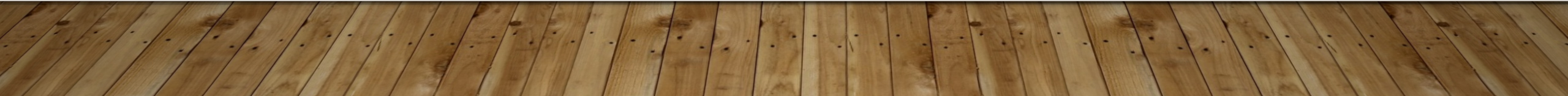


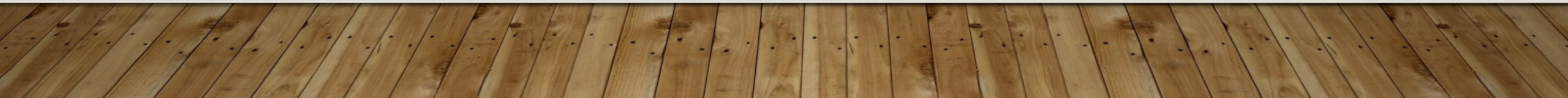
WORLD RELIGIONS



HINDUISM

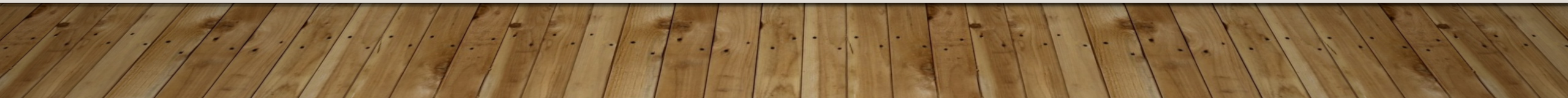
- Originated in India (still in India today)

- Polytheistic, one God takes many forms
- Reincarnation: Rebirth based upon Karma
- Karma: All thoughts and actions result in future consequences
- Important Texts (or books): Vedas and Upanishads
- Spread along major trade routes



BUDDHISM

- Buddhism was founded by Siddhartha Gautama
 - Buddhism was founded in India
 - Four Noble Truths
 - Eightfold Path to Enlightenment
 - Buddhism was spread by Asoka's Missionaries from India into China and Asia
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JUDAISM

- Judaism was founded by Abraham

- The city of Jerusalem is the most holy city to the Jewish people
- Judaism is the first Monotheistic religion (belief in one God)
- The Torah is the sacred text of Judaism
- Moses freed the Jewish people from Egypt and gave them the Ten Commandments
- Ten Commandments: religious and moral conduct
- Judaism spread through Exile, created a Diaspora

CHRISTIANITY

- Roots in Judaism (influenced by Judaism)
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Founded by Jesus of Nazareth
- Monotheistic (one God)
- Emphasis on “Life after Death”
- Holy text: New Testament, life and teaching of Jesus
- Christianity spread by: 1. Popularity of message 2. Martyrs 3. The Apostles including Paul

ISLAM

- Islam was founded by Muhammad
- Monotheistic (Influenced by Judaism and Christianity)
- Islam originated on the Arabian Peninsula
- Two most important cities: Mecca and Medina
- Important text: Qur'an (Koran)
- Five Pillars of Islam
- Spread through trade routes across Asia and Africa, creates Muslim Empire