

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The God Upgrade: Finding Your 21st-Century Spirituality in Judaism's 5,000-Year-Old Tradition

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- What do you imagine is the biggest stumbling block to Judaism for others?
- What do you think is the biggest stumbling block to Judaism for yourself?
- Rabbi Korngold suggests that the biggest stumbling block to Judaism is God. Discuss your reaction to her statement. What do you think she means? Do you agree or disagree? How do you think others might react to her claim?
- Rabbi Korngold presents a myriad of Jewish theologies. Which Jewish theologies are you familiar with, and which are new to you? Which resonate with you most? least?
- What do you think most Jews believe about God?
- What ground rules do you think a group should have in order for people to feel they can safely share their concept of God? Agree on the atmosphere you'd like to set for the rest of this discussion.
- What do you believe about God?
- How does it feel to hear other people's theologies?
- Why do you think Jewish people might remain Jewish even if they don't believe in a God who can come down here and make things happen or who responds to prayer?
- What is the place or time in which you feel the most spiritually connected? What is the connection between that place or time and your God concept?