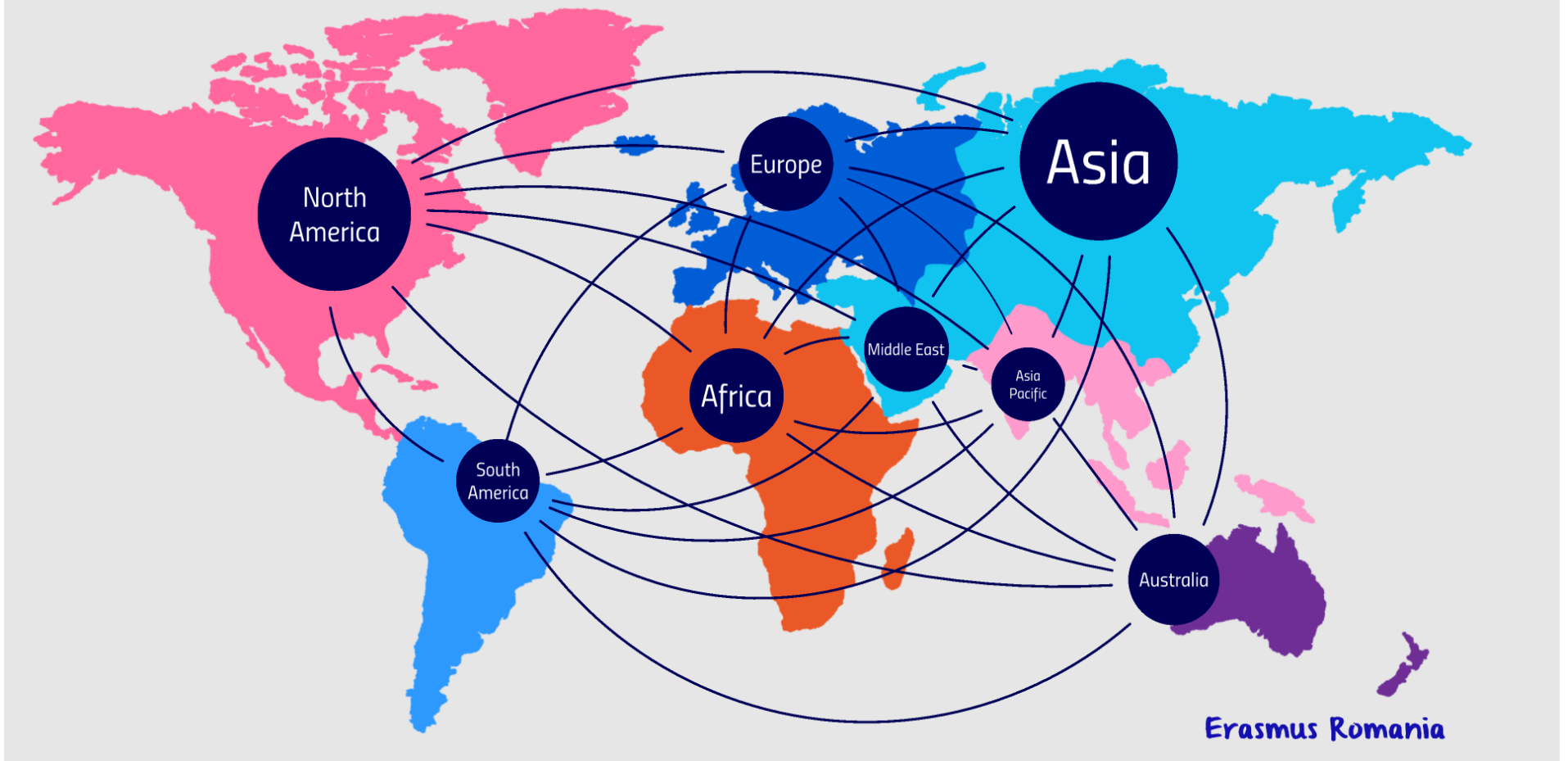
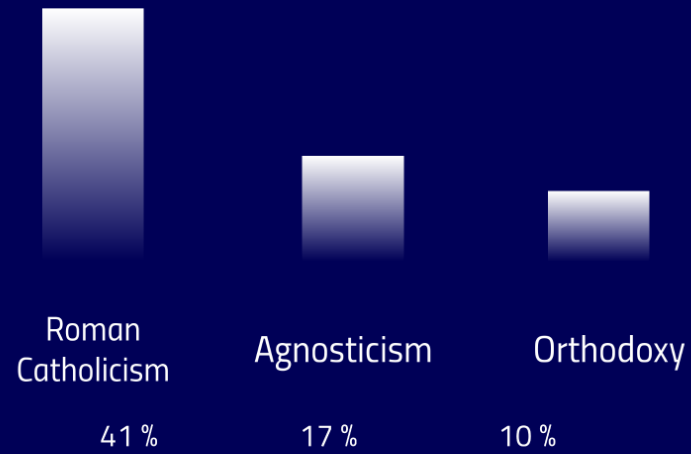


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Popular Religions



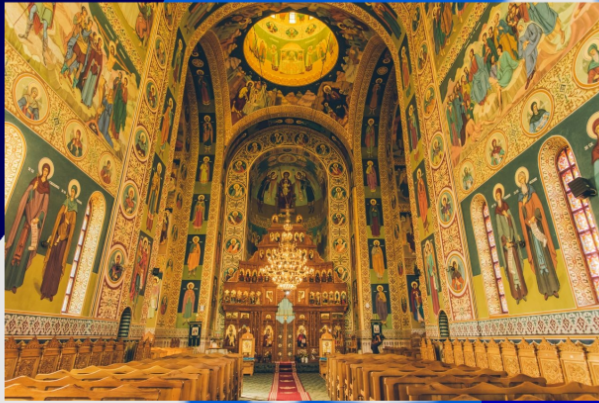
Agnosticism

Agnosticism is the view that the **existence of God**, of the divine or the supernatural is **unknown or unknowable**.

