

# CHRISTIANY AND MR OBAMA

Cathleen Falsani (<http://cathleenfalsani.com/>) (she also goes by God Girl) back on March 27, 2004 conducted an in-depth interview with then Senator Obama regarding his faith (<http://cathleenfalsani.com/obama-on-faith-the-exclusive-interview/>). After reading the interview transcript, several times, I have to question Mr. Obama's claim that he is a Christian. The first question was "What do you believe?" and his reply was "I am a Christian". Now after that, it becomes a little more difficult to understand what religion or faith Obama wants us to believe he is. He explains how he had a lot Eastern influences while living in Hawaii and his father was from Kenya, and although he was probably most accurately labeled an agnostic, his father was Muslim. Next, he stated, "So, I'm rooted in the Christian tradition. I believe that there are *many paths to the same place*, and that is a belief that there is a higher power, a belief that we are connected as a people". Stop here, there is more but I first want to explain something here, in the real Christian world, we know there is only one way to that place and I am assuming he was referring to heaven. ***John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".***

We have to understand a little something about being a Christian, there is the third person of the Holy Trinity called the Holy Spirit who helps us once we acknowledge Jesus as our personal savior. Some of the changes the Holy Spirit will do for us is give guilt when we do something that is not God honoring, like only attending church on Christmas Eve, Easter, and Mother's day. Church attendance is very important for Christians to help them grow and mature in our faith (***Proverbs 11:14 (ESV) Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.***) Yet Mr. Obama states his mother was a Christian and they would go to church for Easter, why only once a year for church attendance? In addition, he stated that as a child, he had attended a Catholic school in a Muslim country, but his spiritual mother would also give him books to read about other world religions, why not the bible? ***2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV) and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.***

Now here is something I found very interesting, according to Mr. Obama he became good friends with pastor Jeremiah Wright, joined Trinity United Church of Christ, and committed himself to Christ in this church in 1987 or 88. When a person commits their life to Jesus, we call it our new birthday, mine is 20 Oct 1998, and this date we do not forget, but Mr. Obama answered 16, 17 years ago, 1987 or 88. Wonder if he forgets his wife's birthday. He continues to talk about his faith and another odd statement: "I think that religion at it's best comes with a big dose of doubt". Wow, what part does he doubt?

Next Ms. Falsani asks Obama “Who’s Jesus to you? After a nervous laugh he states Jesus is a historical figure to him, a bridge between man and God in the Christian faith, and serves as a means for reaching something higher. So, why not just say heaven or Jesus is my personal Savior? In addition, the higher place is heaven.

Ok, here is his response to what Jack Ryan said about talking about religion and faith as a public figure: Alongside my own deep personal faith, I am a follower, as well, of our civic religion. I am a big believer in the separation of church and state. I am a big believer in our constitutional structure. I am a law professor at the University of Chicago teaching constitutional law”. So moving forward to now, maybe he may need to go and review his lecturing notes about the U.S. Constitution and who must abide by them. I believe the two times he has taken the oath for his office; he stated “and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States”. Must not have the ability.

I am not a poster child for the model Christian; there has been many, many times my life my walk and talk was not in sync. I am not judging Mr. Obama, but I do know what the bible tells about following Jesus and living life as humanly possible, the way Jesus lived while on this earth. ***(John 12:26 (ESV) If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.)*** I just see that several of the responses given by Obama do not line up with what the bible tells us to do, but he was on a one-on-one interview without the assistance of any writer or teleprompter. My prayer for Obama is that he finds the same powerful movement that confirmed his faith.