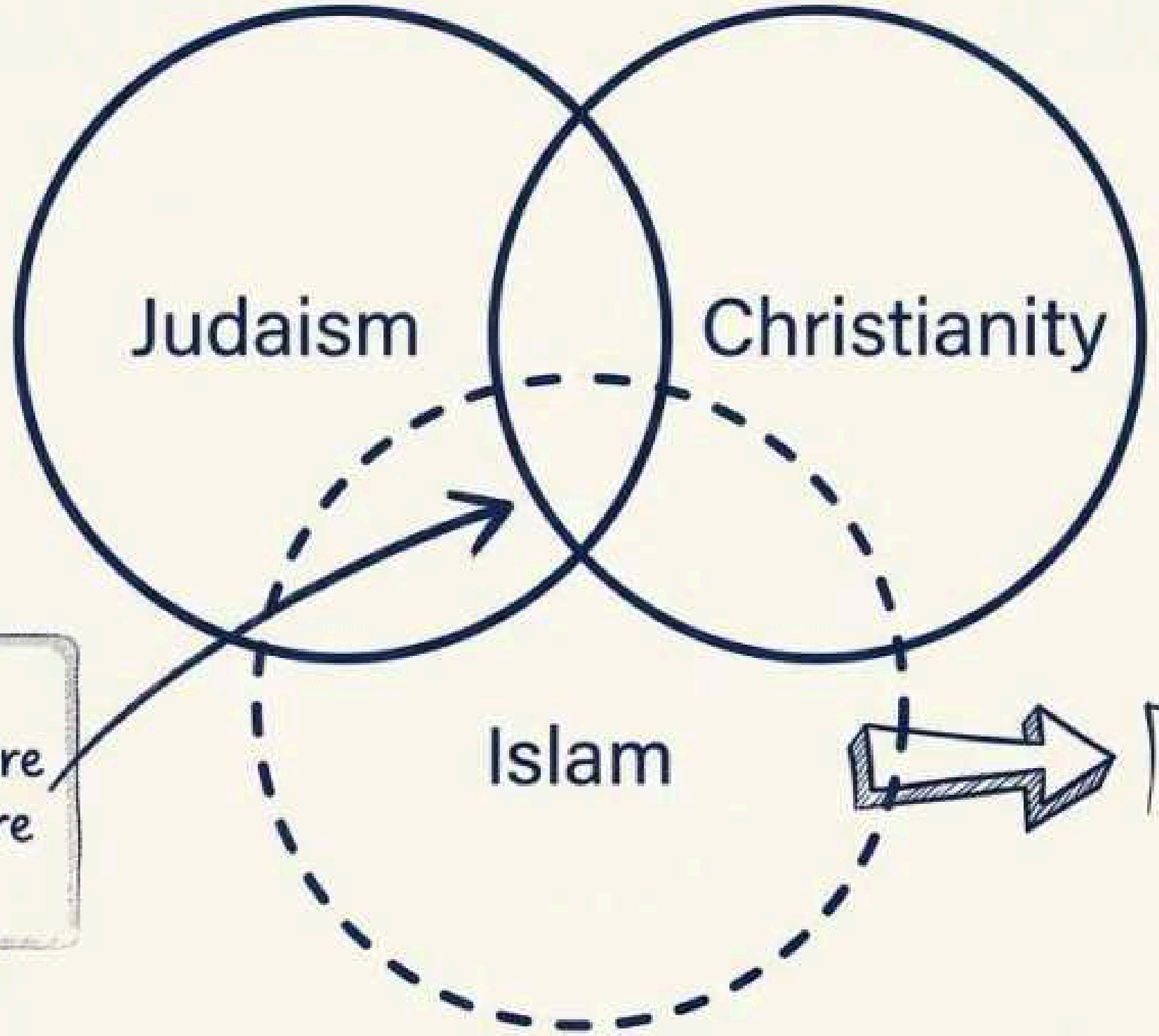
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Deep differences exist—identifying where they diverge is the core of this analysis.

