

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

A personality quiz about your religious and spiritual beliefs

Even if YOU don't know what faith you are, answer the following 20 questions about your concept of God, the afterlife, human nature, and more, and discover for yourself what religion (if any) you practice or might want to consider practicing. Then discuss your answers with a friend. What DO you believe?

1. What is the number and nature of the deity (God, gods, higher power)? Choose one.

- Only one God--a corporeal spirit (has a body), supreme, personal God Almighty, the Creator.
- Only one God--an incorporeal (no body) spirit, supreme, personal God Almighty, the Creator.
- Multiple personal gods (or goddesses) regarded as facets of one God, and/or as separate gods.
- The supreme force is the impersonal Ultimate Reality (or life force, ultimate truth, cosmic order, absolute bliss, universal soul), which resides within and/or beyond all.
- The supreme existence is both the eternal, impersonal, formless Ultimate Reality, and personal God (or gods).
- No God or supreme force. Or not sure. Or not important.
- None of the above.

2. Are there human incarnation(s) of God (or of gods/goddesses)? Choose one.

- God is (or gods/goddesses are) supreme, and no incarnations.
- One incarnation.
- Many (or countless) incarnations.
- No particular incarnations because God is all and all are God (or God is in all).
- No incarnations as there is no God. Or not sure. Or not important.
- None of the above.

3. What are the origins of the physical universe and life on earth? Choose one.

- As in the book of Genesis, God created a mature universe and mature life forms from nothing in less than 7 days, less than 10,000 years ago.
- As in the book of Genesis, but "day" is not 24 hours, possibly refers to thousands (or even millions) of years, or to creation phases.
- God is creating and controlling the phenomena uncovered by scientists. Or there are other spiritual explanations, but not in conflict with scientific discovery.
- All matter and life forms are manifestations (or illusions) of the eternal Absolute (Ultimate Truth, Universal Soul or Mind, etc.).
- Only natural forces (like evolution) and no Creator or spiritual forces. Or not sure. Or not important.
- None of the above.

4. What happens to humans after death? Choose one.

- Souls are judged immediately for a foretaste of heaven or hell. At the final judgment, God (or Christ) will resurrect and judge all for heaven or hell. (Or souls may also be judged for punishment and/or purification before heaven.)
- Death results in unconsciousness until, at the final judgment, God (or Christ) will raise the living righteous to heaven; resurrect and destroy the wicked on earth; return the righteous to a paradisaal earth for eternity.
- Souls don't survive death. God (or Christ) will resurrect the righteous at the final judgment for eternity in heaven or on a paradisaal earth; the wicked will remain dead.
- The soul's spiritual development continues after death so that all may eventually experience the indescribable joy of closeness to God. Hell is not a place but the tormented state of remoteness from God.
- Rebirths occur (continually, or until all life's lessons are learned and one merges with the life force, or until complete enlightenment and eternal bliss are attained).
- There is definitely an afterlife, but the specifics cannot be known or are unimportant--most important is one's conduct in life.
- No afterlife; no spiritual existence beyond life; no literal heaven and hell. Or not sure. Or not important.
- None of the above.

5. Why is there terrible wrongdoing in the world? Choose one.

- Humans inherited sinfulness, or a damaged nature, or tendency to yield to Satan's temptations from Adam and Eve, who committed the original sin against God.
- Wrongdoing results from God-given free will plus a weak side, or a drive to satisfy personal needs, which sometimes results in wrongful choices (and/or vulnerability to Satan's temptations).
- Ignorance of one's true existence as pure spirit and as one with the Universal Truth (or soul, mind, etc.) can lead to wrongdoing.
- Not listening to the voice of God, who resides within all, can lead to wrongdoing.
- Egoism (self-importance) leads to desire, craving, and attachments, which can lead to unwholesome thoughts and behavior, i.e., greed, hate, and violence.
- No supernatural or spiritual reasons. Human nature, psychology, sociology, criminology, etc., explain wrongdoing. Or not sure. Or not important.
- None of the above.

6. Satan's presence results in much suffering.

- Agree.
- Disagree.
- Not applicable.

Respond to the following (Questions 8-12) based on how you believe a person attains

salvation, exaltation, eternal reward, spiritual liberation/enlightenment, spiritual harmony, merger with God, etc.

8. Worship:

- The Supreme Power, God, or Gods.
- God--three persons of one essence.
- God the Father, His Son, the Holy Spirit--each a distinct essence.
- Not Applicable.

9. Baptism (or initiation) ceremonies:

- Required.
- Not required.
- Not Applicable.

10. Regularly confess or repent:

- All sins/wrongs to a cleric.
- All sins/wrongs, but not necessarily to a cleric.
- Not Applicable.

11. Doing good works (deeds) and acting compassionately is:

- Necessary.
- Not necessary.
- Not Applicable.

12. Choose ALL statements below that represent your beliefs.

- Adhere strictly to the rites, practices, precepts, commandments, prohibitions, laws, sacraments, or ordinances of the faith to be rewarded after life.
- All, even the wicked, are rewarded after life (e.g., go to heaven, merge with God) as God(s) is infinitely good and forgiving.
- Extinguish all cravings, attachments, and ignorance, or rid oneself of all impurities, to become fully enlightened.
- Learn all life's lessons through rebirths.
- Realize your true nature as purely spirit (or soul) and not body, as one with the Absolute, Universal Soul.
- Live very simply; renounce worldly goals and possessions.
- Tap the power of the Ultimate (God, or the divine) through intercessory methods such as psychics, channeling, tarot cards, crystals, magic.
- Humankind is "saved" through human effort rather than through religious or spiritual means.

Respond to the following moral statements (Questions 13-20) based on how you would want

your religion or faith category to address them.

13. Elective abortion should be accepted (not proclaimed or treated as immoral).

- Agree.
- Disagree.
- Not Applicable.

14. Homosexual behavior should be regarded as immoral or out of harmony.

- Agree.
 - Disagree.
 - Not Applicable.
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15. Roles for women and men should be prescribed.

- Agree.
 - Disagree.
 - Not Applicable.
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16. Divorce and/or remarriage should be restricted or punished or condemned.

- Agree.
 - Disagree.
 - Not Applicable.
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17. Social betterment programs (e.g., equality, anti-poverty, education) should be fundamental.

- Agree.
 - Disagree.
 - Not Applicable.
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18. Nonviolence (e.g., pacifism, conscientious objector) should be fundamental.

- Agree.
 - Disagree.
 - Not Applicable.
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19. Prayer, meditation, or spiritual healing practices should be favored to the exclusion of conventional health treatment (for all serious conditions or

certain types of serious conditions).

- Agree.
- Disagree.
- Not Applicable.

20. Revering nature or the environment should be fundamental.

- Agree.
- Disagree.
- Not Applicable.