

What's your religion?

CHARACTERS: 2 adults

PROPS: none

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: A tall building, edge of a bridge or cliff

At rise: A looks ready to jump to his or her death. B rushes up.

B: (*Greatly concerned*) "Stop! Don't do it! Don't jump."

A: (*In despair*) "Why shouldn't I?" The world is falling apart. It's just everyone fighting everyone over stupid things. If we can't get along I don't want to live anymore

B: (*Desperately wanting to save A's life and keep A from jumping*) "There's so much to live for!"

A: (*Not at all convinced, not looking at B*) "Like what?" It's just more and more disagreement and killing every day. Even among religious people. The Muslims, Christians, Jews. I can't take it anymore. I'm jumping. (*Turns back to jump, starts swinging arms to get the momentum to go, leans forward*)

B: Wait! (*Trying to think of something fast*) "Well ... are you religious or atheist?"

A: (*Not looking at B, arms still swinging*) "Religious."

B: (*Some enthusiasm that they have something in common*) "Me too! Are you Christian or Jewish?"

A: (*Starting to straighten up as if they might not jump, arms slowing*) "Christian."

B: (*Slightly more enthusiasm*) "Me too! Are you Catholic or Protestant?"

A: "Protestant."

B: "Me too! Are you Church of Christ or Baptist?"

A: (*Straightens up, stops swinging arms entirely*) "Church of Christ"

B: (*Really enthusiastic over their common ground*) "Me too. We could go to church together some time. Do you have midweek services on Wednesday or Thursday?"

A: (*Taking a step back, looking at B with the start of a smile*) "Thursday"

B: "Die, heretic scum!" (*Pushes B off*)