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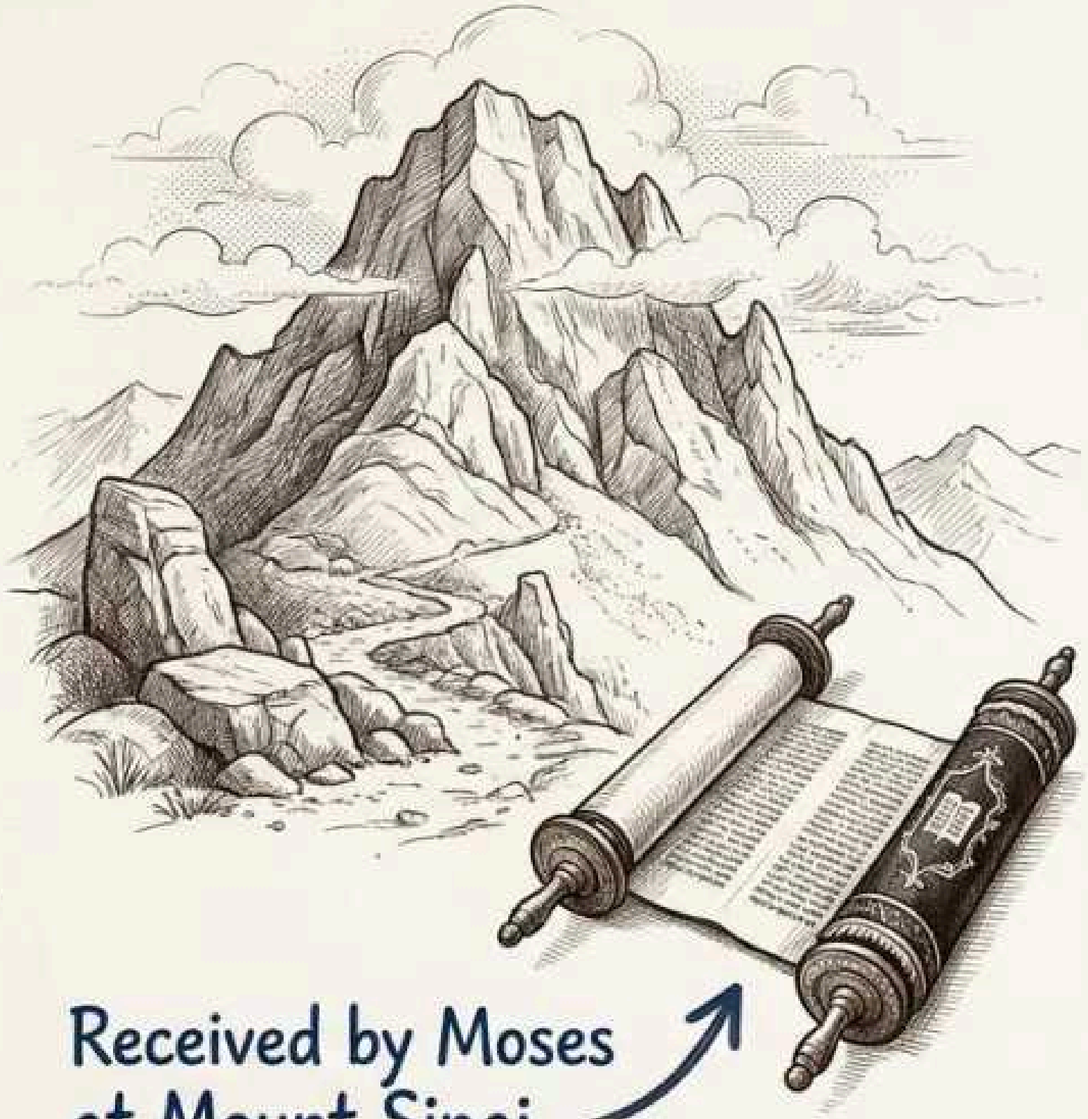
Shared = {God, Scriptural Heritage, Intertwined History}

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Tanakh = Torah
(First 5 Books)
+ Prophets
+
+ Writings

1 God →
Covenant
(Binding Relationship)
with the People
of Israel.



Received by Moses
at Mount Sinai
(according to tradition).

{ Founding Figures:
Abraham, Moses, Prophets }

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Δ_1 = Babylonian Destruction (586 BCE) → Exile

Δ_2 = Roman Destruction (70 CE) → Post-Revolt





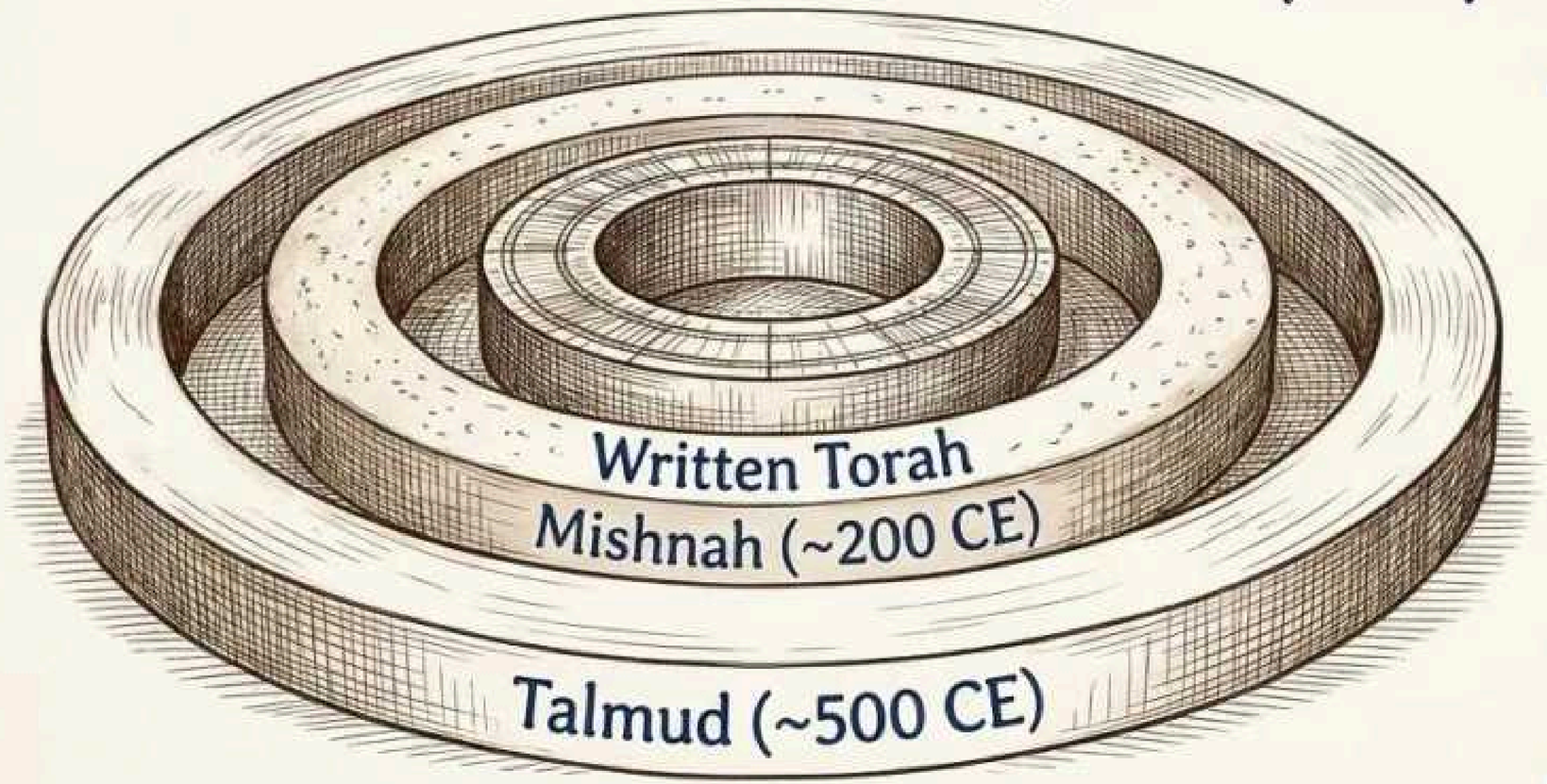
The Biblical narrative and historical record meet in the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. The Second Temple stood for ~500 years between these destructive deltas.

