



BBC – RELIGION AND ETHICS POLLING

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Table 1

Q.1 The Bible tells the story of Jesus rising from the dead. Which, if any, of the following statements best reflects your views on this?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Class					Region									
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2010	1010	1000	165	321	340	406	303	475	819	472	287	432	180	79	217	182	181	141	102	187	265	300	176
Weighted base	2010	979	1031	233	348	330	358	290	451	541	541	438	490	175	84	231	171	181	149	102	195	265	281	177
NET: Believe in resurrection	879	352	527	79	132	125	146	130	266	227	231	202	220	83	29	114	65	73	53	54	96	111	123	78
	44%	36%	51%	34%	38%	38%	41%	45%	59%	42%	43%	46%	45%	48%	35%	49%	38%	40%	36%	52%	49%	42%	44%	44%
I believe the resurrection of Jesus from the dead happened word-for-word as described in the Bible	349	123	227	35	55	42	49	49	120	79	82	85	105	31	10	49	20	31	21	26	32	45	54	29
	17%	13%	22%	15%	16%	13%	14%	17%	27%	15%	15%	19%	21%	18%	12%	21%	12%	17%	14%	26%	17%	17%	19%	16%
I believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but the story in the Bible contains some content which should not be taken literally	530	229	301	44	78	84	97	81	146	148	149	117	115	53	19	65	45	42	32	27	63	66	69	49
	26%	23%	29%	19%	22%	25%	27%	28%	32%	27%	28%	27%	23%	30%	23%	28%	26%	23%	22%	27%	33%	25%	25%	28%
I do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead	1013	571	442	149	196	182	187	140	159	284	285	217	227	84	51	103	92	91	83	44	92	140	141	91
	50%	58%	43%	64%	56%	55%	52%	48%	35%	53%	53%	49%	46%	48%	61%	45%	54%	50%	56%	43%	47%	53%	50%	52%
Don't know	118	56	62	5	20	22	25	19	26	30	25	19	44	7	4	13	13	17	13	5	7	14	17	7
	6%	6%	6%	2%	6%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	4%	9%	4%	5%	6%	8%	9%	8%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%

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		Christ-ian	Non-Christ-ian	None	
Unweighted base	2010	1019	164	760	315
Weighted base	2010	1018	177	752	323
<u>NET: Believe in resurrection</u>	879	734	63	67	301
	44%	72%	35%	9%	93%
I believe the resurrection of Jesus from the dead happened word-for-word as described in the Bible	349 17%	315 31%	25 14%	8 1%	186 57%
I believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but the story in the Bible contains some content which should not be taken literally	530 26%	419 41%	38 21%	59 8%	116 36%
I do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead	1013 50%	231 23%	99 56%	659 88%	16 5%
Don't know	118 6%	53 5%	16 9%	26 3%	6 2%

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Table 2

Q.2 Which of the following statements, if any, best reflect your views on life after death?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age							Class				Region										
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Hum-ber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West
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I believe that there is life after death (e.g. reincarnation, heaven, hell)	925	351	573	103	181	160	166	124	190	229	264	193	238	82	29	130	68	78	61	50	87	121	138	80
	46%	36%	56%	44%	52%	49%	46%	43%	42%	42%	49%	44%	48%	47%	35%	56%	40%	43%	41%	49%	45%	46%	49%	45%
I do not believe that there is life after death (e.g. reincarnation, heaven, hell)	927	545	383	114	146	144	167	139	218	270	229	215	213	79	51	88	86	87	73	45	94	117	126	81
	46%	56%	37%	49%	42%	44%	47%	48%	48%	50%	42%	49%	43%	45%	61%	38%	50%	48%	49%	44%	48%	44%	45%	46%
Don't know	158	83	75	16	21	26	26	26	43	41	48	30	40	14	4	13	17	16	14	7	14	26	17	16
	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%	9%	10%	8%	9%	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%	10%	9%	10%	7%	7%	10%	6%	9%

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Unweighted base	2010	1019	164	760	315
Weighted base	2010	1018	177	752	323
I believe that there is life after death (e.g. reincarnation, heaven, hell)	925 46%	625 61%	122 69%	159 21%	275 85%
I do not believe that there is life after death (e.g. reincarnation, heaven, hell)	927 46%	316 31%	41 23%	546 73%	35 11%
Don't know	158 8%	78 8%	14 8%	47 6%	13 4%

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Table 3

Q.3 You mentioned that you believe that there is life after death. Which of the following forms, if any, do you believe this takes?