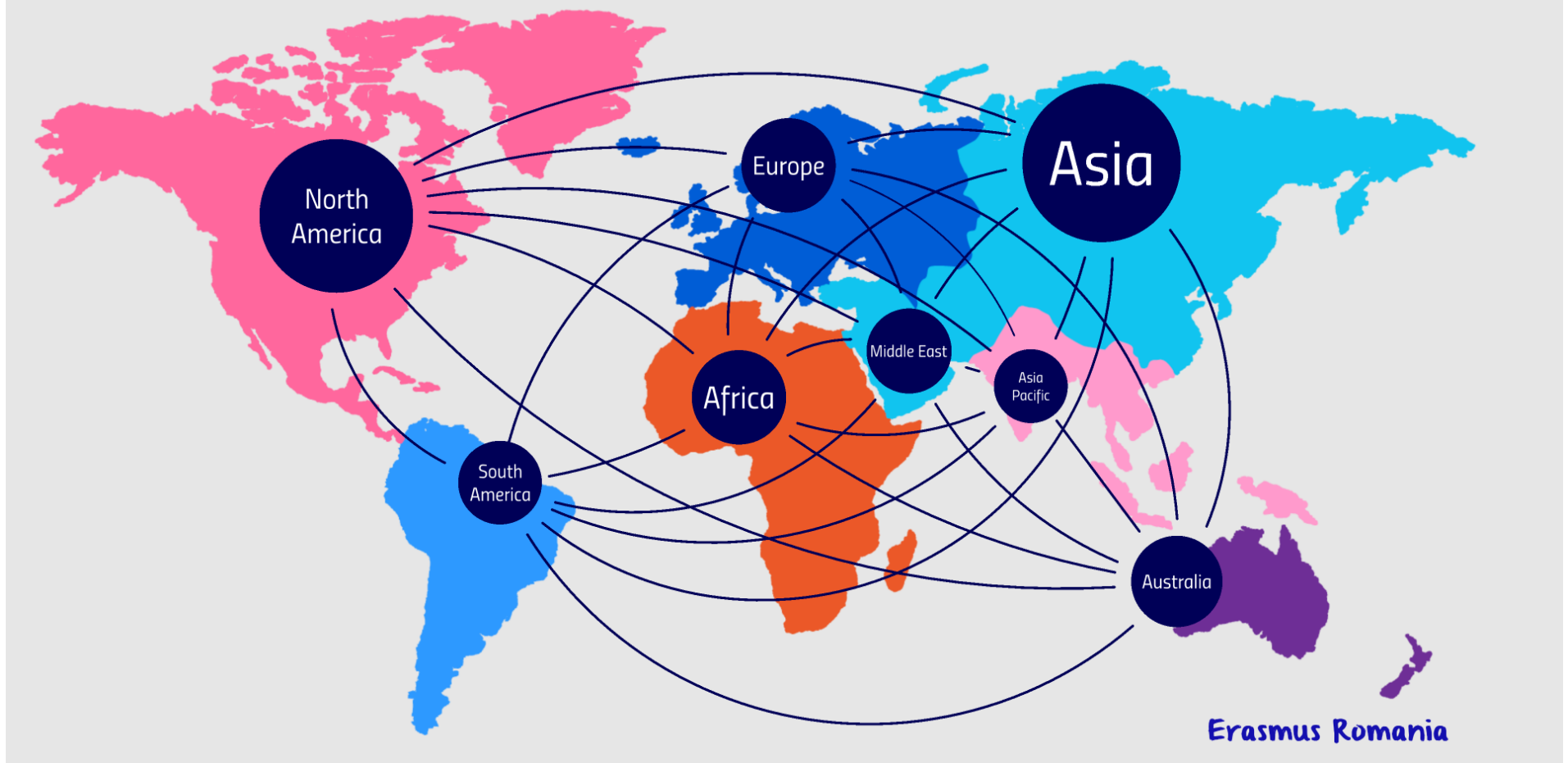
Another definition provided is the view that "human reason is incapable of providing **sufficient rational grounds** to justify either the belief that God **exists** or the belief that God **does not exist**."


Orthodoxy

It is the predominant religion in Romania. However, roughly half of the Orthodox Christians live in Russia. We have approximately 18.000 churches in our country (equivalent to the number of schools). Romania is the 7th most religious country in Europe, despite the younger generation's loss of interest in such customs.



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Some of the most popular religions amongst north americans are **Catholicism** and **Protestantism** (especially in the U.S.), along with other forms of Christianity.

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These are some pictures of us at the Catholic Church. The priest we talked to told us more about the catholic religion pointing out the very few differences there are between our religion and his.



