Chapter 6: Religion

Part 1

The Cultural Landscape:
An Introduction to Human Geography
Religion
(Introduction pg 168-170

• This is what most religions pray for _______.
• religion and physical environment (?)

• Case Study – what’s going on in Tibet?
• What do geographers look at with regard to religion?
Key Issue 1
Where Are Religions Distributed?
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• Universalizing religions
  – Seek to appeal to all people
    • branch -
    • denomination -
    • sect -
  • Christianity – how many adherents?
    – Branches of Christianity-??
    – Christianity in the Western Hemisphere
      » nearly 90% Christian
      » Roman Catholics??
      » (Latin America/North America?)
      » Baptists - ??
      » Lutherans - ??
    – Smaller Branches of Christianity
Key Issue 2
Why Do Religions Have Different Distributions? (pg 178-191)

• Universalizing religions
  – Christianity
    • The largest world religion (about 2 billion adherents)
      – Many adherents in Europe, the Americas
    • Three major branches
      – Roman Catholicism (51 percent)
      – Protestant Christianity (24 percent)
      – Eastern Orthodox (11 percent)
  » Other, smaller branches of Christianity comprise 14 percent of all Christians
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• Islam
  » where is it mostly located?
  – five pillars ?
  – Branches of Islam
    » Sunnis - ?
    » Shiites -?
  – Islam in North America and Europe
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- Ethnic religions
  - Appeal to a smaller group of people living in one place
  - Hinduism - adherents? located where?
    - Holy book?
  - Other Ethnic Religions
    - Confucianism
    - Daoism (Taoism) – what’s important here?
    - Shintoism
    - Judaism
      - monotheistic
      - polytheistic
    - Ethnic African Religions
      - animistic - ?
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• What are the differences between universalizing and ethnic religions?

• Origin of Religions
  – Origin of Universalizing Religions
    • Buddhism –
    • Christianity –
    • Islam –

  – Origin of Christianity
    • Holy book? Pope?
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– Origin of Islam
– Origin of Buddhism
  • Founder - ?
  • Branches of Buddhism - ??
  • Where did it diffuse to?

– Origin of Other Universalizing Religions
– Origin of Hinduism, and Ethnic Religion
  • founder - ?
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• Diffusion of Religions
  – Diffusion of Universalizing Religions
    • What are the hearths of these types of religions based upon?
    • Diffusion of Christianity
      – Missionaries
      – Pagan
    • Diffusion of Islam
  
  • Diffusion of Buddhism
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Figure 6-2

Distribution of Christians in the United States