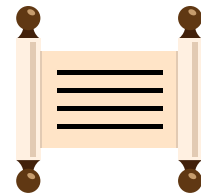
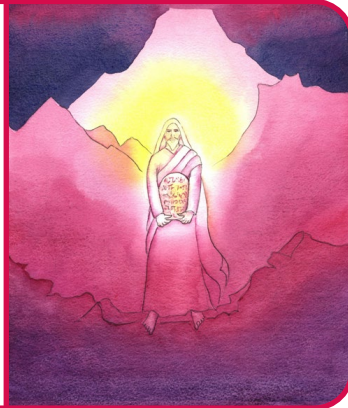


## R&W - What makes some texts sacred?

<b>Buddhist Canon*</b>	A collection of Buddhist scriptures, which includes the teachings and philosophies of the Buddha.	<b>represent*</b>	Show something using an image, colour or symbol.
<b>divine*</b>	Connected to God or gods, often seen as very special or powerful.	<b>revelation*</b>	The act of revealing or making something known that was previously hidden or secret.
<b>holy*</b>	Related to God or religion, considered special and to be respected by followers.	<b>Torah scroll (Sefer Torah)*</b>	Part of Jewish scripture which many Jewish people believe to be the word of God.
<b>New Testament*</b>	A special part of the Christian Bible which tells stories about Jesus and his teachings.	<b>Tenak*</b>	The Hebrew Bible.

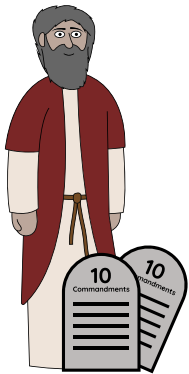
Jewish and Christian scriptures are described by some people as the 'Word of God', this is because they believe God spoke to, inspired or sent messages to people and these were recorded in the scripture. This is also called revelation.

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The Torah scroll or Sefer Torah is the first of the five books of Moses.

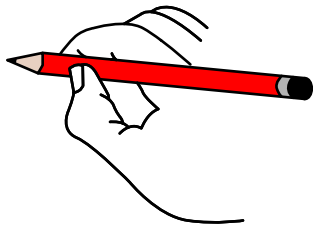
It is central to Jewish teachings and is used as a scroll in the synagogue because it is the way it was written originally. Books of the Torah and other Jewish scripture are also used in other situations.



The Old Testament is the first part of the Christian Bible, containing 39 books. Some of the important figures in the Old Testament are Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon. It contains many of the same writings as Jewish scripture.



The New Testament is the second part of the Christian Bible, containing the teachings and stories related to Jesus. It contains 27 books.



Most organised religious worldviews have some form of scripture or trusted text which followers read, listen to or hear talks about to help them understand their worldview and make life choices.



In the Buddhist worldview, there are many texts collectively called the Buddhist Canon. Texts vary between different traditions. Buddhist scripture may be referred to as Dharma.



How a text is used and treated may reflect a person's beliefs about its value.