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“CATHOLICS AND JEWS ARE ALMOST THE SAME, but the Catholic mother says, ‘If you don’t eat that, I’ll kill you,’ and the Jewish mother says, ‘If you don’t eat that, I’ll kill myself.’”

Daniel Russ is a comedian. He is also a Jew. But he will tell you that nobody has a monopoly on truth. He believes that there are many ways to have a relationship with God, and no one religion has a lock on that.

“I have a wonderful relationship with God, and I think ultimately your relationship with God has got to be personal. I think that whenever you abdicate your spiritual growth to an organization, God’s a little disappointed. Here’s one way I put my head around it: In the West, God is transcendent of the world, and in the East, God is imminent to the world. One God is sort of a person in the sky, and the other is that God that is imbued in everything we do. I think that both are probably true because God is, by definition, infinite and hard to understand. I don’t believe in God for mental or rational reasons. I believe in God for emotional reasons because I’ve seen God work in my own life. So I pray all the time. I just don’t ask permission from a man on a pulpit to talk to God. God is an equal-opportunity listener. He listens directly to everybody.

“We’re all like missiles that are looking for a target. We’re always trying to figure out — what is it all about? And I think that everybody has the ability inside them to find the answers that are right for them.”

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