Catholicism

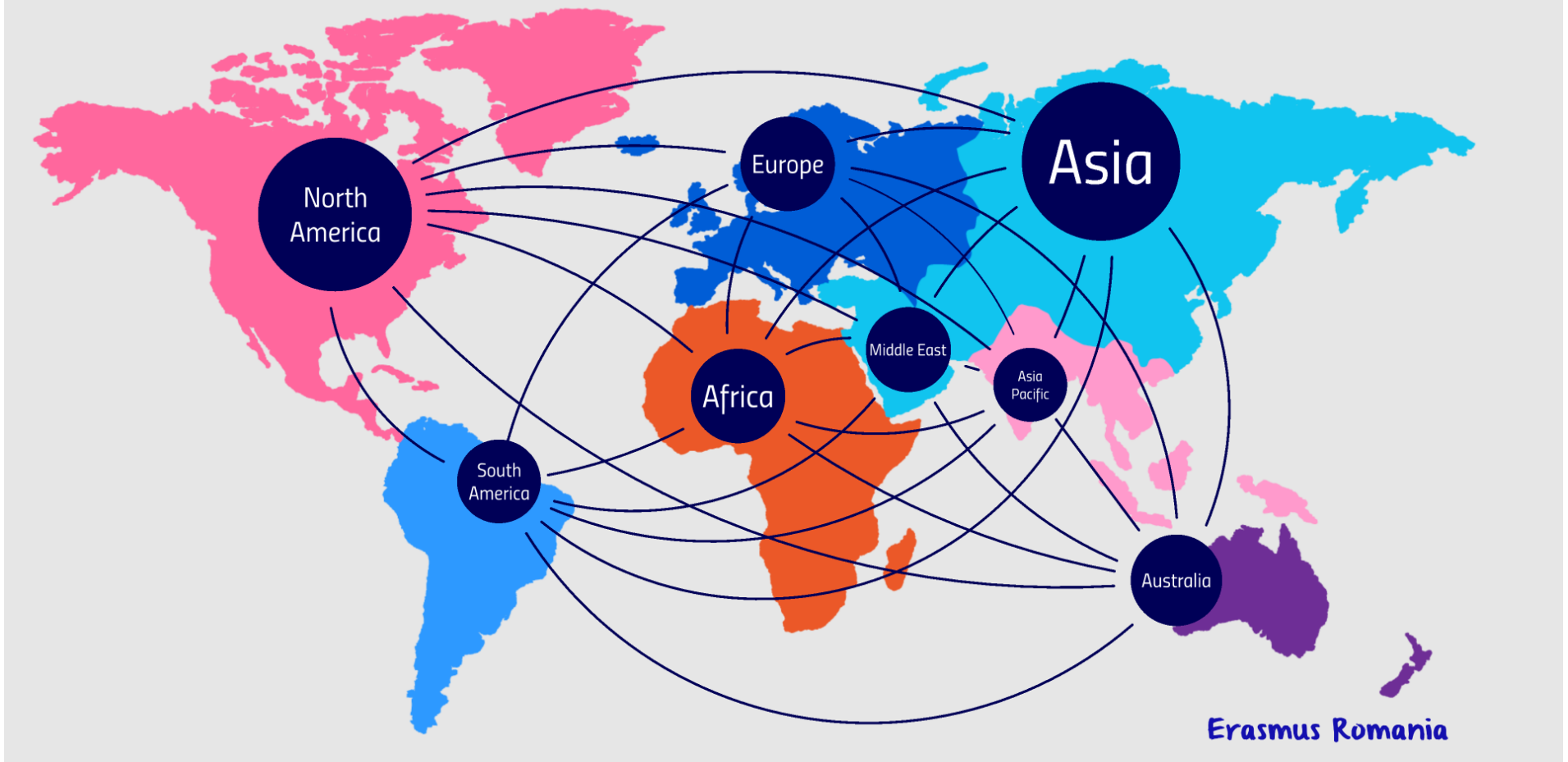
The catholic religion is not any different than christianity, because they also believe in the Holy Trinity and celebrate the same holidays on the same dates. The only difference is that they have another church structure and slightly different prayer etiquette.



It originated within the 16th century Reformation, a movement against the faults of the Roman Catholic Church. It emphasizes justification by **faith alone** not by good deeds, priesthood of all believers (**no mediator is needed between God and man**) and the authority of the Bible as the highest one (everything written in the Bible is true, and thus it is the only way of salvation).

The dogma teaching that the wine and bread are transformed into the body, blood and soul of Christ is rejected.

