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Do you have any spiritual beliefs?	<i>Yes. Jesus, and the Virgin Mary.</i>	Yes, I do, I am Jewish.	<i>I'm not sure.</i>	Yes. Islam, Allah is one.	<i>Oh Yes, I have a lot of spiritual beliefs that come from the Bible.</i>
Do you go to church?	<i>Yes</i>	Yes, I do. I attend a synagogue.	<i>Yes.</i>	Yes, to a mosque.	<i>I do.</i>
Which one do you go to?	<i>St. Joseph's Parish</i>	I attend several in Brooklyn.	<i>Amish.</i>		<i>I go to Trinity Church.</i>
Are you a member?	<i>Yes.</i>	Yes, I became a member at my bar mitzvah	<i>Yes.</i>	Yes	<i>I am.</i>
And how long have you been a church member	<i>From the time I was born.</i>	Roughly thirty years now.	<i>20 years.</i>	I was born a Muslim.	<i>Since shortly my conversion, then I was baptized as a believer.</i>
Why did you choose your specific faith?	<i>My parents were Catholics and that made me a Catholic also.</i>	I was born Jewish, and God's chosen me, and I've chosen him.	<i>I was born into it and had some family influence.</i>	Because it is the truth.	<i>Through friends that for the first time in my life shared with me the good news of the gospel..</i>
Have you ever studied other religions?		I have seen some, but have been dissatisfied with them.		No	
To you personally, what is the most important book to own and read?	<i>The Bible</i>	The Torah	<i>The Bible</i>	The Koran	<i>Clearly the Bible, because I believe that the Bible alone is the word of God. If we have but one book to own, it should be a Bible.</i>
What are the main religious books of your denomination/faith?	<i>The catechism</i>	The Tenok, Talmud, and the Mishnah	<i>The Bible.</i>	The Koran and the Hadith	<i>We don't have any religious books besides the Bible, although there are many writings of Godly Christians that we look to, although none are on the same level as the Bible.</i>
Do you use a Bible?	<i>Yes</i>	The Hebrew Bible	<i>Yes.</i>	No	<i>Yes</i>
What translation?	<i>English</i>		<i>German translation, Martin Luther.</i>	I use the Koran	<i>I prefer the New American Standard Bible.</i>
Why is that?	<i>Because that's all we have.</i>	Because it is accurate, it's the original writings, and proven.			
Do you read other books and/or newspapers?	<i>I read the newspaper.</i>	Oh yes, extensively, a number of others. I am interested in the world I live in.	<i>Yes.</i>	Yes	<i>I have taken an interest in some history books, and I do read a news magazine regularly to keep informed about the world around me.</i>
Which newspaper do you read?	<i>The Daily Local News</i>	The Jewish local one, it is written for Jews	<i>Magazines, Investors, Hunting, Reader's Digest. Evening News.</i>	Historical books, and various newspapers.	<i>We currently don't subscribe to a newspaper.</i>
On average, how often do you read the newspaper?	<i>Everyday</i>	Daily. Probably an hour or two, I enjoy reading.	<i>Every day.</i>	As much as I can to follow current events.	<i>I am always reading some books besides the Bible. On a daily basis I read a little bit of the News Magazine.</i>
Do you understand the newspaper language?	<i>Yes</i>	Oh yes, I read Hebrew and English.	<i>Yes</i>	Yes	<i>Yes, they are written in English.</i>
On average, how often do you read the Bible?	<i>About once or twice a week</i>	Daily, an hour per day	<i>About once a week.</i>	At least five times a day.	<i>I try to read the Bible daily.</i>
Do you always understand what you read in the Bible?	<i>No.</i>	Most of the time I do.	<i>No, not really.</i>	Mostly.	<i>With the help of the Spirit of God, who is given to Christians, we can understand the Bible. Of course, I don't claim to understand every detail.</i>

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Why do you spend more time to reading a secular, worldly newspaper than the book that you claim is the most important?	<i>I understand the newspaper better than the Bible.</i>	I would say that I don't do that. I read them both the same.	<i>Can't answer that.</i>	That's a hard question, but a good one.	<i>I don't think that is the case. We certainly shouldn't neglect the Bible.</i>
