

## Guide #6 Awesome Info on Religion in Imperial Russia

### Reigns in Imperial Russia (1760s-1917)

Sovereign	Years of Reign
Catherine II	1762-1796
Paul	1796-1801
Alexander I	1801-1825
Nicholas I	1825-1855
Alexander II	1855-1881
Alexander III	1881-1894
Nicholas II	1894-1917

### Super-Excellent Terms & Concepts

Blessed Kseniia of St. Petersburg	Father Ioann (John) of Kronstadt	Kriashens (baptized Tatars)
Konstantin Pobedonstsev	Catherine II (the Great)	Orenburg Muslim Spiritual Assembly
"foreign confessions"	<i>Ulema</i> (Islamic scholars, "clergy")	Main Administration of Religious Affairs of Foreign Confessions

### Religious Groups & Institutions in Imperial Russia

Holy Synod (1721)	Main Administration of Religious Affairs of the Foreign Confessions (1810) [Under the Interior Ministry from 1832]	No official institutions
Orthodoxy (official)	The "foreign confessions" (officially recognized non-Orthodox religions & confessions): Roman Catholicism, Uniates [until 1839/1875], Lutheranism, Calvinism, Mennonites, Armenian confession, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Karaites	Unrecognized religions (Old Believers, sectarians, various dissidents, etc.)

### Religious Groups in Imperial Russia (by Census of 1897)<sup>1</sup>

Religion / confession	No. of adherents	As % of population
Orthodox <sup>2</sup>	87,123,604	69%
Old Believers <sup>3</sup>	2,024,596	2%
Roman Catholics <sup>4</sup>	11,506,809	9%
Protestantism <sup>5</sup>	3,762,756	3%
Muslims <sup>6</sup>	13,906,972	11%
Jews	5,215,805	4%
Armenian Gregorians	1,179,266	1%
Other Christians	8135	<1%
Buddhists (Lamaists)	433,863	<1%
Karaites	12,894	<1%
Other non-Christians	285,321	<1%

### Some Excellent Triads for Fun & Enjoyment

Imperial Russian state Muslims / Islam Religious disputes	Orthodoxy The "foreign confessions" Religious toleration
Conversion Religious toleration State interference	HIS 445 Fun Enjoyment

<sup>1</sup> Total population = 125,680,682. The census did not cover the Grand Duchy of Finland (mostly Lutheran).

<sup>2</sup> Of those, ca. 56.7 million "Grest Russians," 22.4 million Ukrainians, 5.9 million Belarusians, 1.3 million Georgians. 1.1 million Moldovans/Romanians, 1.1 million Mordvins, and smaller numbers of Chuvash, Maris, Udmurts, and Tatars.

<sup>3</sup> Some estimates suggest many more Old Believers than the census showed.

<sup>4</sup> Of those, ca. 7.9 million Poles, 1.2 million Lithuanians, and smaller numbers of Germans, Armenians & Latvians.

<sup>5</sup> Of those ca. 1.5 million Germans, 1.4 million Latvians, 1 million Estonians, and much smaller numbers of other peoples.

<sup>6</sup> Of those, ca. 3.7 million Tatars [probably including Azerbaijanis], 1.4 million Bashkirs, 4.1 million Kazakhs, 1 million Sarts. Some estimates of Muslims were as high as 20 million, which suggests that the census may have entailed a serious undercount.