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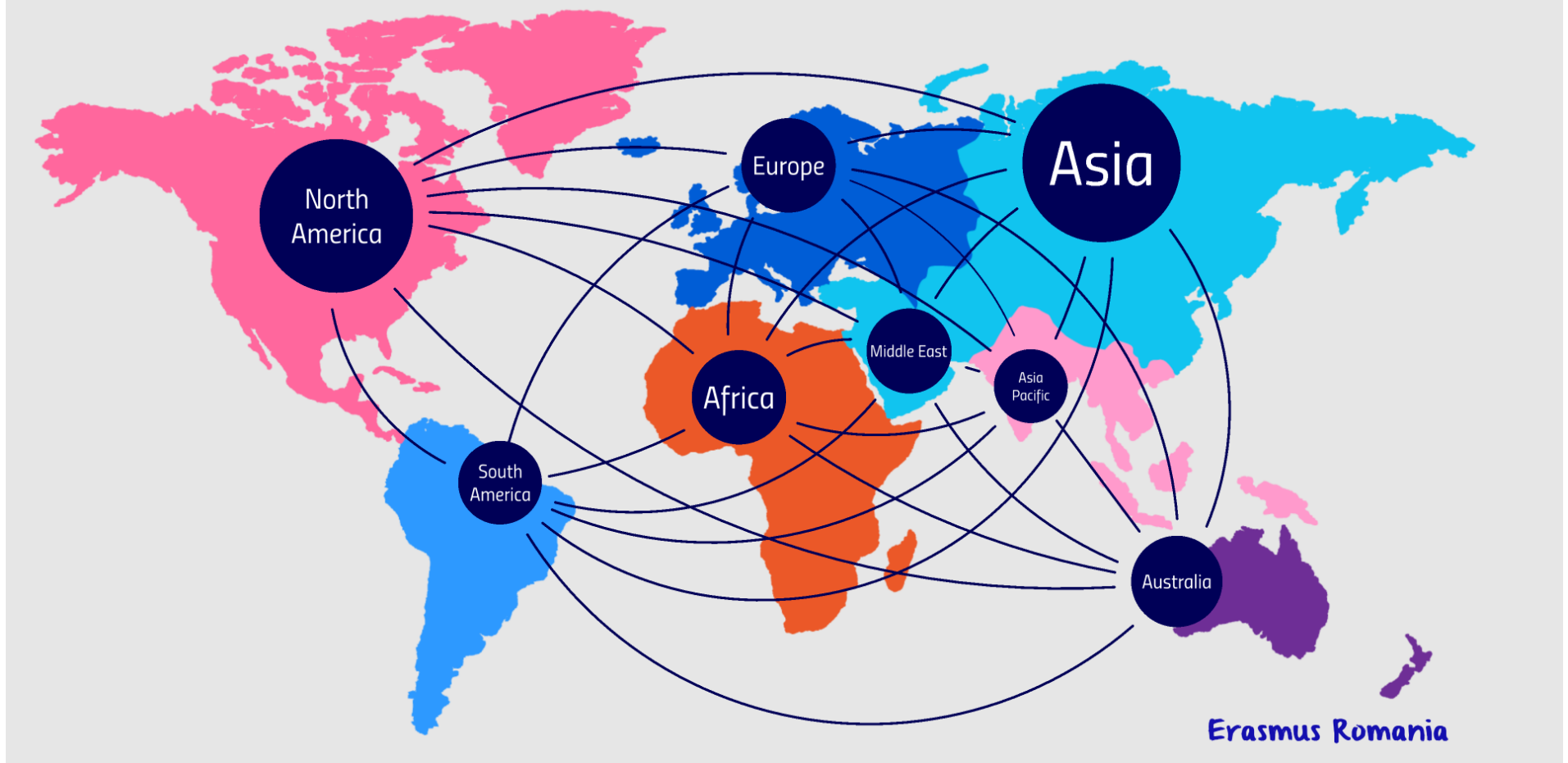




Religion in South America

Religion in South America has been a major influence on art, culture, philosophy and law. **Christianity** is the main religion, with **Roman Catholics** having the most adherents. Sizeable minorities of **non-religious people** and adherents of other religions are also present. The last country to approve the freedom of religion was Bolivia (since 2008).

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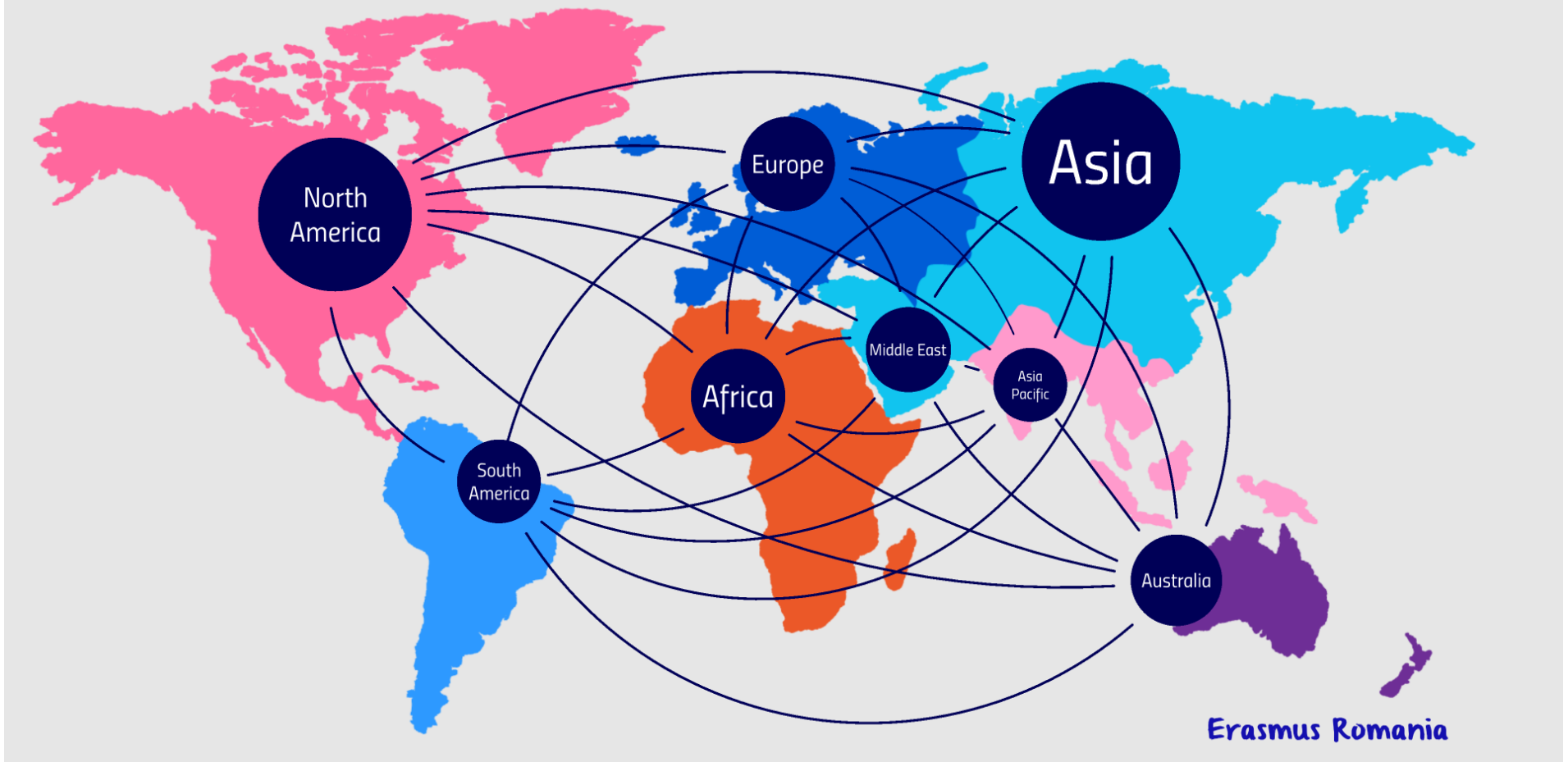


