammad, is a monotheistic religion based on the teachings of the Quran. It emphasizes the importance of submission

to God (Allah), prayer, and ethical conduct.



Eastern Religions

7. Sikhism

Sikhism, founded by Guru Nanak, emphasizes the importance of one God, equality, and social justice.



8. Taoism

Taoism, an ancient Chinese philosophy, emphasizes the concept of the Tao (the Way) and the harmony between humanity and nature.



9. Shinto

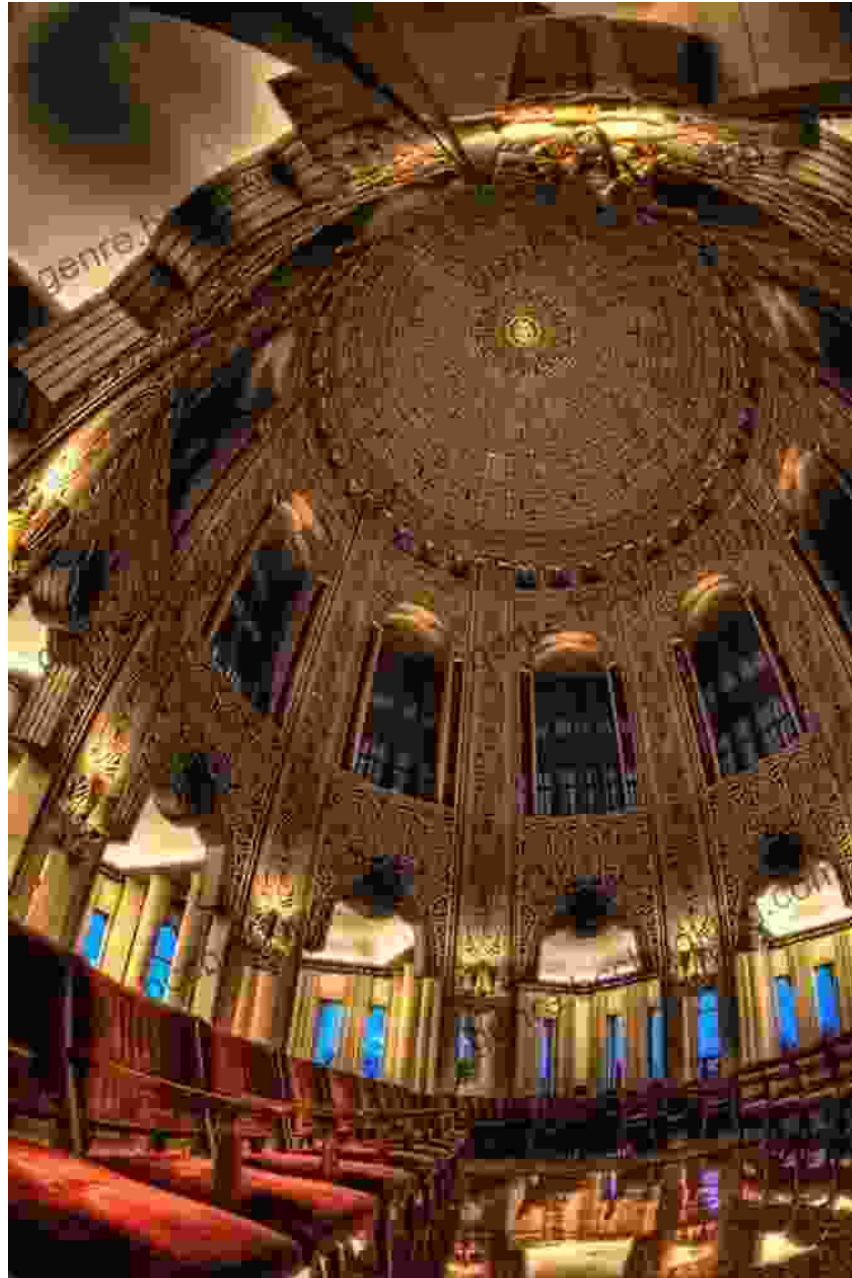
Shinto, a native Japanese religion, focuses on the reverence for nature and the worship of ancestral spirits.



Modern Religions

10. Baha'i Faith

The Baha'i Faith emphasizes the unity of all religions, the importance of peace, and the equality of all people.