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Sacrifice → (Study x Prayer) + Synagogue

Reshaped by Rabbis (Teachers/Scholars of Law) after 70 CE.



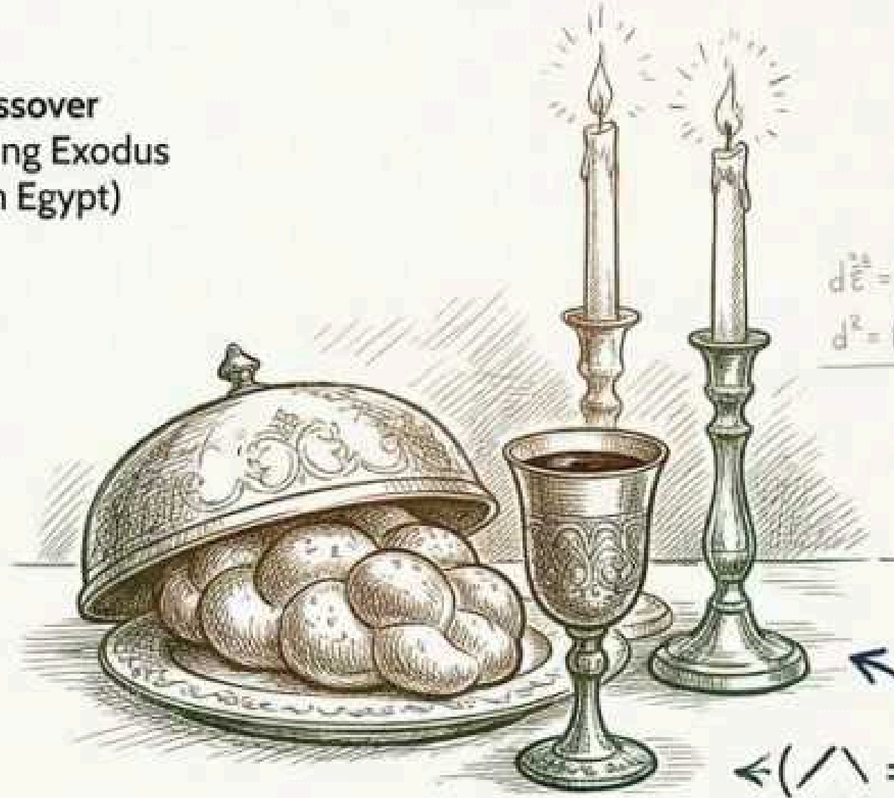
The basis of Jewish law and debate.

