

Why I'm NOT ...



Mormon

Atheist



Agnostic



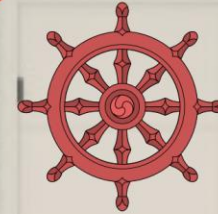
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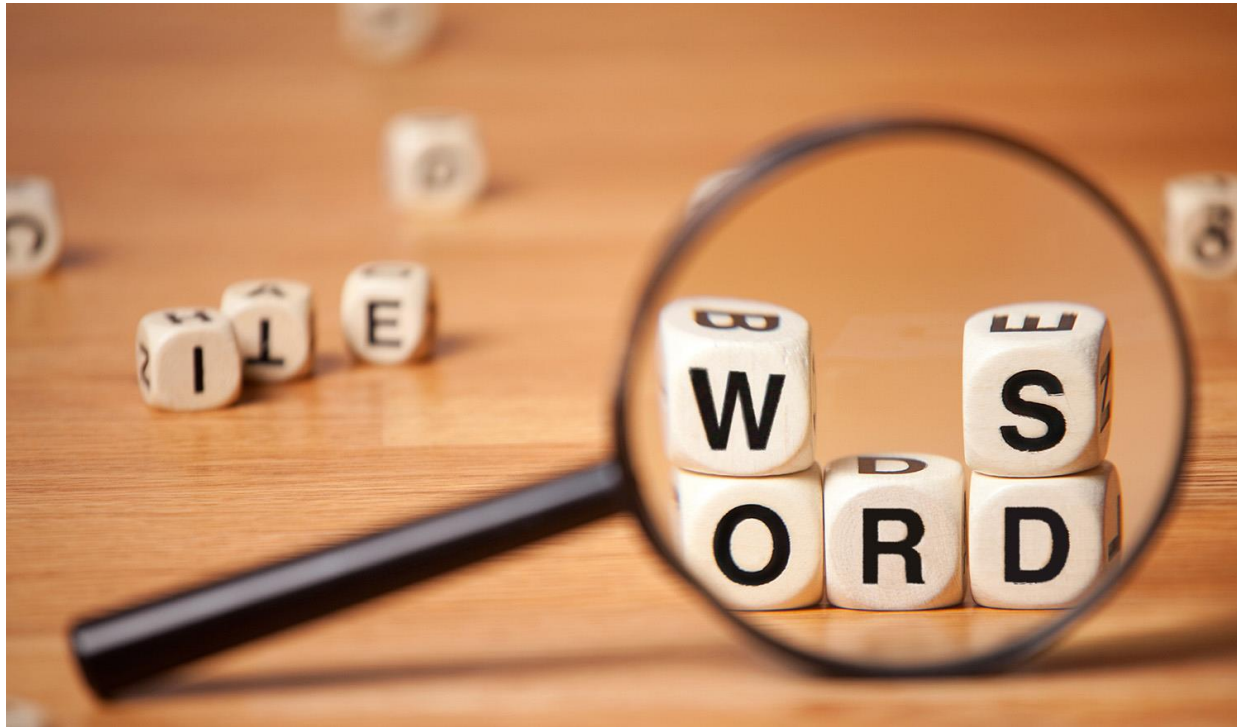
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Why I'm NOT a Jew...Or Am I?

