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I identify most with the beliefs of Laura Stinger, because her beliefs are the most similar to my own. A belief of mine is that religion is one's own personal set of beliefs. I also identify with Laura's questions about life, because I believe that it is important to be open-minded to new ideas about your spiritual beliefs. I have not taken a spiritual journey but I identify with Laura's agnosticism. I have always perceived holidays as times to see family and decorate the house, even when other family members have placed strong religious aspects to holidays such as Christmas. I always saw myself as questioning humanity's ultimate and final goal in life, and like Laura, I believe that this goal is something bigger than the mundane activities that we normally engage in without thought to a larger purpose in life. For myself, religion is a way that one can guide themselves through life and live. A religious book is merely a guide for a better understanding of your religion. Ultimately, it is more important to understand yourself.