Node A: **Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur**
(High Holy Days)

Passover
(Recalling Exodus from Egypt)

Weekly: **Shabbat**
(Friday evening to Saturday night → Rest)

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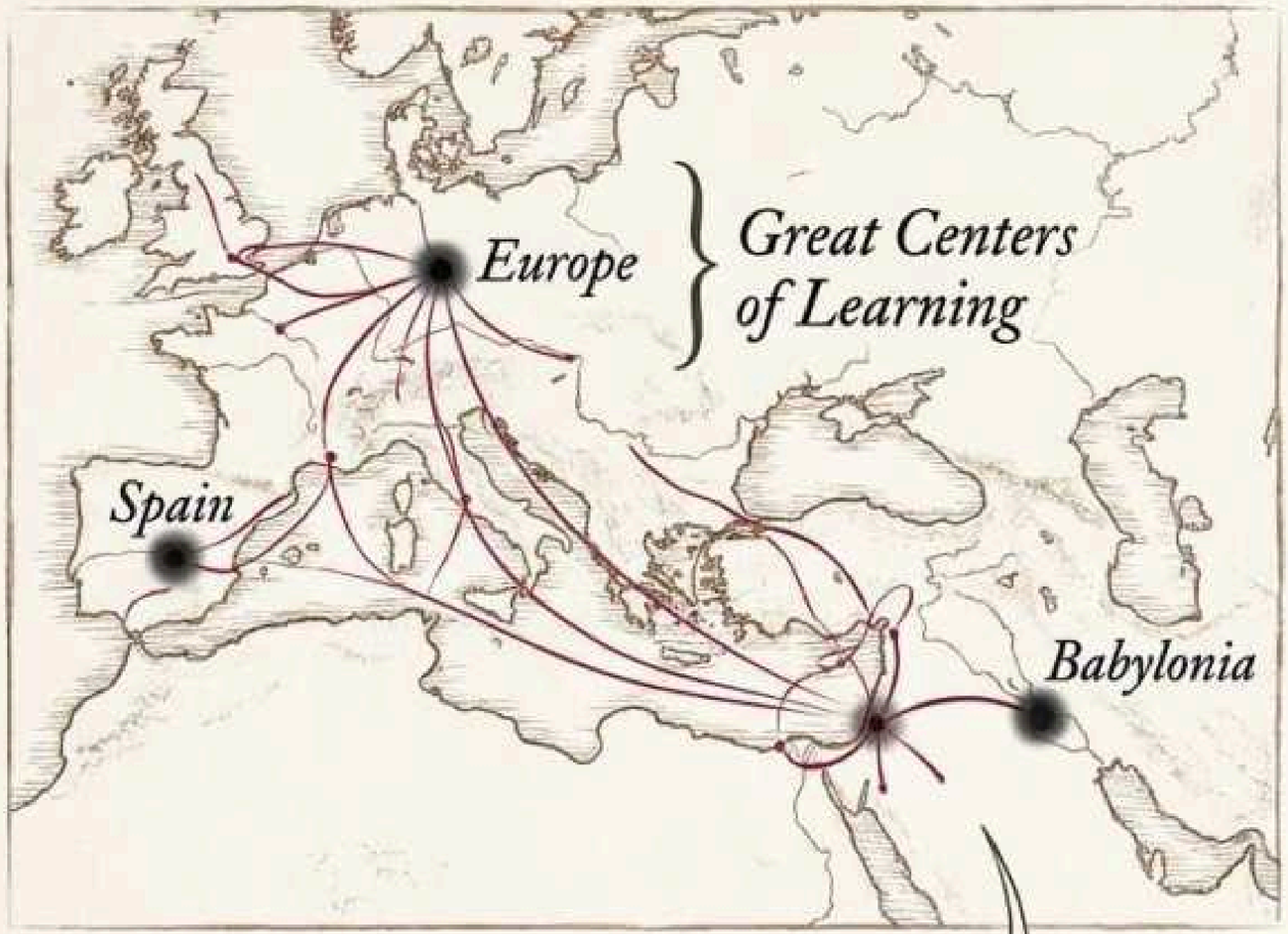


Kosher Dietary Laws.

Hanukkah
(Recalling Temple Rededication)

Life Cycle:
At age 13: Bar or Bat Mitzvah
(Coming of Age)

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Maimonides (1138–1204):
Philosopher of law, faith, and reason.

