

Adventure Cabaret

The Wonders of Religion

The actors walk out on stage, one by one. Each one is wearing a t-shirt with the name of the religion they represent printed on the t-shirt. The video screen behind them also shows the name of the religion, in the largest font possible.

Judaism: We are the chosen people, and you're not.

Christianity: Actually, we are the chosen people, and you're not, and if you don't believe what we believe you'll burn in hell for eternity.

Islam: You're both wrong, because we are the chosen people, and we'll cut off your heads to prove it! Also, you can't leave our religion, or we'll kill you! Islam is the religion of peace!

Judaism: We are the religion of peace. Shalom! See? I just proved it! Also, death to homosexuals, according to a guy called Leviticus.

Christianity: *(Happily surprised.)* We like Leviticus too! *(The Christian and the Jew high five each other in a way that ends in something looking suspiciously like a Nazi salute.)* Death to homosexuals! Also, Christianity is the religion of mercy and love.

Islam: *(Stepping forward commandingly.)* Death to homosexuals! Death to the infidel! Death to apostates! Islam is the religion of peace! Also, we are a religion of absolute equality between men and women, and we make women wear burkas to prove it, because actually we hate women.

Judaism and Christianity: *(Happily astonished.)* We hate women too!

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: *(Explicit Nazi salutes.)* Misogyny and oppression of women! Death to homosexuals!

(Congratulating each other, and shaking hands.)

We have so much in common!

They all high five each other repeatedly, join arms joyfully, and begin skipping together, eventually skipping offstage.

Hinduism enters.

Hinduism: We have lots and lots and lots of stories, none of which have any basis in reality, just like those other three guys. But we are gender fluid, and always have been, so that's good. However, women have always been property to us, and we must forever obey the tangle of stories our ancestors made up so long ago. But we think our stories are better than their stories, and our collection of stories is much bigger, and even more inconsistent and chaotic than theirs!

The three Abrahamic religions enter again, one by one.

Judaism: All Jews, all the time!

Christian: All Christians, all the time!

Islam: All Muslims, all the time, or we'll kill you! Also, Islam is the religion of peace!

Agnosticism enters, and stands stage left.

Agnosticism: Productive doubt!

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: *(Looking confused.)* What?

Agnosticism: Integrity through self-questioning!

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: *(Looking angry.)* What?

Agnosticism: Genuine moral consistency!

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: *(Covering their ears and stamping their feet like children.)* We can't hear you!

Judaism, Christianity and Islam link arms again, and begin skipping together.

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: Oppression of women! Death to homosexuals!

Agnosticism: Rationality, understanding and true mercy!

Judaism, Christianity and Islam again link arms happily.

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: We have so much in common!

Agnosticism: Goodness simply because it is good!

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: Lack of evidence, radical inconsistency, total irrationality, murderous impulses! We have so much in common!

They skip offstage together.

Agnosticism: Oy vay.

Exit.