

Review: Rewards Are the Motivation, Not the Purpose of Spiritual Growth; Hostility toward God Is Expressed by Human Good; Spiritual Downtrend: Polls compared with Reality

- 11) When this becomes the overriding mind-set of a majority of a client nation's citizens and there is not a large enough pivot to counteract it, then the country enters into an historical downtrend.
- 12) In the United States this phenomenon is evidenced by the increasing influence of progressive ideology at the expense of traditional standards.
- 13) For example, progressive ideology is expressed by the fact that the Department of Treasury pays out over fifty percent of the nation's 2.66-trillion-dollar budget in payments to individuals.
- 14) If the taxpayers were not burdened with 1.4-trillion dollars annually for so much of which is raw socialism then we would enjoy an honest period of economic prosperity and giving to legitimate charities would increase dramatically.
- 15) As the people of a client nation think collectively so is it and today the United States is hostile to God.

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Data are from nationwide surveys of Americans 18 & older.

Gallup Poll. May 10-13, 2007. N=1,003 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (total sample).

"Which of the following statements comes closest to your belief about God: you believe in God, you don't believe in God but you do believe in a universal spirit or higher power, or you don't believe in either?"
MoE ± 5 (Form B)

	God	Universal Spirit/Higher Power	Neither	Other (vol.)	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
5/10-13/07	78	14	7	-	1

CBS News Poll. April 6-9, 2006. N=899 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"How important is religion in your daily life? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?"

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
4/6-9/06	26	33	26	13	2

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Bible is the actual word of God



and is to be taken literally, word for word."

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/6-9/06	43	54	3

"What is your impression of [see below]? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, of haven't you heard enough about that to say?"

	Favorable %	Unfavorable %	Haven't Heard Enough %	Unsure %
"Christian fundamentalist religions"				
4/6-9/06	31	31	32	6
"The Mormon religion"				
4/6-9/06	20	39	38	3
"The Catholic religion"				
4/6-9/06	48	37	11	4
"Other Christian religions, such as Protestantism"				
4/6-9/06	58	12	27	3
"The Jewish religion"				
4/6-9/06	47	16	33	4
"Scientology"				
4/6-9/06	8	52	37	3
"The religion called Islam"				
4/6-9/06	19	45	31	5
2/22-26/06	23	36	32	9
2/02	30	33	31	6

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NOTE: These answers imply that there is a large majority of people in the country that believe in God, but this is true about followers of all religions. But what would we discover about the religious pulse of the country if a poll were conducted posing these questions:

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God?

Do you believe that no one may enter heaven unless he has placed his faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life?

Do you believe that salvation is by grace through faith and that no human works of any kind are required?



Do you believe that the Bible is the only source for determining truth and thus establishing criteria for right and wrong?

Do you believe that the Bible is the inerrant, immutable, and complete message from God to man?

What would be the religious pulse of the country were these questions asked?