Base: All respondents who believe in life after death

	Gender			Age						Class					Region									
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	885	351	534	73	156	157	181	128	190	337	226	124	198	80	27	114	67	73	59	47	81	121	138	78
Weighted base	925	351	573	103	181	160	166	124	190	229	264	193	238	82	29	130	68	78	61	50	87	121	138	80
Another life where your soul lives on (e.g. Heaven / Hell)	604	225	379	68	110	110	118	88	111	163	176	129	136	56	21	96	44	53	39	31	53	75	86	50
	65%	64%	66%	66%	60%	68%	71%	71%	59%	71%	67%	67%	57%	69%	71%	73%	64%	68%	64%	61%	61%	62%	63%	63%
Reincarnation (e.g. starting a new life in a different physical body or form after death)	294	118	176	31	72	51	57	36	48	52	96	64	82	22	10	37	26	24	18	17	27	40	48	26
	32%	34%	31%	31%	39%	32%	34%	29%	25%	23%	36%	33%	35%	27%	34%	28%	39%	31%	29%	34%	31%	33%	35%	33%
You become a ghost/ a spirit	18	4	14	2	3	1	1	4	7	2	3	5	8	-	-	1	3	*	2	2	1	2	4	2
	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	*	4%	4%	1%	1%	3%	4%	-	-	1%	4%	1%	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%
I believe there is something but I do not know what	17	4	13	2	3	5	1	3	2	4	2	3	8	-	1	1	4	1	-	-	4	3	2	1
	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	-	5%	*	6%	1%	-	-	4%	3%	1%	1%
Energy cannot be destroyed so we exist as something else/ a different form	8	5	3	1	3	4	-	-	-	4	1	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	*	2
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	3%	-	2%	-	-	1%	*	2%
A combination of reincarnation and another life where your soul lives on	6	4	2	1	2	2	1	-	*	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	*
	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	*	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	2%	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	1%
We go to a parallel universe/ the astral plane of existence	6	4	2	2	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	*	-	2
	1%	1%	*	2%	*	1%	-	-	*	*	-	1%	1%	4%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	*	-	2%
Become conscious in another place/ not heaven or hell	5	4	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%	-	-	2%	-	1%	*	-
A bodily/ physical existence in another world	4	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	*	1%	*	2%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	*	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%
I believe in The Rapture/ Judgement Day/ Armageddon	4	1	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	*	*	*	3%	-	1%	-	-	-	*	1%	-	*	-	-	1%	-	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	-
The body goes back to nature/ fertilises other life	3	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	*	1%	*	-	*	1%	-	*	*	*	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%
We go to a spirit world/ spiritual dimension	3	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	*	*	*	-	-	1%	1%	-	*	1%	*	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-

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I believe in the resurrection/ second coming of Christ	3*	-	3*	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1*	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other answers	21	9	12	4	1	6	*	-	9	4	9	5	3	1	-	6	2	1	-	-	1	4	5	1
	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	*	-	5%	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	-	4%	3%	2%	-	-	1%	3%	4%	1%
Nothing	2	-	2	-	-	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	*	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	1%	*	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%
Don't know	53	18	35	2	10	6	8	5	21	12	12	10	19	5	3	3	-	5	2	4	8	7	11	5
	6%	5%	6%	2%	6%	4%	5%	4%	11%	5%	5%	5%	8%	6%	9%	2%	-	6%	3%	9%	10%	6%	8%	6%

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Reincarnation (e.g. starting a new life in a different physical body or form after death)	294 32%	162 26%	37 30%	86 54%	44 16%
You become a ghost/ a spirit	18 2%	10 2%	4 3%	4 3%	4 2%
I believe there is something but I do not know what	17 2%	10 2%	4 4%	3 2%	5 2%
Energy cannot be destroyed so we exist as something else/ a different form	8 1%	1 *	4 3%	3 2%	- -
A combination of reincarnation and another life where your soul lives on	6 1%	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 *
We go to a parallel universe/ the astral plane of existence	6 1%	1 *	1 1%	4 3%	- -
Become conscious in another place/ not heaven or hell	5 1%	2 *	2 1%	1 1%	- -
A bodily/ physical existence in another world	4 *	3 *	2 1%	- -	3 1%
I believe in The Rapture/ Judgement Day/ Armageddon	4 *	- -	4 3%	- -	- -
The body goes back to nature/ fertilises other life	3 *	1 *	1 1%	1 1%	- -

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Weighted base	925	625	122	159	275
We go to a spirit world/ spiritual dimension	3 *	2 *	1 1%	-	-
I believe in the resurrection/ second coming of Christ	3 *	-	3 2%	-	-
Other answers	21 2%	12 2%	7 5%	2 1%	3 1%
Nothing	2 *	1 *	* *	-	-
Don't know	53 6%	38 6%	5 4%	9 6%	11 4%