Do you feel that God is pleased with your answer?	<i>No</i>	I don't know for sure, I suppose I could do more.	<i>Can't answer that.</i>	I don't know. I hope He is.	<i>I believe so, but want to do better as a student of God's Word.</i>
Are you bilingual?	<i>Yes</i>	Yes	<i>Yes</i>	Yes	<i>No, not really. I am not fluent beyond English.</i>
Which ones do you speak?	<i>English and Italian</i>	Hebrew, English, and Yiddish	<i>Pennsylvania Dutch and English.</i>	Hindi, English, and Arabic	
Which are you fluent in?	<i>English</i>	All three, but I use Yiddish most often	<i>Both</i>	English and Hindi	
Do you read and write in these languages?	<i>No, just English</i>	Yes, I do	<i>Just English</i>		
Which do you understand best?	<i>English</i>		<i>Dutch and English</i>		
In which is your Bible written?	<i>English</i>	Hebrew, it is a sacred language	<i>German</i>	Arabic	
In what language do you read the newspaper?	<i>English</i>	Hebrew and English	<i>English</i>	English	
If you could read the news in the same language as your Bible, would you?	<i>Yes</i>		<i>I don't know.</i>	Yes	<i>I would want to read my Bible in the language that I best understood.</i>
To you personally, who is Jesus?	<i>He's the son of God</i>	He was a historical rabbi, a very intelligent person. When he claimed that he was God's son, we dismissed him and his teaching.	<i>The Son of God.</i>	He was a prophet.	<i>He is my Saviour and Lord and King and Master, the second person of the Trinity, the Son of God, God in human form, and the Saviour of sinners.</i>
Have your sins been forgiven?	<i>Don't know.</i>	They are being continually forgiven, if I have been faithful in prayer, service, and in giving.	<i>I hope so.</i>	I don't know, I hope. God knows best.	<i>They have been, every one of them.</i>
Do you believe in heaven or hell?	<i>Yes.</i>	Yes, both.	<i>Yes</i>	Yes	<i>Yes, because the Bible clearly teaches it.</i>
If you were to die right now, where would you go?	<i>Don't know. I think I might go to purgatory first and then maybe, maybe, go to heaven.</i>	It would depend on my faithfulness to my works, prayers, giving, and service.	<i>I hope I'd go to heaven. But I don't know.</i>	I don't know, hopefully to heaven.	<i>I have great confidence that I would go immediately into the presence of God. The Bible says, for the Christian, to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord.</i>
By using your Bible, can you backup your answer?	<i>No</i>		<i>I don't know.</i>	Yes, if I die while I'm praying, maybe I'll go to heaven.	<i>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, lest any man should boast.</i>
Does your church have rules such as what clothes you can wear, etc.?	<i>Yes</i>	Oh yes, the ultra orthodox, and we have strict rules.	<i>Yes</i>	Yes	<i>The only rules our church has are those that are found in the Bible. The ethical and moral commands and directives of the Bible.</i>

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In your church, who makes the rules?	<i>The priest.</i>	The rabbis, but they have also been handed down to us, and I don't disagree.	<i>The Bishop</i>	Allah	
Are you allowed to disagree with the rules?	<i>Yes</i>		<i>Yes</i>	No	<i>Since the rules we follow are the rules of God's word, we don't want to disagree because as Christians we want to please God.</i>
What happens if you disagree with the rules, or choose not to follow them?	<i>The priest will talk it over with you.</i>	The synagogue may put them out, or excommunicate them if needed.	<i>You'll receive some forms of discipline.</i>	That person will be punished	<i>If one of our members who profess to be a Christian were to commit a clear, obvious, and serious sin against God's Law or God's Word, and refuse to repent of it, only then we would take the severe action called excommunication or church discipline.</i>
What would happen if you were to leave and join another church?	<i>You will be excommunicated.</i>	Well, it depends in different communities, some would go so far as to have a funeral for them, they are dead and gone the way of rebellion, the way of Cain.	<i>They'll be put in the bann.</i>	It's their choice, but they maybe shunned or in some places executed.	