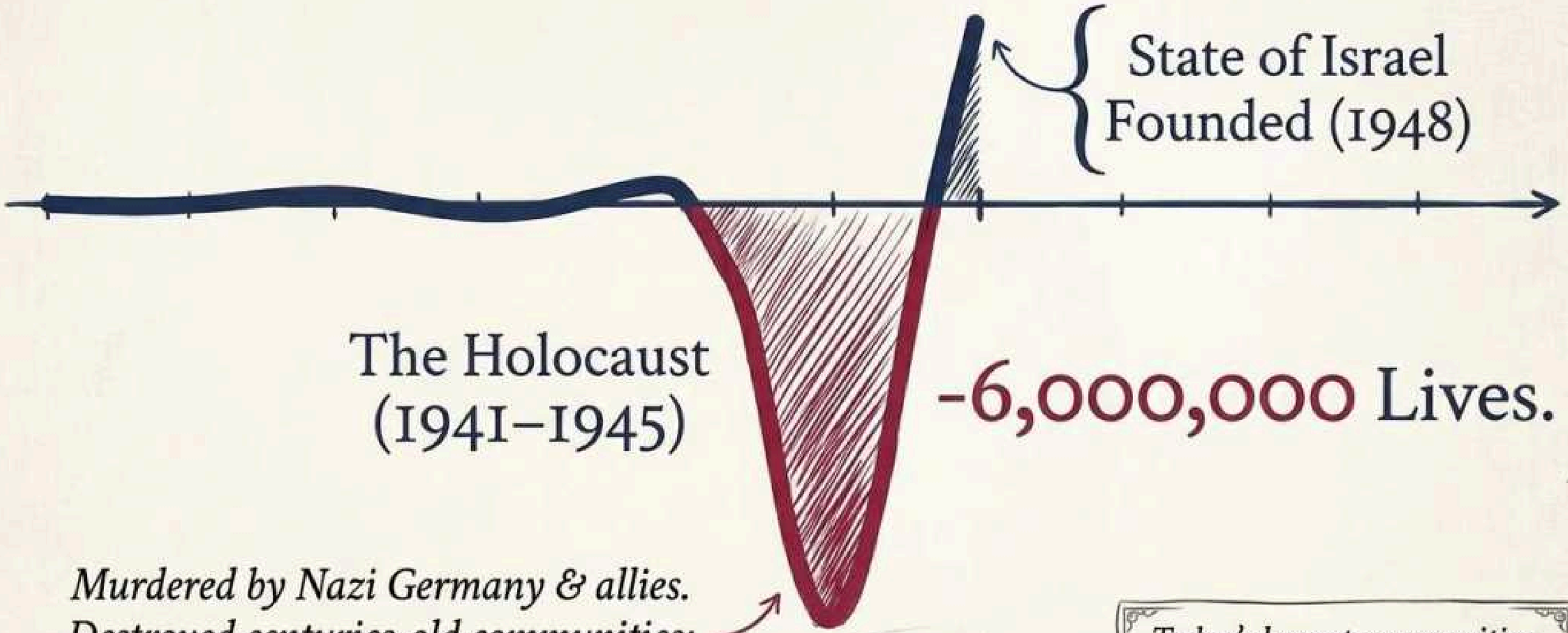
$\sum$ Modern Population

≈ 15,000,000

{ *Orthodox,*
Conservative,
Reform,
Culturally Jewish
(Secular) }

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Murdered by Nazi Germany & allies.
Destroyed centuries-old communities;
shapes Jewish thought/life ever since.

Today's largest communities:
Israel & the United States.

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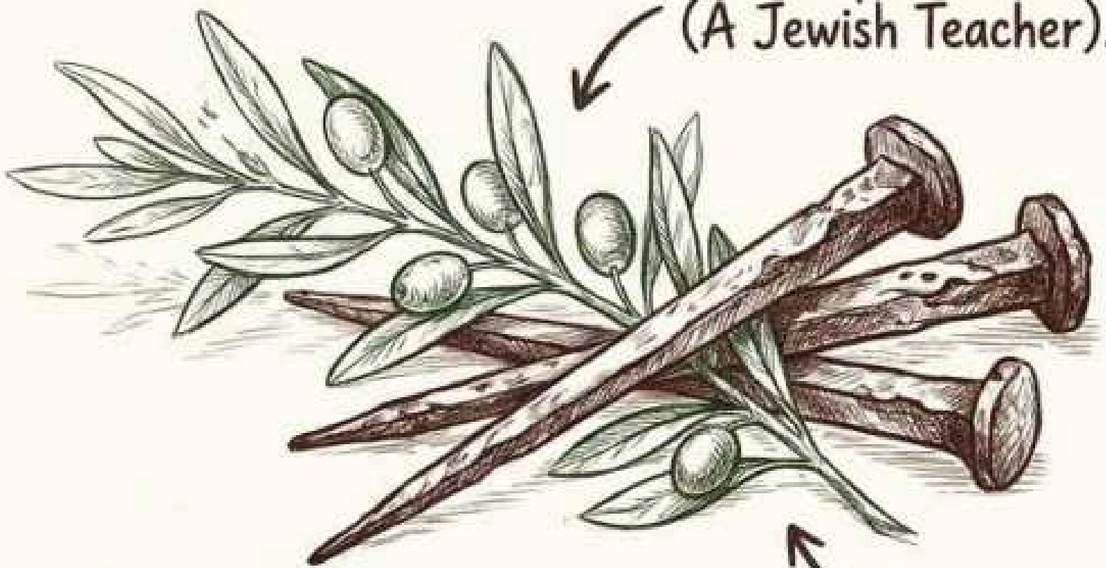
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Greek: Hebrew:

Christos = Messiah = The Anointed One

Jesus of Nazareth
(A Jewish Teacher).



Judea,
1st Century CE.

Crucified under
Roman governor
Pontius Pilate (~30 CE).

Followers proclaimed he
had risen from the dead.

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Christian Bible = [Old Testament] + [New Testament]

[(The Hebrew Scripture, arranged in a different order).]

1. 4 x Gospels (Life of Jesus)
2. Acts of the Apostles
3. Letters (Many by Paul of Tarsus, a Jewish convert who carried the message to non-Jews around the Mediterranean).
4. Book of Revelation

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Formula 1 (The Trinity):

1 God = ∑(Father, Son, Holy Spirit)



Formula 2 (Christology):

Jesus = 100% Divine +
100% Human

Through him, people are saved and forgiven.

Council of Nicaea (325 CE)

Bishops met to address disputes about Jesus

→ Produced the Nicene Creed, still used by many churches today.

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The Major Institution



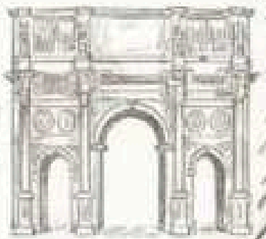
Late 4th Century: Favored religion of the Roman Empire.

