

Geography of Religion: Distinctive Spatial Patterns

A. Places of Worship:

Explain why the Christian landscape is dominated by a high density of churches.	
Explain the characteristics of the following different forms of church architecture:	
Basilica	
Gothic Period	
Byzantine Style	
Protestant Churches (North America)	
Describe the spatial organization of a typical mosque.	
Discuss the differences between a Hindu temple, a Buddhist or Shintoist Pagoda, and a church or mosque.	

Explain the reasons for the dispersal of Baha'I Houses of Worship in different continents.	

B. Sacred Space

Describe and discuss how the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish tradition of burial has led to conflicts over land use.
Describe the advantages and disadvantages of cremation.
Watch the documentary on <i>Vulture Culture</i> on Blackboard. Discuss the challenges facing the Parsee community of Bombay.
Describe the characteristics of utopian settlements in the United States.

C. Administration of Space

Describe the basic differences between the spatial organization of hierarchical and locally autonomous religions.	
Describe and explain the organizational structure of the following faiths:	
Catholicism	
Latter Day Saints (Mormon)	
Islam	
Hinduism	
Protestantism	
Ethnic Faiths	