Do you believe that is a biblical practice?	<i>I want to say "No." But according to them I'd say, "Yes."</i>	You would have to ask the rabbis.	<i>Not really, I don't know.</i>	According to the Koran, yes.	<i>Yes, certainly it is. Q: Is there a time when it is not biblical? A: Yes, the only reason for excommunication is when someone is clearly in violation of God's law. We have no authority to excommunicate for violating man-made rules or traditions.</i>
Do you own a snowmobile or other similar device?	<i>No</i>		<i>No</i>	No	<i>I own an automobile, but not a snowmobile.</i>
Why not	<i>Not interested</i>		<i>I don't know.</i>	No need for one	<i>There is not that much snow in these parts.</i>
If you could own one, would you	<i>No.</i>	No, we would tend to frown upon entertainment, and be a light to the Gentiles.	<i>I don't know.</i>	No	<i>I am certainly free in conscience to own one.</i>
Is there a biblical reason for that answer?	<i>No</i>		<i>No</i>	No	<i>There is nothing sinful about a snowmobile or any other motorized vehicle that I can see.</i>
Are you familiar the story about Nicodemus and Jesus?	<i>No</i>	No, we dismissed all of Jesus teachings.	<i>Yes</i>	No	<i>Yes</i>
What is your understanding of how a man must be born again?	<i>By baptism and praying to Mary. Baptism is supposed to wash away all your sins.</i>		<i>Living right, repentance, and forgiveness.</i>	I don't know.	<i>The new birth is God giving life to our dead souls. Jesus said you must be born again, or else you cannot see or enter the kingdom of heaven.</i>
Do you want to see the Kingdom of God?	<i>Yes</i>	Yes I do, by my obedience to the torah.	<i>Yes</i>	Absolutely	<i>Yes, most definitely.</i>
What do you base your hope on for getting to heaven?	<i>Being a good person. Having grace everyday, and doing what the church tells me to do.</i>		<i>My right living, my good works.</i>	I believe in Allah and try to do good.	<i>My only hope is in Jesus Christ, his perfect life, and his substitutionary death upon the cross for sinners such as me.</i>
Is that what the Bible teaches?	<i>No</i>		<i>I don't know.</i>	I believe it is what the Koran teaches.	<i>Yes, I am very confident of that.</i>
Have you ever told a lie?	<i>Yes</i>	Yes, in my childhood	<i>Yes</i>	See answer on last page.	<i>Yes</i>

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Have you ever stolen anything?	Yes		Yes	I can't answer that.	Probably in my youth.
Do liars and/or thieves go to heaven?	<i>Don't know on that one. According to the priest, if your baptized, you're alright</i>	Not if they haven't atoned for their sins.	No	No	<i>The Bible says if anyone continues in a lifestyle of immorality of any sort, living contrary to the will of God, which shows that they really have not been born of God, they have not really come to the salvation that is in Christ.</i>
Are you familiar with the events that took place in the Garden of Eden?	No	Yes, I am.	Yes	No, not really.	Yes
How many commands did Eve break before God put them out of the Garden?	All of them	Many	One	Just one.	<i>It seems to me that God had given one prohibition. He gave them freely to eat of any tree except one..</i>
How many sins must a person commit before God will not allow them into heaven?	<i>That, I don't know.</i>	I would have to ask my rabbis.	<i>I don't know.</i>	There is no limit.	<i>The Bible says that if any man would obey the whole law of God and offend at one point, he is guilty of all.</i>
How many good things must a person do in order not to go to hell?	<i>Don't know that either.</i>		<i>I don't know.</i>	I'm not sure.	<i>The only thing we need to do and must do in order to not go to hell is believe the gospel.</i>
Why did Jesus die on the cross?	<i>For the sins of the world</i>	Because he was a false teacher.	<i>For sins.</i>	He did not.	<i>He bore our sins in his body on the tree. As a result, God can let me go free because he has paid for my sins.</i>
What does grace and faith have to do with getting into heaven?	<i>Being a good person, have grace everyday to confess that I'm a good person.</i>	You must have faith in the Torah, which has revealed itself in grace.	<i>It points us to God, to Jesus, and to Heaven.</i>	That's Allah's rule.	<i>Everything. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Eph 2:8. Salvation is only by grace.</i>
Have you received that grace?	Yes	I do have faith.	Yes	I hope so.	<i>I have. Yes, the grace of God has been shown to me many years ago.</i>
And how did you receive it.	<i>Through Mary.</i>	My deeds are sufficient.	<i>I don't know.</i>	I don't know, but I'm trying.	<i>By that grace I have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ unto the salvation of my soul for which I am eternally grateful unto God and to His Son.</i>
On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate yourself if one was nearer to hell and ten were nearer to heaven?	Seven	We are God's chosen people, maybe five.	<i>I don't know.</i>	I hope ten.	<i>Ten. Not because of any good in me, but because of the sure salvation that is in Jesus Christ. All glory goes to God.</i>
Whose standard did you use to rate yourself?	<i>My self</i>	By the Torah. I must admit that I fall short sometimes.		That's up to Allah, not you or me.	<i>Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible. The Bible tells me that whoever has the Son has life.</i>
Muslim response to: Have you ever told a lie?	I can't answer that. There was a lady that came to Moses and asked Him if she was going to go to Heaven, so Moses asked God, and God said, "Yes." So Moses came back and told the lady, and she said she that doesn't believe it. This happened three times. The third time she said she doesn't believe it because she slept with her son. So Moses went and told God that, and asked Him again, "Are you sure she can go to Heaven? God said, "No, since she told, and people found out, the other people are going to think that they can do this great sin, too, and go to Heaven anyway. But if she would have kept silent, she would have gone to Heaven."				