

SOME BIG RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

When we ask someone about their religion, we tend to ask them, “What do you believe?” We do so because the dominant religion in our country is Christianity, and Christians feel that what you believe is very important.

We Unitarian Universalists are less interested in belief than are most Christians. We are more interested in how people live their lives. One of our most important questions is: What should I do with my life? But when you try to answer that question, other questions may come up.

Here are some of the big religious questions that Unitarian Universalists ask:

1. What should I do with my life? What’s the purpose of my life?
(These are often the most important religious questions for Unitarian Universalists.)
2. Who am I? What am I capable of? What kind of being am I?
(If you’re trying to figure out what you should do with your life, maybe first you have to figure out who you are.)
3. What’s the nature of goodness? Where does goodness come from? Where do suffering and evil come from?
(If you want to make the world a better place, you should probably figure out what “better” means.)
4. What can I know? How do I know what I know? How do I know what is true?
(In order to know whether you’ve made the world a better place, you might want to know how you know something—how do you know when something is “better”?)
5. Does my life have any meaning? If so, where does that meaning come from?
(These questions are related to the question “What’s the purpose of my life?”.)