

THE JEWISH RESPONSE TO MISSIONARIES

THE ENCOUNTER

Missionaries who target the Jewish community are active on the internet, radio and television, and on high school and college campuses. The following steps will help if you have an encounter:

- Step 1: **Avoid getting drawn into a conversation you don't want to have. Politely disengage as quickly as possible.**
- Step 2: **Remember that just because you don't have an answer doesn't mean the missionary is correct.**
- Step 3: **If you feel uncomfortable or confused, get a second opinion from someone who is more knowledgeable, e.g., Rabbi, teacher, friend or parent.**

The Defense

The best defense is a good offense. Here are some useful tips:

- Tip 1: **Get involved in the Jewish community. Judaism is fun and relevant.**
- Tip 2: **Explore your own faith and traditions.**
- Tip 3: **Encourage critical thinking.**
- Tip 4: **Beware of deceptive and manipulative practices.**
- Tip 5: **Ask family and friends for help.**

A Text out of Context...

When missionaries use the Jewish bible to prove their point, many of the passages they quote are taken out of context and mistranslated.

Remember that the original text may be very different from what they claim. Don't be fooled.

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God

All denominations of Judaism agree that God does not have a body or exist as a trinity. God transcends the limitations of time and space. God is everywhere and is accessible to you at any time and any place.

The Messiah

Judaism believes the Messiah is a human leader who will bring true peace and harmony to the world. Only after this is accomplished can we say the messianic age has arrived.

Sin & Salvation

Missionaries will try to convince you that you are a sinner and can't get saved without Jesus. The Jewish bible teaches otherwise:

We can choose good over evil

Deut. 30:19, Psalm 37:27

We have the ability to control our inclination to do evil

Genesis 4:7

Repentance, returning to God, atones for sin

Jeremiah 36:3, Isaiah 55:7

Sacrifices were only for unintentional sins

Leviticus 4:2 and 4:27-28

Today prayer replaces sacrifices

Hosea 14:3

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