

# FD 23

## TWO CENTS WORTH

### BEGINNER

- 1) Would you ever hurt someone you loved?
- 2) Would you ever agree to being cloned?
- 3) Would you ever consider avoiding computers?
- 4) Would you ever say goodbye to your best friend forever?
- 5) Would you ever date someone with a criminal record?
- 6) Would you ever sell your collection of music or books?
- 7) Would you ever consider being a spy for your country?
- 8) Would you ever shave off all the hair on your head?
- 9) Would you ever give all of your money to charity?
- 10) Would you ever change your name?

### INTERMEDIATE

- 1) Would you ever stop studying English?
- 2) Would you ever change your religion or take up a religion?
- 3) Would you ever marry for money?
- 4) Would you ever leave your country forever?
- 5) Would you ever have cosmetic surgery?
- 6) Would you ever commit a serious crime?
- 7) Would you ever beg in the streets?
- 8) Would you ever lie to the police?
- 9) Would you ever get a tattoo on your face?
- 10) Would you ever stop supporting your favourite sports team?

# ADVANCED

## What's Your Spiritual Type?

"What's your religion?"

The quiz is meant to help you learn about your self, see how you compare with others, and have a little fun. Please allow about 10 minutes for completion.

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**Q1.** I believe that God:

- 1. Exists and intervenes in daily events
- 2. Exists but does not intervene in daily events
- 3. Is a spiritual ideal, not an actual being
- 4. Does not exist

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**Q2.** When I think about issues of faith or spirituality, my foremost concern is:

- 1. A sense of connection to something larger than myself
- 2. A rational understanding of whether religious claims are valid
- 3. A personal relationship with God
- 4. A framework of morality and hope

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**Q3.** I believe the scripture I know best (the Bible, the Koran, etc.) is:

- 1. Mostly or entirely mythology
- 2. Divinely inspired and mostly true
- 3. Divinely written and accurate
- 4. Should be viewed mainly as storytelling or metaphor, not a literal account

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**Q4.** Which of these statements comes closest to expressing your most basic view regarding faith?

- 1. Faith is important because it helps us cope with the struggles and hardships of life
- 2. Faith is important because it makes the world a better place, by encouraging love and moral behavior

3. Faith is not important
4. Faith is important because it fulfills God`s wishes and protects our souls

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**Q5.** I believe that the universe we observe:

1. Is natural in origin, but has higher spiritual aspects
2. Was created supernaturally
3. Is completely natural and has no higher aspect
4. Was created under divine guidance, but using natural physics

**Q6.** I think prayer is:

1. Heard by God or angels, and for many people God or angels responds
2. Heard but no answer should be expected
3. Worthless
4. Best understood as a form of meditation or moral awareness

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**Q7.** I think that following life:

1. There is an afterlife for the virtuous but no hell; the evil simply cease to exist
2. There is reincarnation or some other condition
3. There is nothing
4. There is an afterlife in which we are judged, then rewarded or punished

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**Q8.** Evil is present in the world because:

1. Of human failings; evil has no supernatural component
2. God or a Higher Power wishes to test people
3. It is impossible to have free will without evil
4. Humanity is sinful by nature

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**Q9.** I believe that angels:

1. Exist and intervene to assist the pure-hearted
2. Exist but only watch us, taking no action

3. Exist only on the spiritual plane, not in this life
4. Do not exist

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**Q10.** I believe that the Devil or demons:

1. Exist and are active on Earth, working to corrupt men and women
2. Exist in the form of temptation to sin, not as specific beings
3. Do not exist
4. Exist but only in the supernatural realm, not in this life

**Q11.** If I had to categorize my own religious and spiritual beliefs, I would say they are:

1. Moderate; part of me is spiritual and part of me is skeptical
2. Agnostic, or hold no spiritual beliefs
3. Unshakable in my beliefs; I rarely experience doubt
4. Strongly committed to my faith, though sometimes I am troubled by unanswered questions

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**Q12.** Regarding those who hold beliefs that are sharply different from mine, I think:

1. It`s amazing the sort of nonsense some people will believe
2. Since many people acquire their beliefs through upbringing or social circumstances, we should not judge
3. All beliefs are equally valid
4. They may be sincere but are mistaken or ill-informed

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**Q13.** Regarding the formal teachings of specific denominations, I:

1. Accept most or all of what my faith teaches
2. Accept some of what my faith teaches but also reject some
3. Reject most or all formal teachings of faith
4. Take practically everything taught by faith with a grain of salt

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**Q14.** Each day newspaper brings reports of crimes, natural disasters, and disease. My most basic reaction is:

1. My faith is tested because I cannot understand how a just God could tolerate the agony of the world

2. I feel sadness, but accept that both the good and the bad of life are somehow part of God`s plan
3. Such tragedies make me confused about the nature of the Higher Power
4. Tragedies and disasters in the world convince me there is no God

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**Q15.** Regarding science and religion, I think:

1. Science eventually will disprove religion
2. We should be suspicious of scientists, since most of them are atheists
3. Scientific findings trouble me at times but do not reduce my faith, because science helps me understand God`s creation
4. Science and faith seem to me two aspects of the same search for ultimate truth

**Q16.** In my view, God:

1. Either does not exist, or God`s nature can never be known
2. Exists but is remote from human events
3. Is present at some times and absent at others
4. Is everywhere and observes everything

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**Q17.** I think children should:

1. Be raised to practice the faith of their parents
2. Be taught spiritual awareness but also to avoid affiliating with formal religion
3. Be encouraged to reject faith in favor of secular philosophy
4. Be exposed to many religious traditions and encouraged to make their own choices

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**Q18.** Which of these four statements comes closest to reflecting your views about the character of existence?

1. Higher purpose comes about through some combination of human and divine effort
2. People should be moral and loving, but life itself is a chemical accident lacking inherent meaning
3. Higher purpose in the universe is everywhere, divinely created and preexistent
4. Regardless of whether we are natural or supernatural in origin, we can give meaning to our lives by practicing love and morality

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**Q19.** What frustrates me most about faith is:

1. That even having faith and treating others well does not prevent bad things from happening to me or my loved ones
2. That ultimate events such as the Second Coming do not happen
3. That religions continue to create barriers and hostility between people
4. That God allows so much suffering and evil

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**Q20.** In regards to religion and morality:

1. I think it`s impossible to be moral without being religious
2. It`s possible but difficult to be moral without reminders from religion
3. It`s entirely possible to develop and live by a good moral code without religion
4. Religion makes it harder to be a moral person