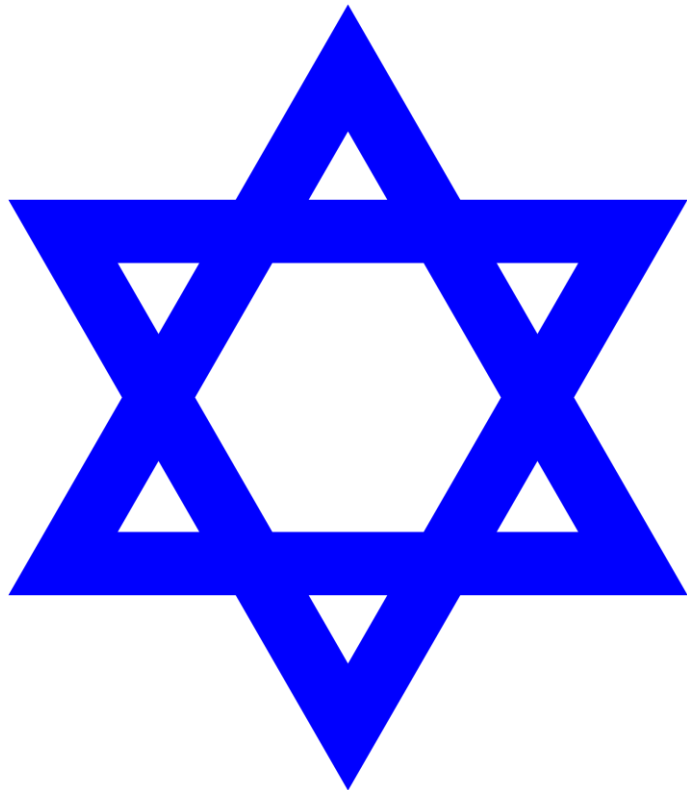


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**The
importance
of definitions**

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**What is a
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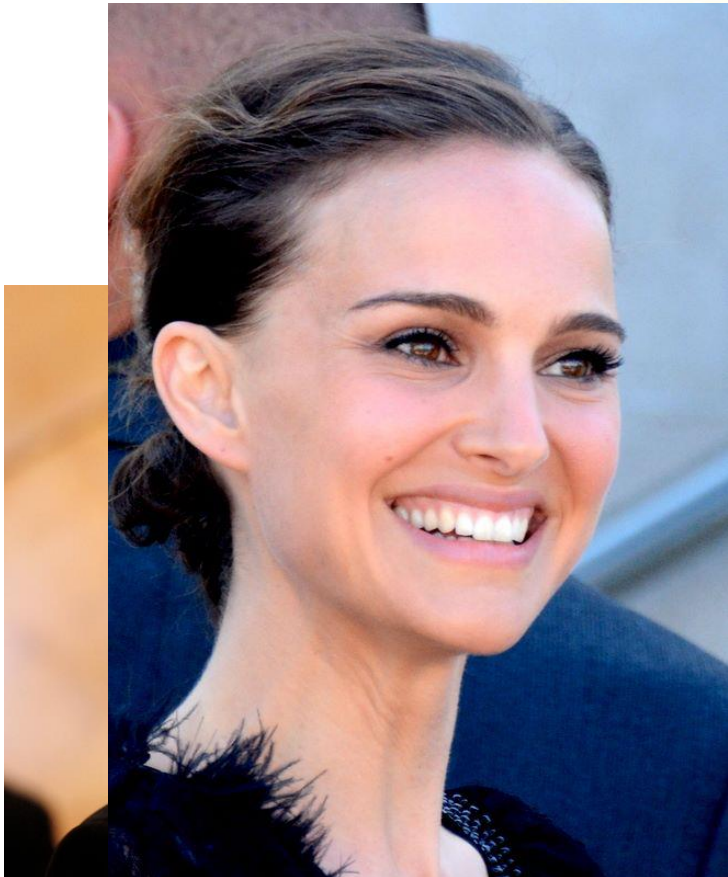
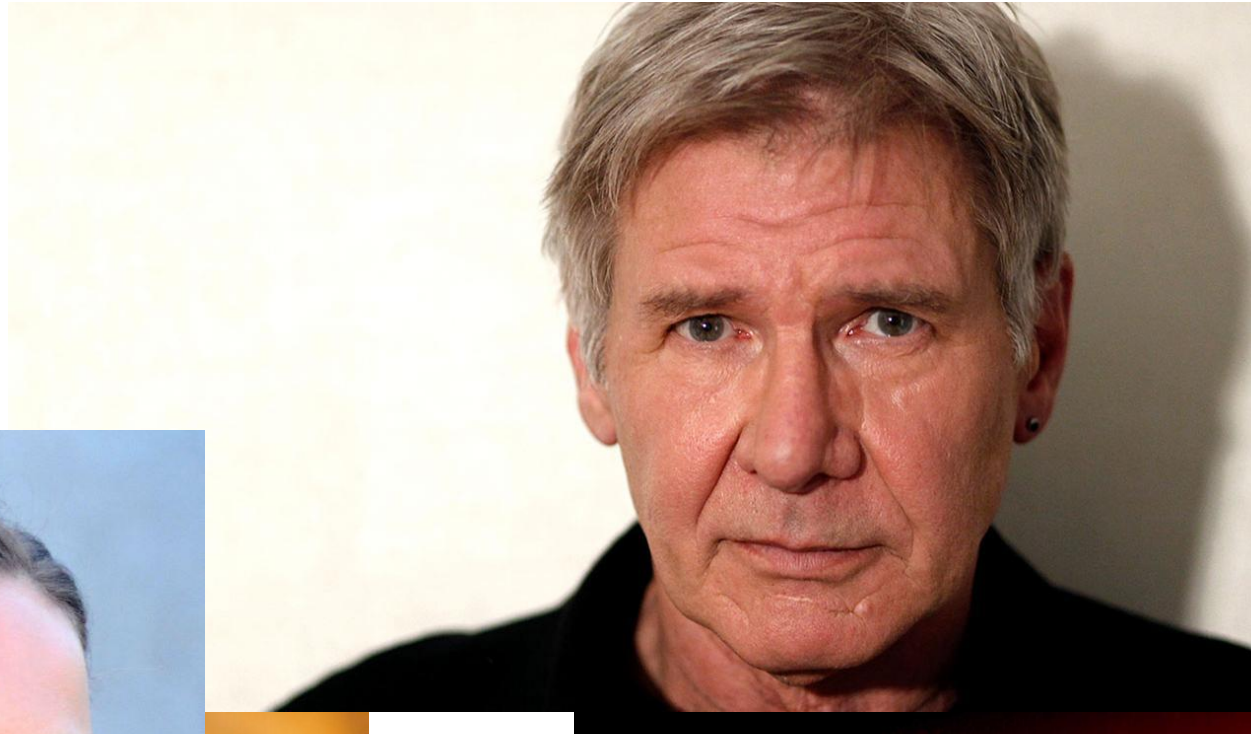


