Chapter 5 Study Guide

1. Ahura Mazda
2. Angra Mainyu
3. Aristotle
4. Atman
5. Ban Zhao
6. Bhagavad Gita
7. bhakti movement
8. Brahman
9. Brahmins
10. Buddhism
11. Confucianism
12. Confucius (Kong Fuzi)
13. Constantine
14. Daodejing
15. Daoism
16. filial piety
17. Greek rationalism
18. Hinduism
19. Hippocrates
20. Isaiah
21. Jesus of Nazareth
22. Judaism
23. Karma
24. Laozi
25. Legalism
26. Mahayana
27. Moksha
28. Nirvana
29. Plato
30. Pythagoras
31. Saint Paul
32. Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha)
33. Socrates
34. Thales of Miletus
35. Theodosius
36. Theravada
37. Upanishads
38. Vedas
39. Warring States period
40. yin and yang
41. Zarathustra
42. Zhuangzi
43. Zoroastrianism

Margin Review Questions

1. What different answers to the problem of disorder arose in classical China?
2. In what ways did the religious traditions of South Asia change over the centuries?
3. In what ways did Buddhism reflect Hindu traditions, and in what ways did it challenge them?
4. What new emphases characterized Hinduism as it responded to the challenge of Buddhism?
5. What aspects of Zoroastrianism and Judaism subsequently found a place in Christianity and Islam?
6. How would you compare the lives and teachings of Jesus and the Buddha? In what different ways did the two religions evolve after the deaths of their founders?
7. In what ways was Christianity transformed in the five centuries following the death of Jesus?

Document 5.1: China: Reflections from Confucius

1. What is “filial piety” and why is it so important in Confucius’s understanding of a good society?
2. How does Confucius understand the role of the supernatural—gods, spirits, and ancestors, for example?

Document 5.2: Reflections from the Hindu Scriptures

1. How does Krishna describe the good society?
2. What major themes of Hindu teaching can you find in this passage?

Document 5.3: Reflections from Socrates

1. How might Socrates define “the good life?” How does he understand “wisdom” and “virtue”? Do you think that Confucius and Socrates would agree about the nature of “virtue”?

Document 5.4: Reflections from Jesus

1. In what ways does his teaching challenge or contradict the conventional outlook of his time?
2. How would you summarize “the good life” as Jesus might have defined it?