


## One Nation, Many Beliefs

Religion is a set of beliefs that help us answer questions about the world. People around the world follow many different religions. Many people do not follow any religion at all.

1. In groups, research each belief listed in the chart below, and complete the Symbol and One Belief columns.
2. Then, visit the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey at <http://religions.pewforum.org/reports> to see what percentage of Americans follow each belief listed on the chart. Fill in the percentages under the last column.
3. Finally, answer the questions on page three.

| RELIGION  | SYMBOL  | ONE BELIEF   | PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW IN THE UNITED STATES |
|-----------|---|--|---|
| Buddhist  | Wheel of Dharma<br> | There is no God.<br>Your actions in<br>this life determine<br>your next life. This<br>is called karma. | 0.7 or 7/100  |
| Christian |   |  |   |
| Hindu     |   |  |   |
| Muslim    |   |  |   |

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|------------------------------|--------|------------|---|
| Jewish                       |        |            |   |
| Sikh                         |        |            |   |
| Unaffiliated (e.g., atheist) |        |            |   |
| Mormon                       |        |            |   |
| Unitarian                    |        |            |   |

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1. Which religion is followed by most people in the United States?
2. How many religions listed on the chart believe in one God?
3. How many religions listed on the chart believe in more than one god?
4. How many religions or beliefs listed on the chart do not believe in a god?
5. Do you consider America to be religiously diverse based on the information?