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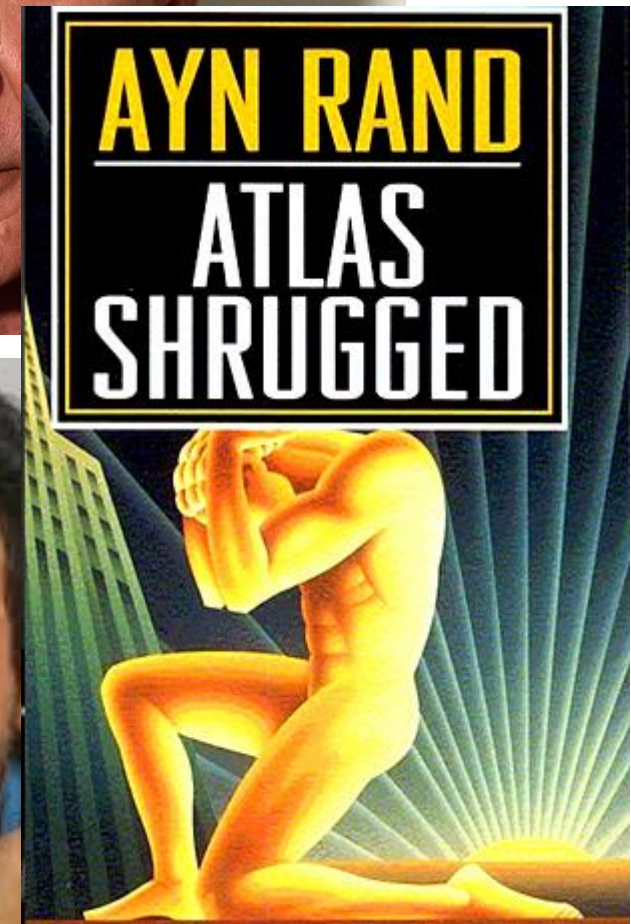
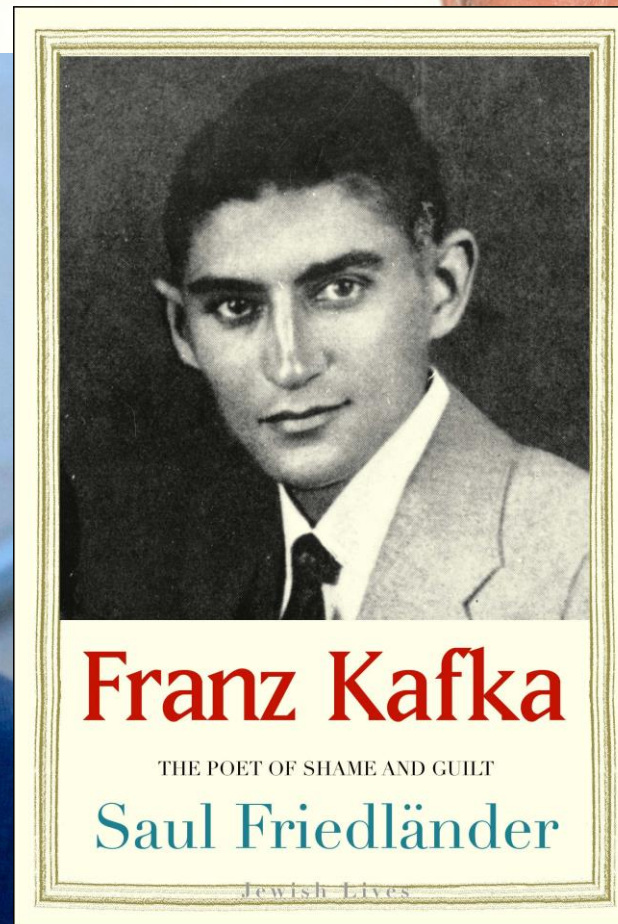
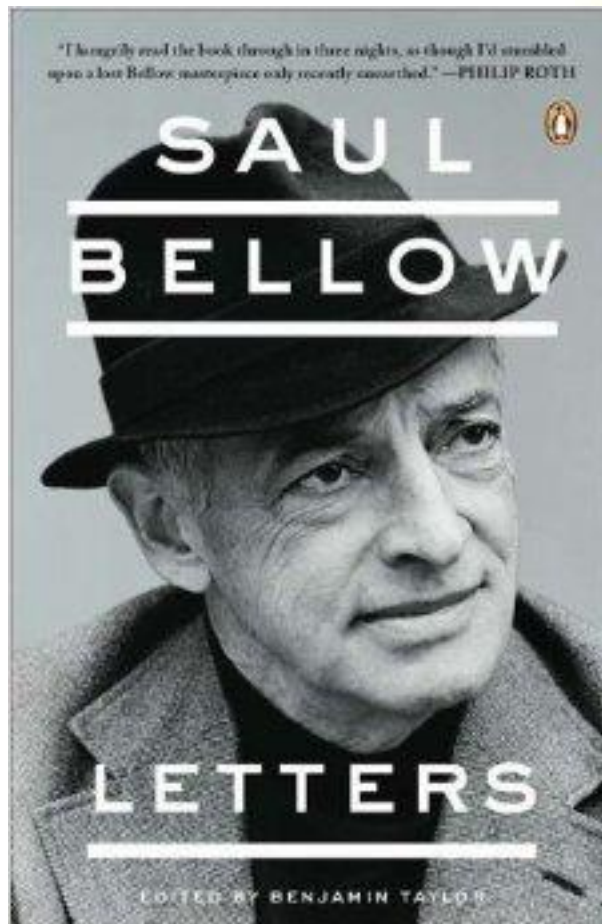
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