313 CE: Emperor Constantine ends persecution.

Early Christians (Sometimes persecuted).

- Bishops, Monasteries, Universities.

- Shaped law, education, art, and politics in Europe for 1,000 years.



Institutional Power

Time

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Base worship: Centers on prayer, Bible readings, and preaching.



Eucharist (Communion/Mass): Ritual meal recalling the Last Supper.



Baptism: Marks entry into the community.

Christmas → Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

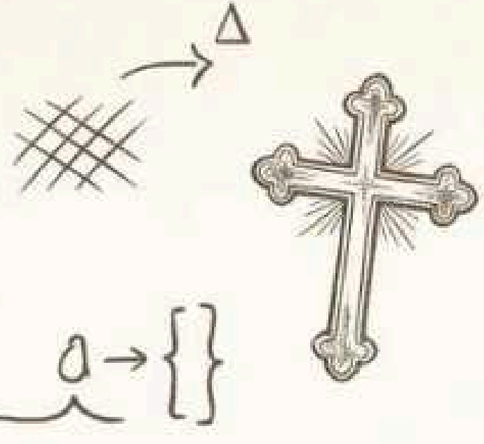
Easter → Celebrating the Resurrection

Major Christian Festivals

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Lutheran
Reformed
Anglican
→ Later:
Baptists,
Methodists, etc.

20th Century

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Pentecostal movement grows very fast.

Catholic Church (Rome)

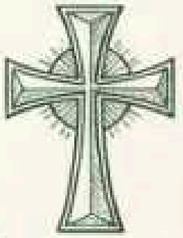
Node 2 1517 CE: Protestant Reformation
(German monk Martin Luther)

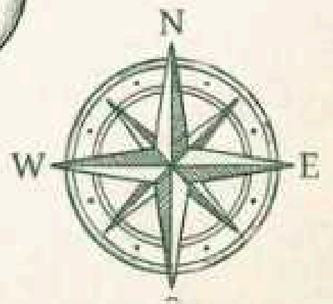
1 1054 CE

Node 1

Eastern Orthodox (Constantinople)







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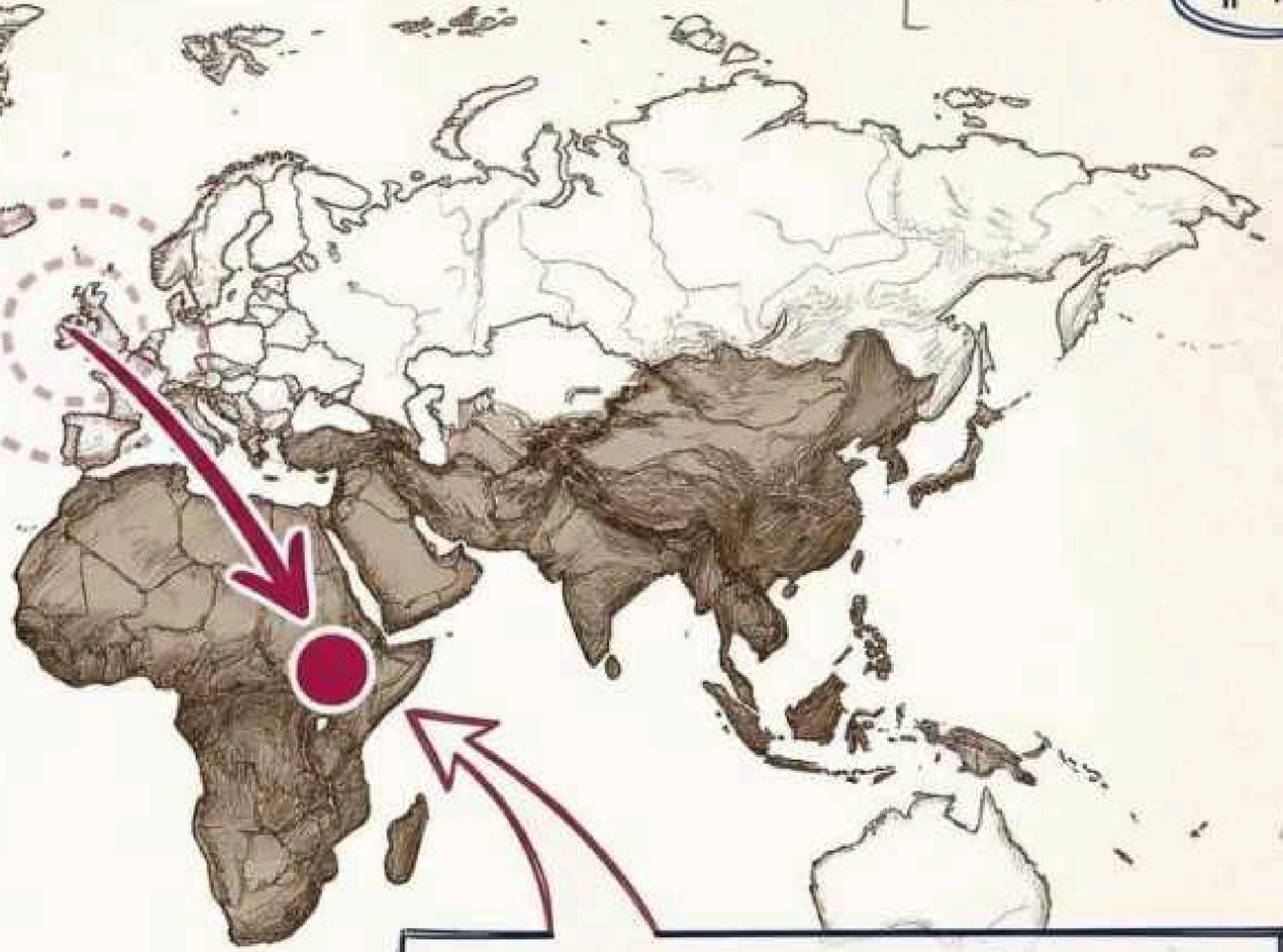
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N > 2,000,000,000 Followers

