

R&W - Why are some places in the world significant to believers?



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authentic	Genuine, original and true; not a copy or replica.	replica	An exact copy or model of something made to look like the original but sometimes on a smaller scale.
covenant	A promise or agreement.		
diaspora	A group of people who leave their country of origin and settle in different parts of the world, where they keep their religion and culture.	shrine	A sacred place where people go to worship and offer prayers or focus on a deity.
pilgrimage*	Travelling to a place which holds value to a religious group or worldview.	significant*	Important or noticeable.
religious*	Following a set of beliefs and teachings.	stupas	A dome-shaped structure believed to contain relics linked to the Buddha or other significant Buddhist figures.

Holy and **sacred** generally relate to God, religion or enlightened beings such as the Buddha. They refer to something considered special that is greatly respected and treated with care, especially in religious contexts.



Jewish, Christian and Muslim beliefs stem from Abraham (known as Ibrahim for Muslims) who was a prophet God made a covenant with. Many stories in the Torah, Christian Bible and Qur'an mention significant places within Jerusalem.



The Harmandir Sahib was the first Sikh place of worship (gurdwara) to be built. Three Sikh Gurus planned and completed the gurdwara with voluntary help from members of the community.



The River Ganges in India is considered sacred by many Hindus as it is believed to be the Goddess Ganga.



Relics are often objects that belonged to a significant holy figure or a part of their body. They are generally housed in important religious buildings which many people travel to.



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