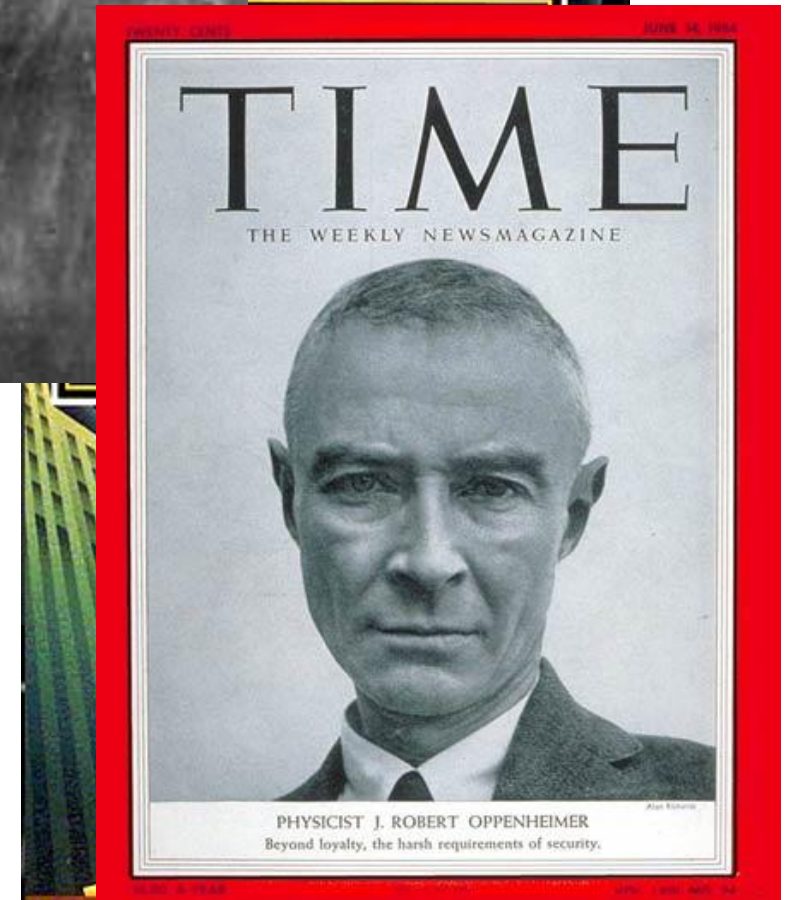
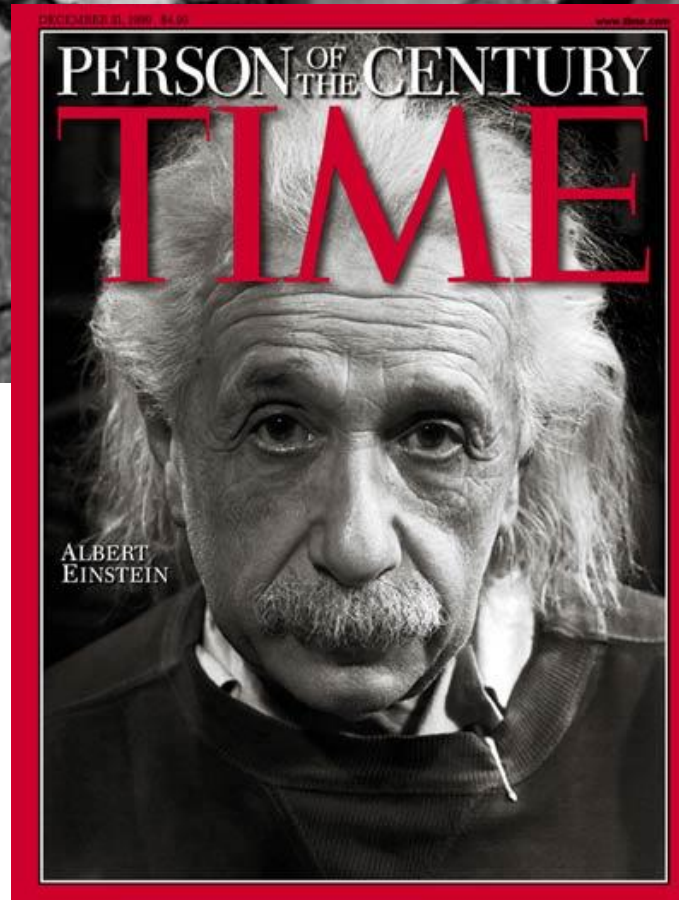
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A cultural
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A genetic
Jew?



