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At first, Christians continued to worship alongside Jewish believers, which historians refer to as Jewish Christianity, but within twenty years of Jesus's death, Sunday was being regarded as the primary day of worship.[27] As preachers such as Paul of Tarsus began converting Gentiles, Christianity began growing away from Jewish practices[22] to establish itself as a separate religion,[28] though the emerged in the late 3rd century, when emperors decreed that the Empire's military, political, and economic crises were caused by angry gods. All residents were ordered to give sacrifices or be punished.[42] Jews were exempted as long as they paid the Jewish Tax. _____ claims the most members of any global religion, but it is not a monolithic faith. Thousands of forms of it are now being professed. Christianity. Hardening of religious boundaries-- the issue arises of which religions will receive _____. state funding. The twentieth - century rush for materialism and secular values also fanned an increase in "_____". fundamentalism. By the end of the twentieth century, many individuals and corporations stepped back to consider how to reconcile spiritual motives with earning and living. _____ on voluntary simplicity have proliferated on the bestseller lists. Books. A new social consciousness, which reflects religious values, is beginning to enter some _____ workplaces.

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