

# Jehovah's Witness

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## 1 John 5:1-12

8,457,107- Followers according to [JW.org](http://JW.org)  
10,071,524- Bible courses conducted  
20,175,477- Annual attendance of Christ's death  
120,053- Churches

Jehovah comes from the Hebrew word, YAHWEH. It was believed that YAHWEH was so reverent that they would not say or hardly write the word, so they came up with Jehovah, to help with name of God.

Witness comes from the mission that they want to preach the doctrines of faith to the whole world.

### - Charles Taze Russell

- Believes \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Believes that the \_\_\_\_\_ has already happened.
- Says that the translation that we have is wrong.
- In 1914, builds a mansion in California after prophesying that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would come and live in it.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is created.

### - Joseph Franklin Rutherford

- Emphasized a need for the Jehovah's Witness to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Believes that Jehovah's Witness are \_\_\_\_\_ specifically by God to make a difference in the world.

### - Nathan Homer Knorr

- Establishes school in New York for seminary training.
- Creates the newest version of the New World Translation.

Key Doctrines in JW:

1. Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. There is no hell for people. That it is only for Satan and his demons.
3. We need to share the truth of the doctrines of JW to the world.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to be better person for God.

Scriptures to be aware of:

- John 1:1

- Colossians 1:15-20

Good Defense Verses:

- Isaiah 42:8, 43:10

- 1 John 5:1-4

- Matthew 16:13-20

- Galatians 1:6-10

# Mormons:

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## Galatians 1:6-10

16,118,169 Church Membership  
30,506 Congregations  
65,915 Missionaries  
160 Temples

- Joseph Smith
  - Claims that Jesus is not Father God, but is a god in the realm of gods.
    - It is customary beliefs in Mormonism, that you can rise to a god-like status in another dimension of the universe.
  - Believes that there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Followers of the Father can achieve greater things in the future, but all people are going to Heaven.
  - Believes in faith in Jesus Christ, but works help us to be better in Christ.
  - Says he receives a new revelation from God in 1823.
    - Believes that God did not stop with \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the Bible, but continues to reveal Himself on a daily basis.
  - Preaches that there needs to be a new emphasis on the continuing revelation of God.
- The Book of Mormon
  - Considered to be the \_\_\_\_\_ revelation of God.
    - Was translated off of golden tablets and special glasses, to be given to the world.

- Major Teachings According to the Book of Mormon.
  - That the Israelites migrated to \_\_\_\_\_, and that Jesus was an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - That God was trying to establish His actual church.
  - Jesus's Second coming was immanent, as well as the need for preparations of the Kingdom of God.
- Salvation:
  - While believing in God is not the overall theme of Mormonism, all of us were created by God and therefore are to be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Our status for Heaven was sealed with Jesus Christ.
  - You could be revealed another way through prayer.
  - Hell is not for people on earth.
- Purpose of Life:
  - To grow and \_\_\_\_\_ about God.
  - Fulfill one's duties as a model citizen.
  - Do good for the world and those around you.
- A Good Defense:
  - Do NOT try to talk about Joseph Smith.
    - Mormons are so worried that they could be wrong, that any talk about their leader will turn them away.
  - Identify that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior.
    - This has to include that He is \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- That Revelation stopped with Scripture.
  - While we constantly learn more and more about Christ, we will not receive new revelation from God.
- Keep the gospel at the forefront of everything that you do.

# Catholicism

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## Matthew 16:13-20

There are more than 1 billion Roman Catholics in the world.  
The Roman Catholic makes up the largest amount of any sect in the world.

### - Qualities of Catholics:

- Believe in Jesus and that He is fully God.
- Monotheistic
- A lot of respect within the deices.
- Have a long history of the church

### - Origins of Catholicism:

- Peter is elected the first \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rises to new levels with Constantine as emperor.
- Is to be based upon the foundations of the Bible.

### - The Pope:

- Considered to be the Highest power on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is in charge of making sure that the church sticks to the doctrines of Scripture.
  - Cardinals carry out the Pope's orders around the world.
- Can speak ex cathedra.
- Head of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### - Doctrinal Issues:

- The Lord's Supper
  - Believes that when you partake of the Lord Supper, you are literally eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ (Transubstantiation).
  
- Prayer:
  - Repentance
  - Saints
  - Mary
  - Our Father
  - Loved Ones
  - The Times
  
- Salvation can be made through:
  - Prayer
  - Sacraments
  - Being a \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic
  - Penances
  
- The Bible
  - Is the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God.
  - Traditions have just as much authority as the Bible.
  