Is there a genetic Jew?



And he brought him outside and said,
“Look toward heaven, and number
the stars, if you are able to number
them.” Then he said to him, “So shall
your offspring be” -Gen. 15:5



A genetic Jew?

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Modern [archaeology](#) has largely discarded the historicity of the Patriarchs and of the Exodus story,^[53] with it being reframed as constituting the [Israelites'](#) inspiring [national myth](#) narrative. The Israelites and their culture, according to the modern archaeological account, did not overtake the region by force, but instead branched out of the [Canaanite peoples](#) and culture through the development of a distinct [monolatristic](#)—and later [monotheistic](#)—religion centered on [Yahweh](#),^{[54][55][56]} one of the [Ancient Canaanite deities](#). The growth of Yahweh-centric belief, along with a number of cultic practices, gradually gave rise to a distinct Israelite [ethnic group](#), setting them apart from other Canaanites. The

“Israelites”
not “Jew”

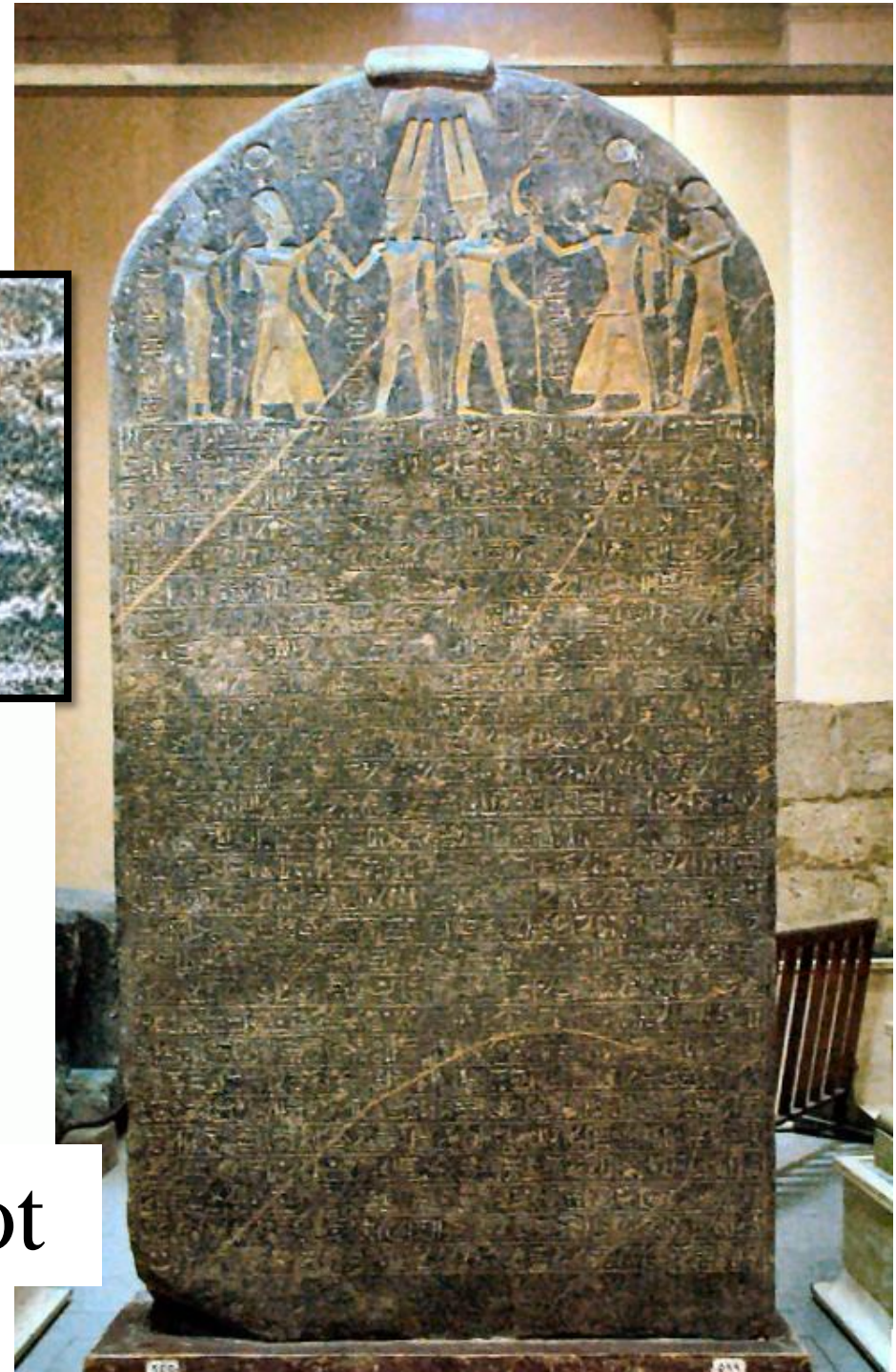
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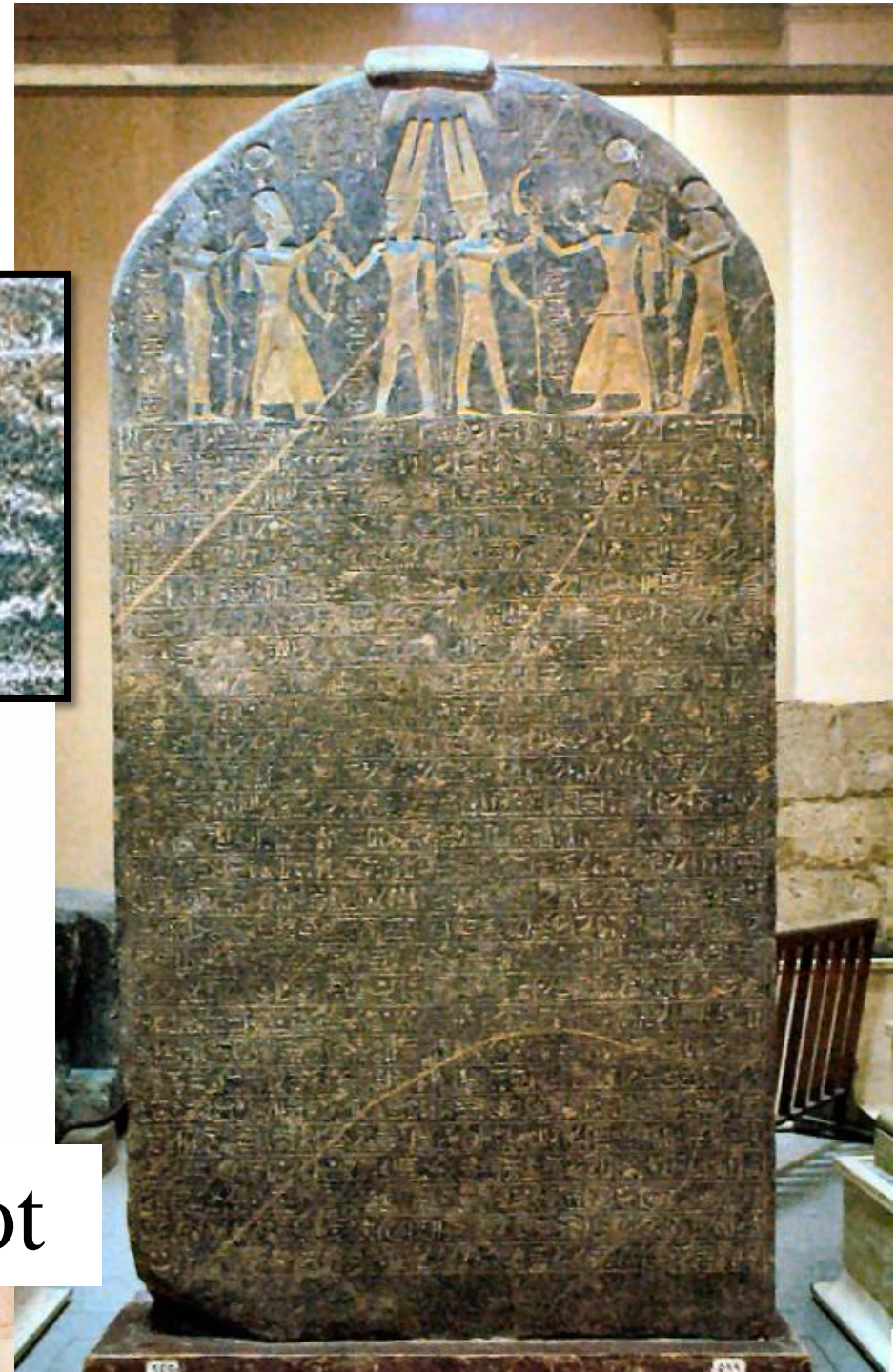
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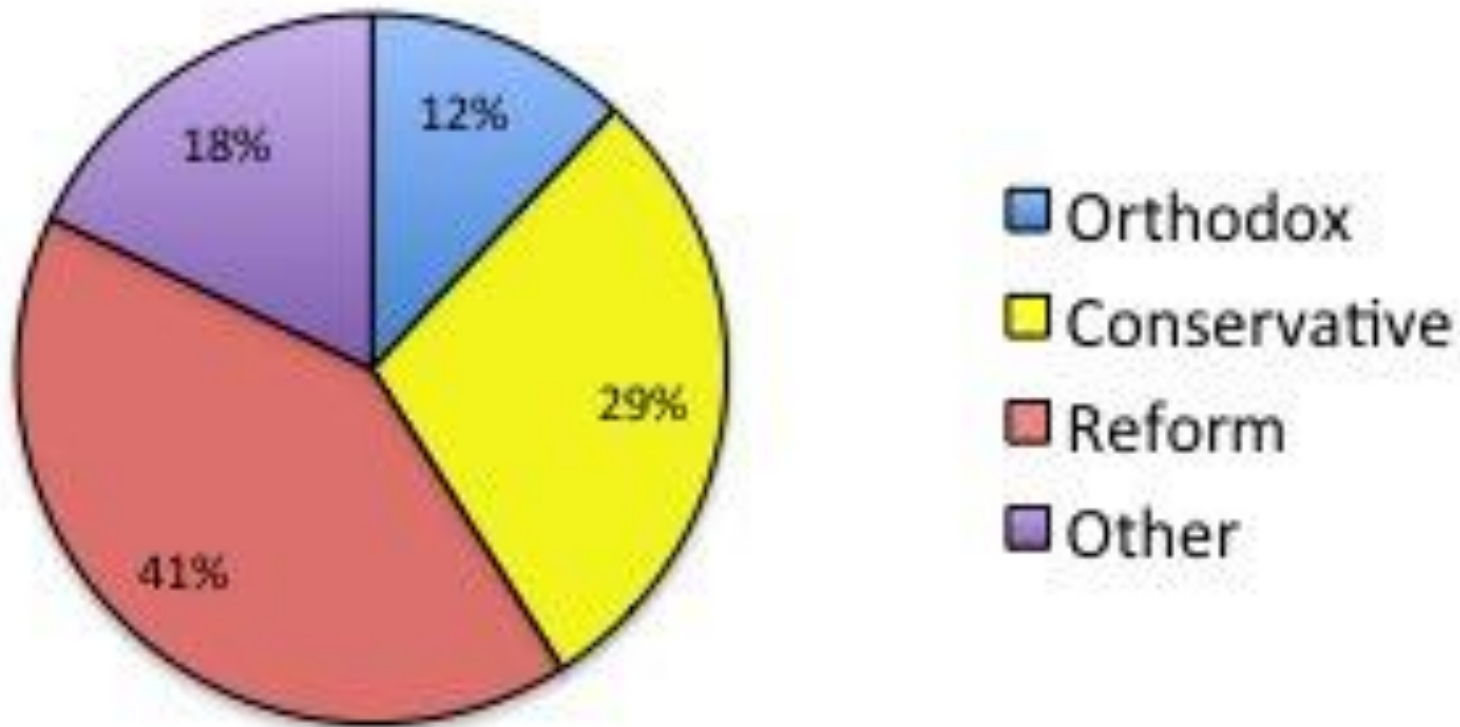
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**A religious
Jew?**

