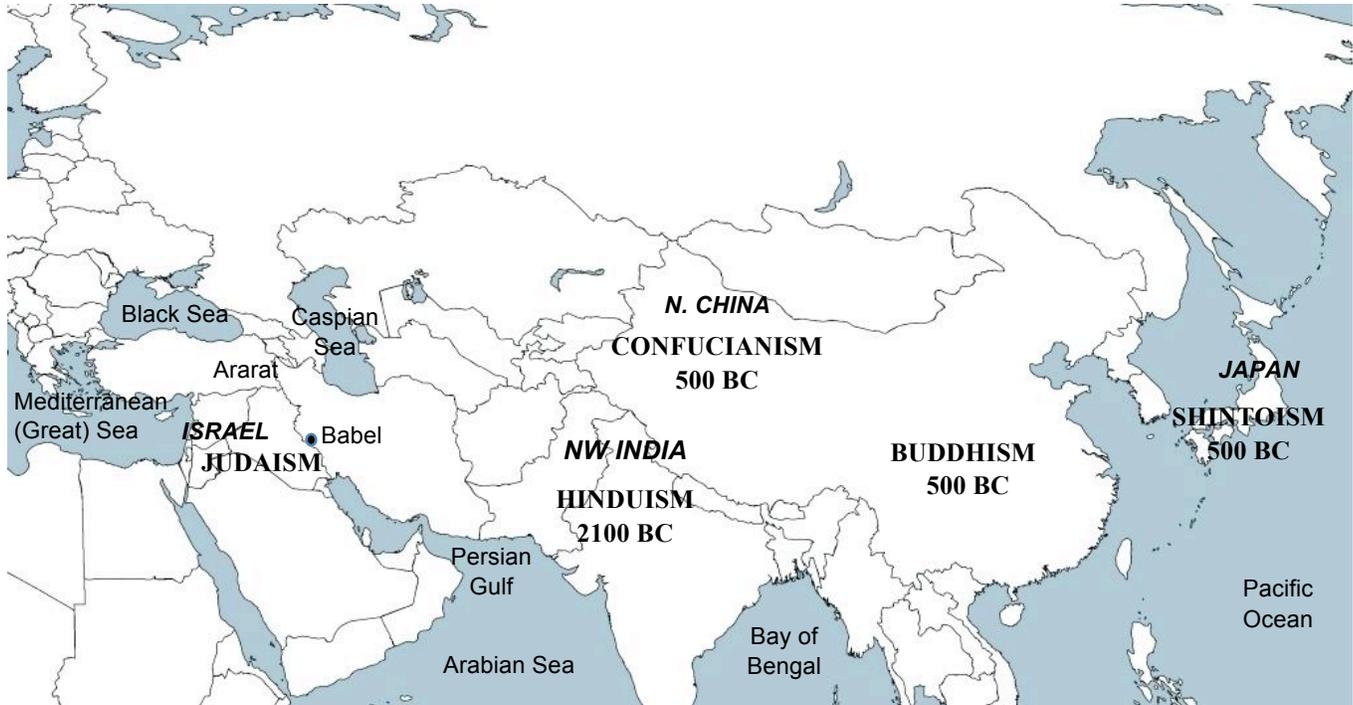


Eastern Religions After The Flood
(Around 2200 BC from the Tower of Babel)
Genesis 10 & 11



Religious Factors after the Flood

People groups moved: North (*Japheth/ Caucasus*)
South (*Ham/ Arabia/ Africa*)
West (*Shem/ Middle East*)
East (*Ethnic mix/ Asia*)
 from the Tower of Babel in Mesopotamia
 (*Shinar/ between Euphrates & Tigris River*)

Job lived after the flood and before Abraham in **Uz** (*NE Arabia*).
 He worshiped the true God of Noah (***Job 1-2***).

All other people groups eventually developed religions based upon natural observation, superstition, and demonic influence (***2 Corinthians 11:13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:19-20***). As religions formed and spread, they evolved eclectically.

Eastern Religions Invade Western Civilization

Modern Times (1960s & '70s)

(Course book 'World Religions' Made Easy' pp 30-33)

The New Age / East comes West

The cultural upheaval in America of the '60s saw a major rejection of social, political and religious norms overthrown by young people on college campuses throughout the nation. The Viet Nam war, rejection of prayer, the Bible and Christianity in public places, legalization of abortion, etc. started a rebellious time of *immorality (sex), drugs and rock n roll* according to the mantra of the day. A moral and spiritual void then occurred leaving the culture wide open to new, bizarre philosophies and religions from afar (***Matthew 12:43-45***). Until this day and until Christ returns, civilization is plagued with demonic religious and philosophic delusions that worked to keep multi-millions of lost souls in 'the East' in spiritual darkness since the flood.

Without respect for God or the Bible as the absolute standard for righteousness, law and order, the chaotic superstitions *came in like a flood* and continue to this day. Music embraced the gods and instruments and aggressive sensuousness of ancient pagan religion from the East. Predicting one's future through horoscopes and astrology became accepted and normal. Use of drugs to get in touch with one's inner self, spirit-guides instead of God, the Holy Spirit and Scripture to direct daily life became in vogue. Casting off respect for authority and rules of decency led to unbridled immorality and break down of traditional homes and families.

Eastern beliefs that 'god' is in everyone as well as in everything (*polytheism / many gods*) are demonic and in direct contradiction to Scripture. The spiritual invasion of the Eastern mystic religions have been Satan's strategy to halt God's blessing upon America and western civilization in general, steal a generation of young people from coming to faith and serving God and cause such a spiritual and moral disobedience that God just has to chastise instead of bless.

New Age comes 'of Age'

As the rebellious youth of the 60s and 70s grew up and became adults, they carried their 'hippie culture' ways with them into leadership of all areas of life affecting the next generation even more negatively. From becoming *back to nature lovers*, many have become 'nature worshipers' substituting creation for the Creator – this Eastern *pantheism* believing all things are god instead of there is a God of all things. Sayings like *be the sea* or *you are one with the cosmos*, etc. verbalize the chants of Eastern religion. Today, there is often *yoga/ Buddhist prayer postures & transcendental meditation* instead of prayer and Bible meditation (even in some churches) to help with reduce stress and increase tranquility.

The unbiblical way of looking at death as everyone going to a better place and looking down upon us is characteristic of Eastern mystic theology, not biblical Christianity. The whole obsession with *self-actualization, self-love*, etc. is Eastern and a deceptive tactic to distract from God, Christ and the Bible.

***“...when the enemy comes in like a flood,
the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
The Redeemer will come...” Isaiah 59:19-20***

The **standard** is the true measure of what is right and good and biblical – Christians today need to be the **standard bearers** of God, holding to only that which is clearly biblical, Christ-centered and eternal (***Philippians 2:15-16***).

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