Africa

The traditional African religions (or traditional beliefs and practices of African people) are a set of highly diverse beliefs that includes various ethnic religions. Generally, these traditions are oral rather than scriptural, include belief in an amount of higher and lower gods, sometimes including a supreme creator, belief in spirits, veneration of the dead, use of magic and traditional African medicine. Most religions can be described as **Animism** with various **polytheistic** and **pantheistic** aspects. The role of humanity is generally seen as one of harmonizing nature with the supernatural. According to Lugira, "it is the only religion that can claim to have originated in Africa. Other religions found in Africa have their origins in other parts of the world."



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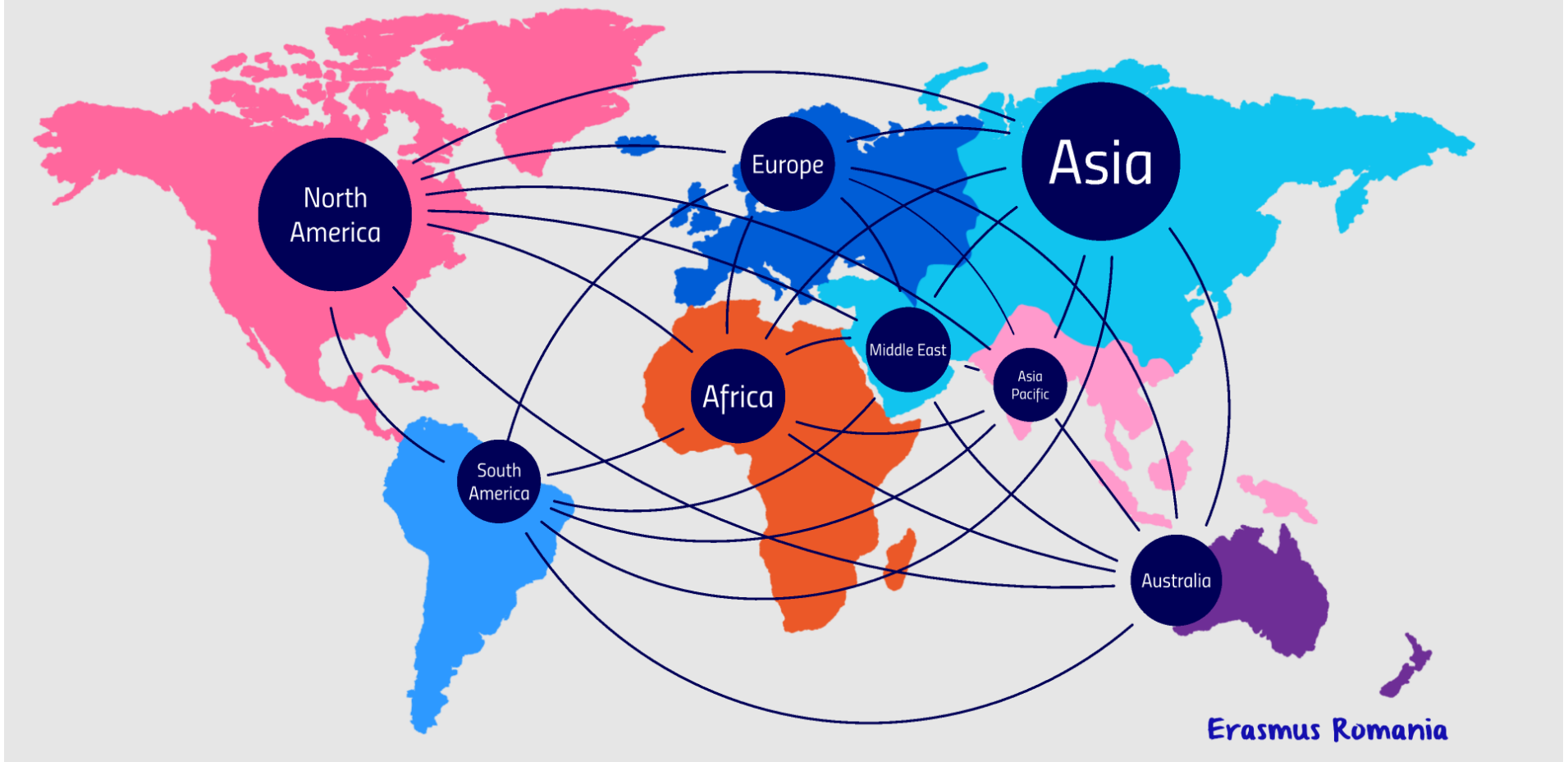