(Largest Religion)

Roughly 50% Catholic.
Rest includes Protestants,
Orthodox, and others.

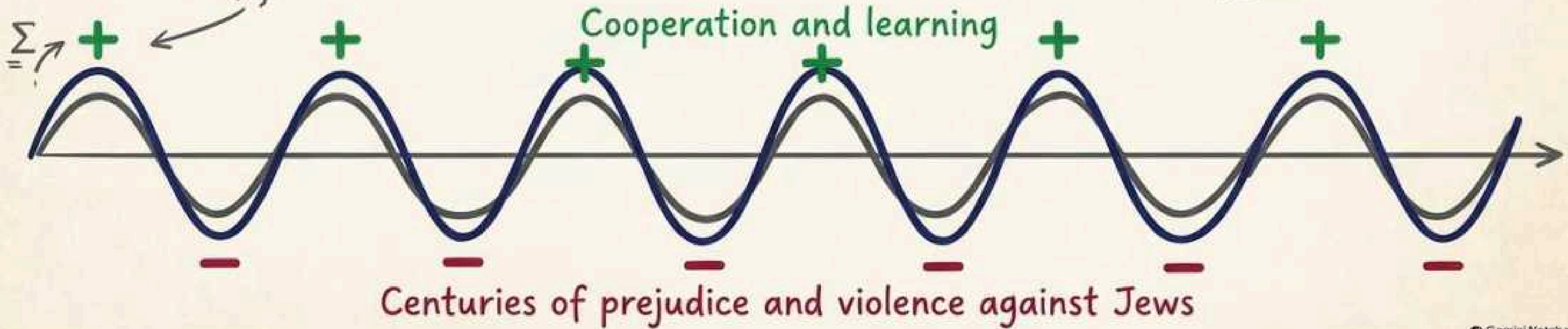


The center of gravity has moved.
Most Christians now live in Africa,
Latin America, and Asia—not
Europe or North America.

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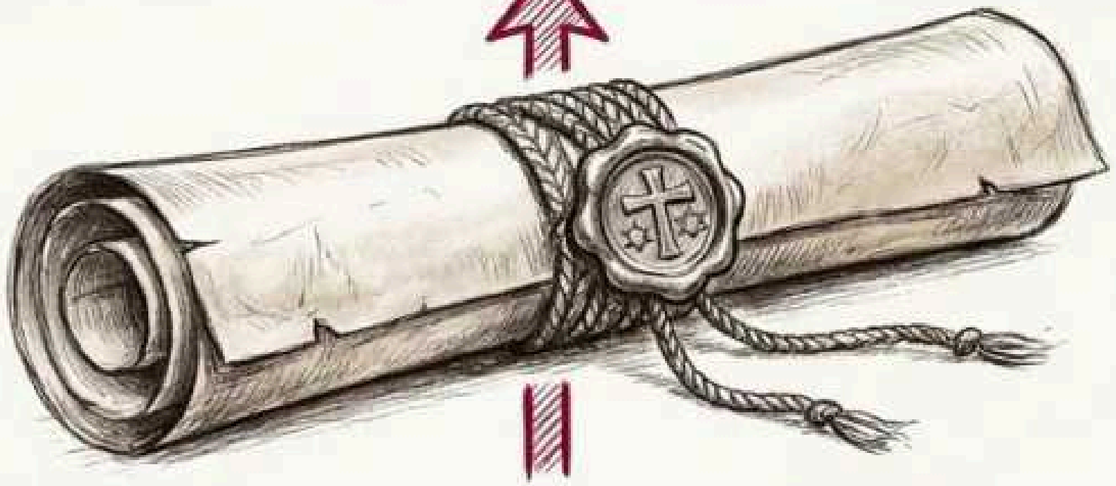
∩	Shared	Hebrew scripture, the idea of a covenant, and many ethical teachings.
≠	Divergent	- Role of Jesus (Christians = Messiah & Son of God | Judaism = Does not accept as Messiah). - How scripture and law are understood.



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Post-Holocaust: Many churches reexamined their teaching about Jews.

1965: Catholic Church issues *Nostra Aetate*.