U.S. Jewish subdivisions



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First Century Judaism

Pharisees

Sadducees

Essenes

Nazarenes

(Acts 24:5, 14)



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Principle 1

Sadducees

Essenes

The first principle is belief in a Creator, a being who is himself complete in existence, and who caused all that exists (Acts 24:5, 14)

Nazarenes

I agree!

(Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16-17)



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Principle 2

The second principle centers on the unity of God, that God is One.

I agree! (Jms. 2:19; 1 Tim. 2:5;
Eph. 4:4-6)



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See also Isa. 9:6

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Principle 3

God is Spirit, not flesh. God is not subject to the things that affect bodies, such as movement or fatigue. When the Bible speaks of God in physical terms (walking, standing, etc.) it is a metaphor. It is using the language of people

I agree! (Jn. 4:24; Phil 2:5-11)



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Principle 4

God is Primordial, meaning that he is absolute and no one or nothing existed before him

I agree! (Jn. 1:1-2; Col. 1:17)



A religious Jew?

Points for home



“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross ” (Phil 2:5-8)

I want humility

Points for home



“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (Jn. 4:24)

God is greater than I know!

Points for home



*“For to us a child is born, to us
a son is given; and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace”
(Isa. 9:6)*

I want to give God all his titles!

Why I'm NOT ...

