

Religious Knowledge Quiz

This quiz includes 15 of the 32 questions asked in the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey, a national telephone poll conducted by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life. The survey was conducted from May 19 through June 6, 2010, on landlines and cell phones, in English and Spanish, among a nationally representative sample of 3,412 adults. Responses to the quiz do NOT affect the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey results in any way.

Questions below have been paraphrased for brevity. See topline survey results for exact wording and question order.

- 1 Which Bible figure is most closely associated with leading the exodus from Egypt?
 - Job
 - Elijah
 - Moses
 - Abraham
- 2 What was Mother Teresa's religion?
 - Catholic
 - Jewish
 - Buddhist
 - Mormon
 - Hindu
3. Which of the following is NOT one of the Ten Commandments?
 - Do not commit adultery
 - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you
 - Do not steal
 - Keep the Sabbath holy
- 4 When does the Jewish Sabbath begin?
 - Friday
 - Saturday
 - Sunday
- 5 Is Ramadan...?
 - The Hindu festival of lights
 - A Jewish day of atonement
 - The Islamic holy month
- 6 Which of the following best describes the Catholic teaching about the bread and wine used for Communion?
 - The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
 - The bread and wine are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
- 7 In which religion are Vishnu and Shiva central figures?
 - Islam
 - Hinduism
 - Taoism
- 8 Which Bible figure is most closely associated with remaining obedient to God despite suffering?
 - Job
 - Elijah
 - Moses
 - Abraham
- 9 What was Joseph Smith's religion?
 - Catholic
 - Jewish
 - Buddhist
 - Mormon
 - Hindu
- 10 According to rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, is a public school teacher permitted to lead a class in prayer, or not?
 - Yes, permitted
 - No, not permitted
- 11 According to rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, is a public school teacher permitted to read from the Bible as an example of literature, or not?
 - Yes, permitted
 - No, not permitted
- 12 What religion do most people in Pakistan consider themselves?
 - Buddhist
 - Hindu
 - Muslim
 - Christian
- 13 What was the name of the person whose writings and actions inspired the Protestant Reformation?
 - Martin Luther
 - Thomas Aquinas
 - John Wesley
- 14 Which of these religions aims at nirvana, the state of being free from suffering?
 - Islam
 - Buddhism
 - Hinduism
- 15 Which of these preachers participated in the period of religious activity known as the First Great Awakening?
 - Jonathan Edwards
 - Charles Finney
 - Billy Graham

Read the full survey report at <http://pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religious-Knowledge-Survey.aspx>. To take the quiz and see how you perform on these questions compared with the national average and different religious groups, visit <http://features.pewforum.org/quiz/us-religious-knowledge/>.

ANSWERS: 1. Moses 2. Catholic 3. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you 4. Friday 5. The Islamic holy month 6. The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus Christ 7. Hinduism 8. Job 9. Mormon 10. No, not permitted 11. Yes, permitted 12. Muslim 13. Martin Luther 14. Buddhism 15. Jonathan Edwards