Believer Nation

Question: Do you personally believe in... God?

Believe 92%
Not sure 4%
D on’t believe 4%

Note: Asked of registered voters.

Question: I will read you a list of things some people believe in. Please say for each one if you believe in it, or not... God.

Believe 94%
D on’t believe/ Not sure 6%


Question: Do you believe in God, or not?

Believe 95%
No opinion 2%
D on’t believe 4%


Question: Which of the following statements comes closest to your belief about God: (1) You believe in God, (2) You don’t believe in God, but you do believe in a universal spirit or higher power, (3) You don’t believe in either?

Believe in God 86%
Believe in universal spirit/ higher power 8%
D on’t believe in either/ Other 6%

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, December 9-12, 1999.

Question: Which of these statements describes your belief in God?... I believe in God and have no doubts about it. I believe in God but have some doubts. I don’t believe in God.

Believe/no doubts 80%
Believe/some doubts 13%
D on’t believe 3%
Other 1%


Question: Which best describes your beliefs about God?... I don’t believe in God now, and I never have. I don’t believe in God, but I used to. I believe in God now, but I didn’t used to. I believe in God now, and I always have.

Believe/always have 78%
Believe/didn’t used to 6%
Believe/used to 5%
D on’t believe/never have 3%

**Believers and Non-Believers**

**Question:** Which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God?

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<td>I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others</td>
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<td>I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind</td>
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<td>I don't know whether there is a God, and I don't believe there is any way to find out</td>
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<td>I don't believe in God</td>
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**Who They Are**

Statistics in the following table were calculated on the basis of responses to the question above.

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**Note:** Read data going down. Responses of don't know and refusals were calculated out.

It Can Move Mountains

**Question:** [Do you agree or disagree]... I never doubt the existence of God.

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for Times Mirror, April 25-May 10, 1987.

**1987**

- Completely agree: 60%
- Mostly agree: 28%
- Mostly disagree: 7%
- Completely disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 3%

**1999**

- Completely agree: 69%
- Mostly agree: 19%
- Mostly disagree: 6%
- Completely disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 4%

**What is God?**

**Question:** Which of the following descriptions comes closest to what you, personally, believe about God: Everyone is God, God is powerful all knowing Creator, God is total realization of human potential, there are many Gods, each with power/authority, God is higher state of consciousness, there is no such thing as God?

**Source:** Survey by Barna Research Groups, January 1994.

- God is Creator: 67%
- God is a higher state of consciousness: 10%
- God is total realization: 8%
- There are many Gods: 3%
- Everyone is God: 3%
- There is no such thing as God: 2%

**Question:** Which of these statements comes closest to your beliefs? There is a personal God, There is some sort of spirit or life force, I don't know what to think, I don't really think there is any sort of spirit, God, or life force.

**Source:** Survey by Taylor Nelson Sofres Intersearch, September 20-28, 1999.

- There is a personal God: 64%
- There is a spirit/life force: 28%
- I don't know: 5%
- I don't think there is any spirit, God, or life force: 2%

**Question:** When you imagine what God is like, do you mainly think of the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, or the Trinity?


- Jesus: 18%
- Spirit: 12%
- Father: 28%
- Trinity: 33%
- Don't know: 9%

**Question:** Do you think God is a man, a woman, or what?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News, March 24-25, 1997.

- Man: 44%
- Woman: 1%
- Genderless: 13%
- No opinion: 33%
It’s a Miracle

**Question:** Do you believe in miracles, or not?

- **Yes:** 78%
- **No:** 19%
- **Don’t know:** 4%

**Source:** Survey by CBS News, April 13-14, 1999.

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**Question:** Do you think that most of the events people claim are miracles are actually explainable by science or by modern medicine, or do you think most of them are actual miracles?

- **Most are miracles:** 36%
- **Most are explainable:** 48%
- **Don’t know:** 17%

**Source:** Survey by CBS News, April 13-14, 1999.

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Things Unseen

**Question:** Do you personally believe in...?

- **God?**
  - **Believe:** 95%
  - **Don’t believe:** 3%

- **Heaven?**
  - **Believe:** 88%
  - **Don’t believe:** 9%

- **Miracles?**
  - **Believe:** 84%
  - **Don’t believe:** 13%

- **Angels?**
  - **Believe:** 76%
  - **Don’t believe:** 20%

- **Hell?**
  - **Believe:** 71%
  - **Don’t believe:** 24%

- **The devil?**
  - **Believe:** 63%
  - **Don’t believe:** 33%

**Note:** Asked of registered voters.

**Source:** Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, October 29-30, 1997.
**In My Hour of Darkness**

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree with the following... There is a God who concerns himself with every human being personally?

- **Strongly agree:** 40%
- **Agree:** 30%
- **Neither:** 12%
- **Disagree:** 9%
- **Strongly disagree:** 6%

**Source:** Survey by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, February 1-June 19, 1998.

**Question:** Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements... I believe in a God who watches over me.

- **Strongly agree:** 59%
- **Agree:** 30%
- **Disagree:** 7%
- **Strongly disagree:** 4%

**Source:** Survey by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, February 1-June 19, 1998.

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree that in times of personal crisis you are absolutely certain you can count on God to take care of you?...