- Things all Christians must be careful of with Catholics:
  - The assumption that all Catholics are just like Christians.
  - That salvation is through works.

- That we believe that same.
- That we have the same foundations.



# Islam

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## Genesis 16:1-6

Over 1.9 Billion Muslims  
Almost 4 Million Mosques in the world.  
Makes up nearly a quarter of the world's population.

- Muhammad:
  - Founder of the faith.
    - In 632, Muhammad receives a vision from Gabriel dealing with God, and the things of God.
    - In this revelation, there are major doctrines that Muhammad comes up with, the most important, the five pillars of Islam.
      - Pray Five Times a Day
      - Give alms to the poor.
      - Visit Mecca
      - Partake in Ramadan
      - Accept the Shahada.
- What about Jesus?
  - Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_, but of no nature of God himself.
    - Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Jesus was born of a virgin.
    - Jesus did great work for Allah.
- Key Doctrines:

- Qur'an is the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- God chose Ishmael over Isaac.
- Sharia Law
- Jihad
- Salvation:
  - Can be obtained through \_\_\_\_\_ to Allah.
  - Those who do not follow the teachings of Allah, are separated from him forever.
  - Through a perfect jihad. (Differ on Meaning)
- Jihad
  - Means Holy War
    - This can be a holy war within one self to \_\_\_\_\_ the world and the false teachings.
    - Others take it that it is a holy war against all unbelievers.
  - Jihad is something that all Muslims must be a part of.
- Sharia Law
  - The perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of Allah.
  - Can also be known as \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - All people under Sharia Law must live according to the codes and conducts of the law.
    - Anyone who does not obey this law can be sentenced to a multitude of things, including being put to death.
- The Bible

- It is not the perfect Word of God.
- Can help to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Qur'an.
- Defending Against a Muslim
  - Establish that Jesus is truly God.
  - That the Qur'an has errors that must be answered.
  - That salvation cannot be through works.

# Buddhism

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## John 16:33

- Considered the most difficult religion to convert from. (IMB)
- 488 Million Buddhist in the World
- Almost half a billion Buddhist temples in the world.
- Teachings have existed for more 2,000 years
  
- The Legend of the Buddha
  - Siddhartha Gautama
    - A noble prince of one of the poorer people in Southeast Asia.
    - Saw the world for what it was.
      - A place of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Desired for peace.
  - “Enlightened One”
    - The one who has reached the perfect peace.
    - You are to teach what you have learned, so that future generations may continue to grow and wisdom and knowledge.
  
- Four Noble Truths
  - The truth in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The truth in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Suffering.
  - The truth of \_\_\_\_\_ of Suffering.
  - The truth of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Cessation of suffering.

- What breaks a man down?
  - Greed and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ignorance and Delusion
  - Hatred and Destructive \_\_\_\_\_
- Nirvana
  - Learning how to overcome these things can help one to overcome this world.
  - Nirvana means heaven.
    - This is the point that a person has reached true inner peace.
- Karma and Dharma
  - This is the belief that if you do something good or bad reward can come from it.
  - Live life according to the code and watch great things happen because of it.
- Reincarnation:
  - One continues to come back and live until you reach \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Defending against a Buddhist:
  - Understand that it will be very difficult for you to lead a Buddhist to Christ the first time you share the gospel with them.
  - Share the truth of life after death.
  - Share the gospel and that you can find peace through Jesus Christ.

# Atheism/Agnosticism

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## Psalm 53

- Atheism is considered one of the fastest growing belief systems in the Western World.
- Cause of Atheistic Thought:
  - Creation vs Science
  - The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hurt by the Church
- Beginning Factors:
  - There is no such thing as a true Atheist.
    - Atheism states that this is absolute certainty, that there is no such thing as God.
    - This is what we call an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Correct Term is Agnosticism.
    - This is the belief that there is no god, even though there could be one out there somewhere.
- Creation:
  - Science has taught that there is no creation such as the one in account in Genesis.
    - Big Bang Theory
    - \_\_\_\_\_
  - All the theories give that everything was created out of nothing.

- Point of Life

- To have a good life.
- To live with honor and respect.
- Make the most out of every opportunity.
- Do good, live \_\_\_\_\_, give your best, and live like there is no tomorrow.

- So why no God?

- Believing in a deity could be considered a weakness because you are believing in false hope.
- It is hard to go against the evidence in the universe.
- A hard disbelief that God would let \_\_\_\_\_ things happen.

- The Problem of Evil

- “If God is so loving, why does He allow bad things to happen?”

- Defending against Atheism/Agnosticism:

- Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Understand that God is loving and caring even though we have a sin problem in the world.
- There has to be purpose and meaning to life.