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Table 4
Q.4a To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member?
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Christian	1018	436	582	69	119	135	177	180	338	253	264	230	271	93	42	127	75	93	74	58	114	106	144	94
	51%	45%	56%	30%	34%	41%	49%	62%	75%	47%	49%	52%	55%	53%	50%	55%	44%	51%	50%	56%	59%	40%	51%	53%
Muslim	56	34	22	15	13	17	8	1	1	13	15	14	14	-	-	9	8	8	7	-	1	18	2	3
	3%	3%	2%	7%	4%	5%	2%	*	*	2%	3%	3%	3%	-	-	4%	4%	4%	5%	-	*	7%	1%	1%
Hindu	14	11	3	-	6	2	4	1	2	1	10	-	3	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	1	4	2	-
	1%	1%	*	-	2%	1%	1%	*	*	*	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	*	2%	1%	-
Buddhist	13	3	10	-	1	9	-	2	1	2	1	8	1	-	-	-	1	*	1	-	3	6	1	1
	1%	*	1%	-	*	3%	-	1%	*	*	*	2%	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	1%	2%	*	1%
Jewish	9	4	6	1	3	2	-	2	2	5	4	-	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	-	-	4	2	2
	*	*	1%	*	1%	*	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%
Sikh	6	6	-	3	1	*	1	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-
	*	1%	-	1%	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	-
Other	79	37	43	11	16	22	10	8	11	19	21	10	29	3	4	7	10	8	6	7	8	14	10	5
	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	7%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	6%	1%	5%	3%	6%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	3%	3%
None	752	415	337	128	179	132	142	86	84	221	207	160	164	75	35	84	69	62	54	31	64	103	108	68
	37%	42%	33%	55%	52%	40%	40%	30%	19%	41%	38%	37%	33%	43%	42%	36%	40%	34%	36%	30%	33%	39%	39%	39%
Prefer not to say	63	33	29	5	10	11	16	10	10	22	18	14	8	5	3	1	7	7	6	7	5	8	10	4
	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	*	4%	4%	4%	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%

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Muslim	56 3%	-	56 31%	-	-
Hindu	14 1%	-	14 8%	-	-
Buddhist	13 1%	-	13 7%	-	-
Jewish	9 *	-	9 5%	-	-
Sikh	6 *	-	6 3%	-	-
Other	79 4%	-	79 45%	-	-
None	752 37%	-	-	752 100%	-
Prefer not to say	63 3%	-	-	-	-

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Table 5

Q.4 On average, how often, if at all, would you say you attend a religious service (excluding special occasions such as marriages, funerals etc.)?

Base: All Christians

	Gender			Age						Class					Region									
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	1019	447	572	46	114	138	197	184	340	389	240	148	242	96	41	119	83	89	70	55	110	117	147	92
Weighted base	1018	436	582	69	119	135	177	180	338	253	264	230	271	93	42	127	75	93	74	58	114	106	144	94
NET: Ever	636 63%	239 55%	397 68%	50 72%	85 72%	98 73%	107 61%	93 51%	203 60%	179 71%	165 62%	131 57%	162 60%	64 69%	19 45%	81 64%	47 63%	54 58%	45 61%	35 61%	73 64%	71 67%	92 64%	56 60%
NET: Active	323 32%	119 27%	204 35%	29 41%	50 42%	51 38%	38 22%	46 26%	109 32%	90 35%	88 33%	65 28%	81 30%	40 43%	6 14%	44 35%	21 28%	27 29%	19 26%	22 39%	30 27%	43 41%	45 32%	26 28%
Weekly	208 20%	71 16%	137 24%	14 20%	32 27%	30 22%	22 12%	31 17%	80 24%	60 24%	55 21%	41 18%	52 19%	27 30%	3 8%	27 21%	15 20%	19 20%	12 17%	17 30%	22 19%	23 22%	28 19%	15 16%
1-3 times a month	115 11%	49 11%	66 11%	15 21%	18 15%	21 16%	17 9%	15 8%	29 9%	29 12%	33 12%	24 10%	29 11%	12 13%	3 6%	17 13%	6 8%	8 9%	7 9%	5 9%	9 8%	20 19%	17 12%	11 12%
Less often than monthly	313 31%	120 27%	193 33%	21 31%	35 30%	48 35%	69 39%	46 26%	94 28%	89 35%	78 29%	66 29%	80 30%	24 26%	13 31%	37 29%	26 35%	27 29%	26 35%	13 22%	43 37%	28 27%	46 32%	30 32%
Never	380 37%	196 45%	184 32%	20 28%	33 28%	36 26%	69 39%	87 49%	135 40%	73 29%	99 38%	99 43%	108 40%	29 31%	23 55%	46 36%	28 37%	39 42%	28 39%	22 39%	41 36%	35 33%	52 36%	36 39%
Refused	1 *	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%
Don't know	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 5

Q.4 On average, how often, if at all, would you say you attend a religious service (excluding special occasions such as marriages, funerals etc.)?

Base: All Christians

	To which of the following religious groups do you consider yourself to be a member?				Active Christians
	Total	Christian	Non-Christian	None	
Unweighted base	1019	1019	-	-	315
Weighted base	1018	1018	-	-	323
NET: Ever	636 63%	636 63%	-	-	323 100%
NET: Active	323 32%	323 32%	-	-	323 100%
Weekly	208 20%	208 20%	-	-	208 64%
1-3 times a month	115 11%	115 11%	-	-	115 36%
Less often than monthly	313 31%	313 31%	-	-	-
Never	380 37%	380 37%	-	-	-
Refused	1 *	1 *	-	-	-
Don't know	1 *	1 *	-	-	-