11. Mormonism

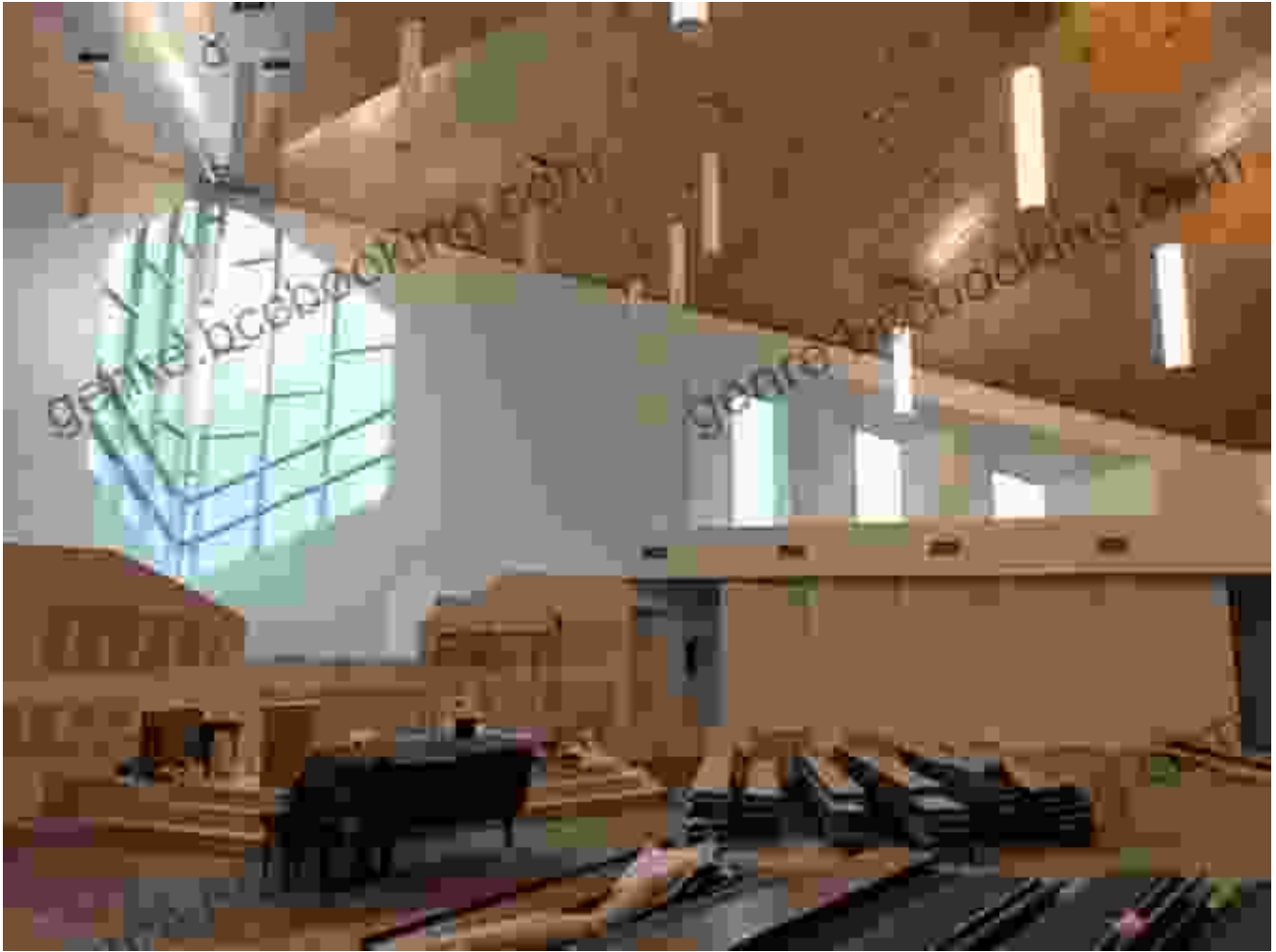
Mormonism, or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is a Christian-based religion that emphasizes the importance of family, personal

revelation, and the restoration of lost truths.



12. Seventh-day Adventism

Seventh-day Adventism is a Christian-based religion that emphasizes the importance of health, the Sabbath, and the soon return of Jesus Christ.



African Religions

13. Yoruba Religion

Yoruba Religion is a traditional African religion practiced in Nigeria and Benin. It emphasizes the worship of numerous gods and deities.



14. Vodun

Vodun is a traditional African religion practiced in Benin and Togo. It emphasizes the importance of spirits, rituals, and the use of sacred objects.



15. Igbo Religion

Igbo Religion is a traditional African religion practiced by the Igbo people of Nigeria. It emphasizes the importance of ancestors, spirits, and the use of

divination.



New Age Movements

16. Wicca

Wicca is a contemporary Pagan religion that emphasizes the importance of nature, witchcraft, and the divine feminine.



17. Neo-Paganism

Neo-Paganism is a collective term for modern religious movements that draw inspiration from ancient Pagan traditions. It emphasizes the

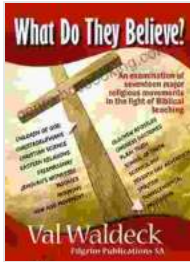
importance of nature, ritual, and the divine feminine.



What Do They Believe: An Examination Of 17 Major Religious Movements is a valuable resource for anyone seeking to expand their understanding of the diverse beliefs and practices of humanity. By exploring the origins, core teachings, and social impact of these movements, readers gain a deeper appreciation for the complexity and richness of the religious landscape.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is more important than ever to foster interfaith dialogue and understanding. This book provides a solid foundation for meaningful conversations about faith, spirituality, and the role of religion in our lives.

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