

# Retreat Questions

Here are the questions you included in your group reflections after the retreat. Throughout the course, we'll hopefully answer them all!

## Islam

1. What is Jesus' role in your religion?
2. How old is Islam?
3. Why don't they eat pork?
4. Why do some Muslims become terrorists? Where do they get this idea?
5. Why they do not have any paintings/images and crosses where they pray?
6. What is the process for funerals?
7. How long are the prayer services?
8. Is there any significance to where a mosque is built?
9. What are Islamic views of the afterlife?
10. Do Muslims believe in a creation story?
11. How long ago was the Kaaba built?
12. How does one decide whether or not to wear a hijab?
13. Why is the Mosque in the basement?
14. What are Islamic views on homosexuality?
15. Why is the black box so important?

## Hinduism

1. What do they believe God has many different faces?
2. How long did the temple take to build?
3. Why did they have one patch of hair on their heads?
4. Why do they have cages during their prayers?
5. What are the bald men who wear orange called?
6. Why do they have such ornate carvings?
7. How long did it take to carve the carvings in the temple?
8. How much did the temple cost?
9. Why do they sit on the marble floor when it's very uncomfortable and they are trying to meditate?
10. How can you properly meditate?
11. What are their beliefs on the afterlife?
12. Who do the statues represent in the temple?
13. Do they worship the idols?
14. Why do they touch the floor in front of the statue?
15. What was the significance of the hand gestures?
16. What is the name of the god they worship?

## Buddhism

1. Are there other Buddhist temples in Toronto?
2. How long does a person have to be a monk to become "enlightened"?
3. Why do they praise Buddha when he's not their god?
4. What does their religion believe in?
5. How is it considered a religion if they do not worship a god?
6. What do the chants mean?
7. Is Buddha a real person?
8. How many different Buddhas are there?
9. Why do you have to go to the Buddhist school for so long?
10. What is the significance of the gong?
11. What is the creation story?
12. What is the book of chants called?