- **Agree strongly:** 63%
- **Agree somewhat:** 22%
- **Disagree somewhat:** 6%
- **Disagree strongly:** 7%

**Source:** Survey by Barna Research Groups, January 1994.

**Question:** Do you rely more on yourself to solve the problems of life, or more on an outside power, such as God?

- **More on oneself:** 54%
- **Outside power:** 35%
- **Both (vol.):** 9%
- **Don't know:** 2%

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, November 20-22, 1998.

**Question:** ...To what extent is each of the following involved in the way you cope... a great deal, quite a bit, somewhat, or not at all?

- **Percent responding a great deal or quite a bit:**
  - I look to God for strength, support, guidance: 63%
  - I work together with God as partners: 44%
  - I think about how much my life is part of a larger spiritual force: 40%

- **Percent responding NOT at all:**
  - I wonder whether God has abandoned me: 87%
  - I feel that God is punishing me for my sins or lack of spirituality: 76%
  - I try to make sense of the situation and decide what to do without relying on God: 37%

**Source:** Survey by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, February 1-June 19, 1998.
Ask and You Shall Receive

Question: ...Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements... Prayer is an important part of my daily life. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?

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Question: How often do you yourself pray to God? Would you say... less than once a week, once a week, a few times a week, once a day, twice a day, or more often?

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Question: In your prayers, do you ask God for... often, sometimes, hardly ever or never?

Percent responding often

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<td>...health or success for a child or family member?</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>...good health or better health?</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>...strength to overcome personal weakness?</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>...health or success for someone outside your family?</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>...protection from accidents, crime, or other threats to personal safety?</td>
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<td>...world peace?</td>
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<td>...love or a better love relationship?</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>...financial or career success?</td>
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Question: When God doesn’t answer your own prayers, are you usually able to accept it, even if you don’t like it, or does it make you lose faith in God?

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<td>Able to accept it</td>
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<td>Lose faith</td>
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<td>Don’t know</td>
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<td>Don’t pray this way (vol.)</td>
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Question: Have you ever turned away from God or religion because you felt your prayers weren’t being answered?

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And When I Die

**Question:** ...Is what life will be like after you die something you think about a lot, sometimes, or never at all?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.

**Question:** Do you believe there is or is not a life after death?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.

**Question:** Do you yourself believe in the existence of Heaven, where people live forever with God after they die, or don’t you believe that?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.

**Question:** Do you believe in Hell, where people are punished forever after they die, or don’t you believe that?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.

**Question:** Do you believe in Purgatory, where people are cleansed of their sins before they enter Heaven, or don’t you believe that?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.

**Question:** Immediately after death, which of the following do you think will happen to you...you will go directly to Heaven, you will go to Purgatory, you will go to Hell, you will be reincarnated or death will be the end of your existence?

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, March 11-12, 1997.
Question: Do you believe people get into Heaven based mostly on the good things they do, or mostly on their faith in God, or both?

Note: Asked of those who believe in Heaven (81%).

Question: Do you believe that only a person’s soul lives in Heaven, or that a person has both a soul and a body in Heaven?

Note: Asked of those who believe in Heaven (81%).

Question: Do you believe your friends and family members who have died before you will meet you in Heaven when you die, or don’t you believe this?

Note: Asked of those who believe in Heaven (81%).

Question: Which of the following do you believe are in Heaven and which aren’t...?

Note: Asked of those who believe in Heaven (81%).
Religion in My Life

**Question**: How important would you say religion is in your own life—very important, fairly important, or not very important?


**Question**: Which of these statements describes the importance to you of your religious faith... the most important influence in your life, a very important influence in your life, a somewhat important influence in your life, not too important an influence in your life, or not at all important as an influence in your life?

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for the Nathan Cummings Foundation and Fetzer Institute, May 1997.

**Question**: How much have you thought about... developing your faith... during the past two years—a lot, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?


**Question**: ...To what extent can you say you experience the following... many times a day, every day, most days, some days, once in a while, or never or almost never?


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**Percent responding many times a day, every day, or most days**

- I am spiritually touched by the beauty of creation. 70%
- I find strength and comfort in my religion. 59%
- I feel God’s love for me, directly or through others. 60%
- I feel deep inner peace or harmony. 59%
- I desire to be closer to or in union with God. 59%
- I feel God’s presence. 57%

It is Written

Question: How often do you read the Bible... more than once a day, daily, two or three times a week, weekly, two or three times a month, monthly, less than once a month, or never?

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, December 4-6, 1998.

In the Beginning...

Question: Which of the following statements comes closest to your views on the origin and development of human beings?...


...And the End

Question: ...Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.... We all will be called before God at the Judgment Day to answer for our sins. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?