

Religion and Government

Religion- system of beliefs.

Polytheism- belief in many gods.

Monotheism- belief in one god.

5 Major World Religions:

- 1) Christianity
- 2) Islam
- 3) Judaism
- 4) Buddhism
- 5) Hinduism

Government- society's laws and political institutions that govern.

- most based on a written code of law

Types of Government:

Democracy- Power is held by the people:

- 1) **Direct Democracy (Pure)**- **People** are given the right to pass laws, veto laws, and withdraw support from a representative at any time.
- 2) **Representative Democracy (Republic)**- **Voters** choose **representatives** to act in their interest.

Dictatorship (Absolute Monarchy)- **Absolute rule** by a leadership (usually a single person).

Roles of Government:

- 1) Provide for the common needs
- 2) Protect the people
- 3) Provide Order

Answer in notes: "What would the world be like without governments?"