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The Task Remaining

T = Tribes: 3,000-6,000 unreached tribes worldwide. Found in such places as Papua New Guinea, the Amazon Basin, and in parts of the African continents. Tribal clans live in fear of spirits which makes them very resilient to the gospel.

H = Hindu: 600 million. Mostly found in India. Has more gods than people in the United States. Believes that the soul is reborn according to your *karma* or good deeds. Since ancestors may have been reincarnated into animals there is a sacredness of all forms of life. 30% of all the crops are destroyed by rats. The cattle that wander the streets could feed the entire country for five years.

U(C) = Chinese: More than a billion Chinese. Mostly nonreligious or Confucianism. Believe that religion is a dangerous fantasy and truth comes through rational thinking. Confucianism teaches that humans are basically good.

M = Muslims: 900 million. In 610 A.D. Muhammad had a vision that told him he was a messenger from God and thus the religion was born. There are five pillars to this religion that allow a person access to heaven. 1. Recite the creed. 2. Pray five times a day during specified times. 3. Fast during the month of Ramadan. (After sundown one is able to eat and drink.) 4. Give alms to the poor and mosque. 5. Make a trip to Mecca once in life.

B = Buddhist: 200 million. Found mostly in Thailand and Vietnam. Teach that pain and suffering is caused by evil desires and our goal is to lose the desires through meditation. The point of no desires is called *nirvana*. Teach no God and no soul.