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## **Reflection Journal #4 - Judaism**

### **1 What is this god like?**

This God feels much more vengeful, spiteful, controlling, emotional, and strict. The rules are explicit, and with severe consequences. This God makes himself known, and is highly respected. Even so much in that his name is not fully represented in text or speech out of respect. He speaks to the people, unlike other religions or gods.

In another sense he's still very concerned, loving, and understanding of his people. Promising blessings and benefits for following his word. He values his followers and hopes they grow, and share the story amongst themselves and others.

He tests his people to see if they truly believe in him, or ensure loyalty. He does it to teach his people, and confirm their own feelings of him. This God feels much more like a concerned parent, worried for the outcome of their children. Maybe even over-protective in some senses.

Understanding the value of traditions, and rituals may also help us understand why this God is like this, or even what he is like. The Jewish people are very ritualistic, and follow their traditions closely.