The Islam religion

Islam is an Abrahamic, monotheistic religion, being the second religion in the world in terms of the number of followers, after Christianity. The general meaning of the word Islam is peace and submission to Allah, the Creator of all things. Muslims believe that Islam is the last of the divine messages, also that Muhammad is the last prophet and messenger of Allah; they believe in all the prophets and apostles who were sent to humanity before the Prophet Muhammad, believe in their writings and in the messages that Allah has given to them to explain to people, such as the Torah, Psalms and the Gospel.

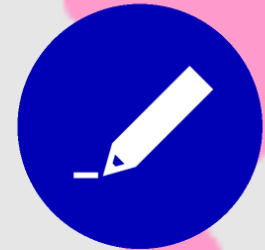


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Asia Pacific
Some of the
most popular
religions
amongst north
americans are
Buddhism and
Hinduism.



Hinduism

Hinduism is an Indian religion or way of life, widely practised in the Indian subcontinent and parts of Southeast Asia. Hinduism has been called the oldest religion in the world, and some practitioners and scholars refer to it as "the eternal tradition", or the "eternal way", beyond human history. Scholars regard Hinduism as a fusion or synthesis of various Indian cultures and traditions, with diverse roots and no founder.



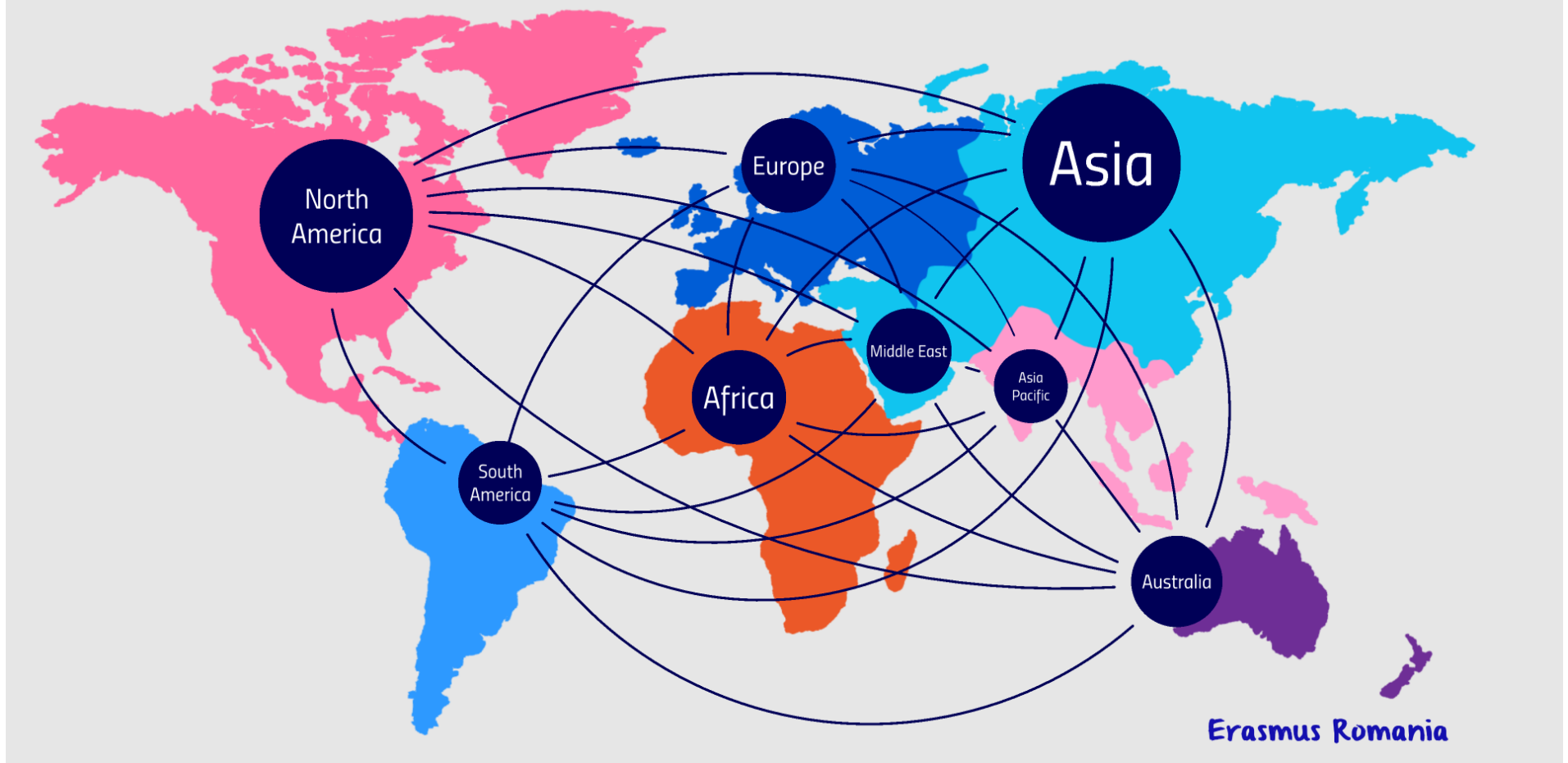
Buddhism

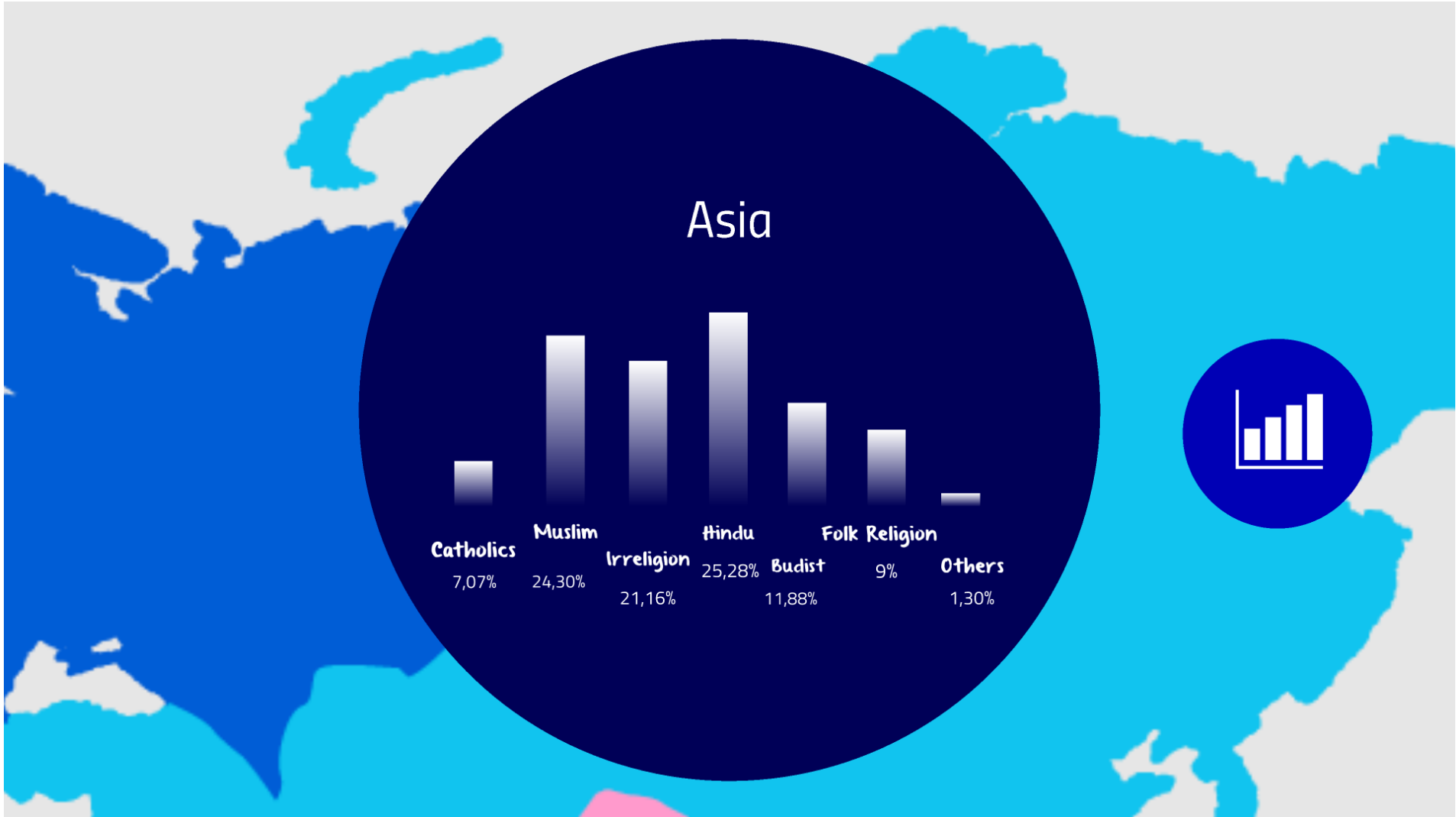
Buddhism is the world's fourth-largest religion with over 520 million followers, or over 7% of the global population.

Most Buddhist traditions share the goal of overcoming suffering and the cycle of death and rebirth, either by the attainment of Nirvana or through the path of Buddhahood. Buddhist schools vary in their interpretation of the path to liberation, the relative importance and canonicity assigned to the various Buddhist texts, and their specific teachings and practices.



