

Wikipedia's contents: Religion and belief systems



Religion is the adherence to codified [beliefs](#) and [rituals](#) that generally involve a [faith](#) in a [spiritual nature](#) and a study of inherited ancestral [traditions](#)

,
[knowledge](#)

and

[wisdom](#)

related to understanding human

[life](#)

. The term "religion" refers to both the personal practices related to faith as well as to the larger shared systems of belief.

A **[belief system](#)** can refer to a religion or a world view. A **[world view](#)** (or worldview) is a term [calqued](#) from the [German](#)

word

Weltanschauung

([\[ˈvɛlt.ənʃaʊ̯n\]](#) ([help](#) · [info](#))) *Welt* is the German word for 'world,' and *Anschauung* is the German word for 'view' or 'outlook'. It is a concept fundamental to German [philosophy](#)

and

[epistemology](#)

and refers to a

wide world perception

. Additionally, it refers to the framework of ideas and beliefs through which an individual interprets the

[world](#)

and interacts in it.

