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Comparison Chart of Belief Systems-using the text (both Foundation chapter, Strayer-Eurasian Cultural Traditions, and or Bentley) and videos on my website, complete the following chart.

Belief System East Asia	Origins/Founders/ Location	Major Practices/Concepts, God(s)/Appeal	Impacts and Significance: Creating Stability and Order/Diffusion and Spread
Legalism			
Confucianism			
Daoism			

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Belief System South Asia	Origins/Founder/ Location	Major Practice/Concepts/God(s)/Appeal	Impacts and Significance: Creating Stability and Order/Diffusion and Spread
Hinduism			
Buddhism			

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Belief System (ME)	Origins/Founder/Location	Major Practice/Concepts/God(s)/Appeal	Impacts and Significance: Creating Stability and Order/Diffusion and Spread
Judaism			
Christianity			
Islam			

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Conclusion Questions:

1. How does religion act as both a force for political power and social order/social conformity yet also offer individual salvation/meaning of life to its followers? Be able to address this with all the belief systems.
2. How and why did the belief systems and cultural traditions that emerged during this time period spread, often asserting universal truths? Who or what were the agents of diffusion? What are these universal truths? Is their message similar? Different? WHY?
3. How can these ideas be used to expand and maintain state building? How will empires deal with the challenge of new belief systems and ideas into their already existing power structures? How can this either create stability or threaten to destroy it? Be able to explain using historical evidence to defend your claims.