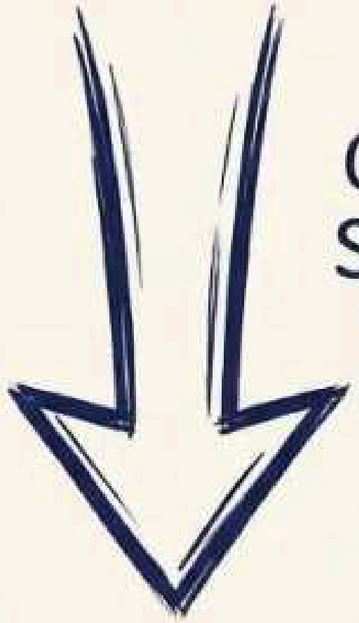
- Rejected the charge that all Jews were guilty of the death of Jesus.
- Called for respect and dialogue.

Today, Jewish and Christian scholars often study and teach together.

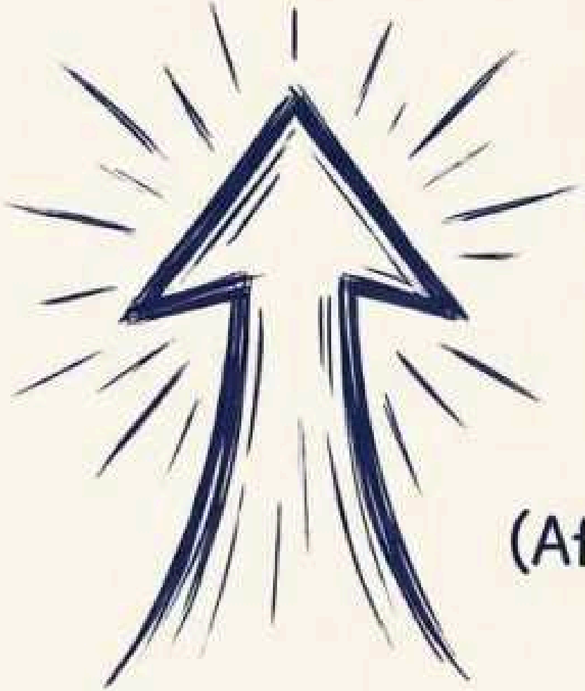
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Expansion = Missionaries x Migration x Empires

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Colonial Settings Vector



Modern Reality Vector

(Africa & Asia)

Missions brought schools and hospitals BUT also pressure on local cultures.

Local Leadership > Colonial Pressure

Led by local people with their own forms of worship, music, and theology.

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¶ 4.18

Judaism =

- Covenant tradition centered on Torah and practice of the law.
- Reshaped by the rabbis after 70 CE.
- Internally diverse.

- Grew from Judaism around Jesus.
- Spread through the Roman world.
- Divided into Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant branches.
- Internally diverse.

Christianity =

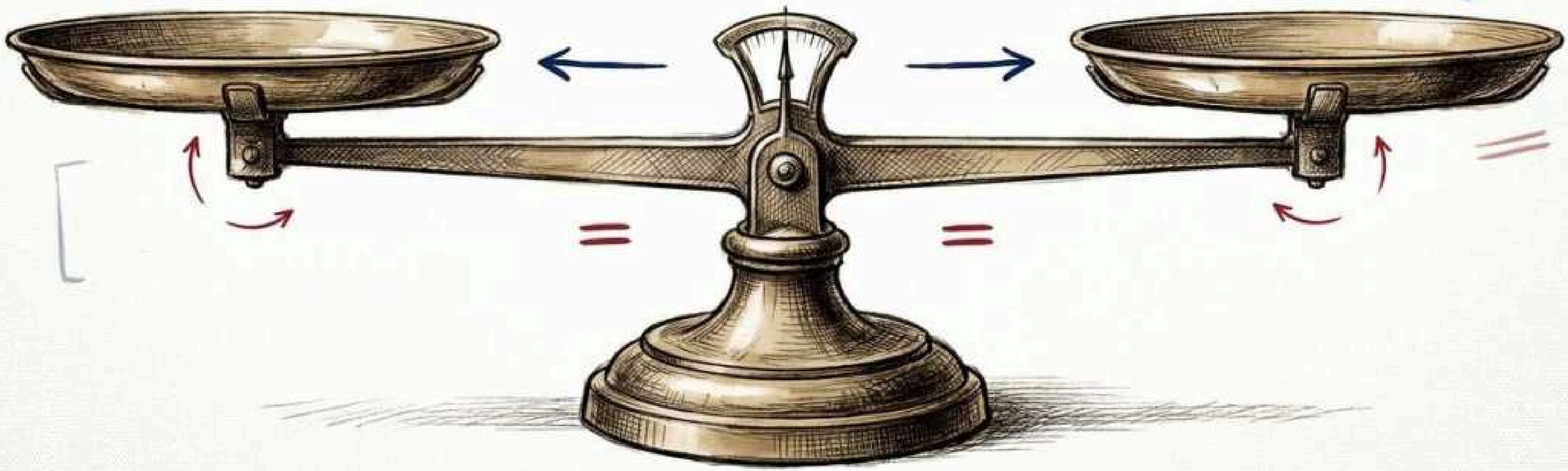
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1. How might this asymmetry cause an outsider to misunderstand each tradition?

2. What would you ask a member to find out what matters most to them?

Practice & Law (Judaism)

Creeds (Christianity)



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Turning to Islam,
the third Abrahamic religion.

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