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Irreligion: Atheism

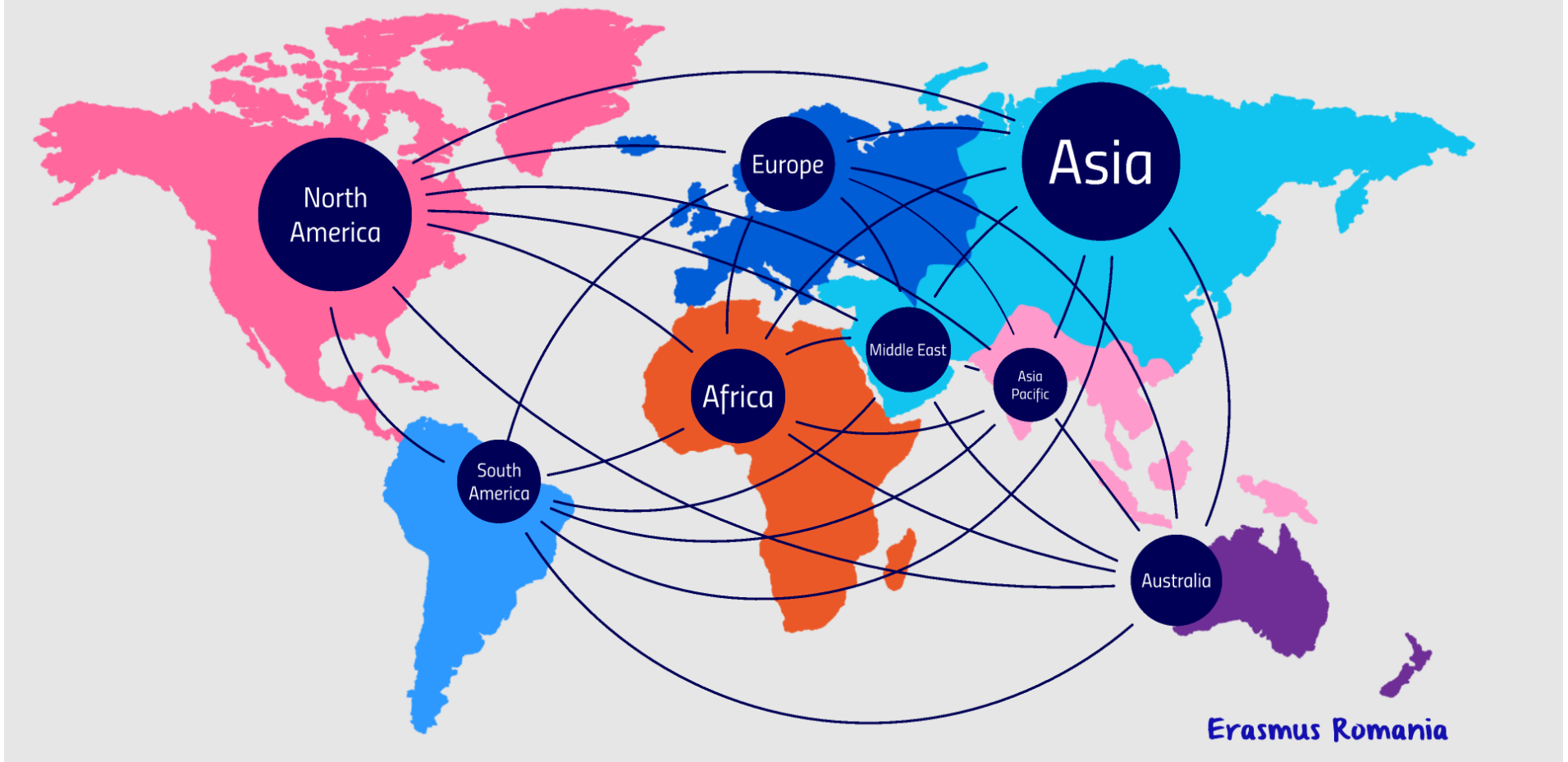
Atheism: why is it so popular these days?

In an era of scientific backup for almost every other thing, pragmatism is often used to dismiss religion.

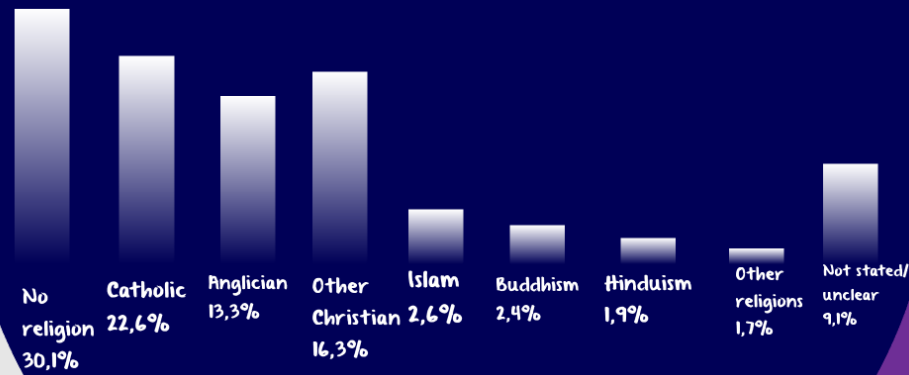
The new generation is smart, almost too smart. They can't keep themselves from asking questions, and when answers are vague or not given, they obviously get confused. We are used to having the answer to every question at the touch of a screen, so when things are not perfectly clear or logical, we tend to overthink and judge.

We are, truthfully, a 'glass half empty' kind of generation, so the negative aspects of religion outweigh the positive ones. But at a point in our lives, each and every one of us comes to see that the main purpose of religion is to unite, not divide.

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Australia



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