

Lets assume there is a literal heaven that we could all go to after we die...

1. Take a look at each of these eight personas.
2. Rank each of them in order from “Most likely to go to Heaven” to “Least likely to go to Heaven”.

As you’re doing this, think about why you’re making the judgements you’re making and whether or not you think they are fair.



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There is no single answer to this question! All we can do is evaluate the perspectives of different scholars and debate the following questions:

- Do good, non-Christians all go to hell?
- Do evil Christians go to heaven?
- Do “Christians” who simply pay lip service to their religion still go to heaven?
- Does a one-size-fits-all policy reflect the diversity and complexity in the world?



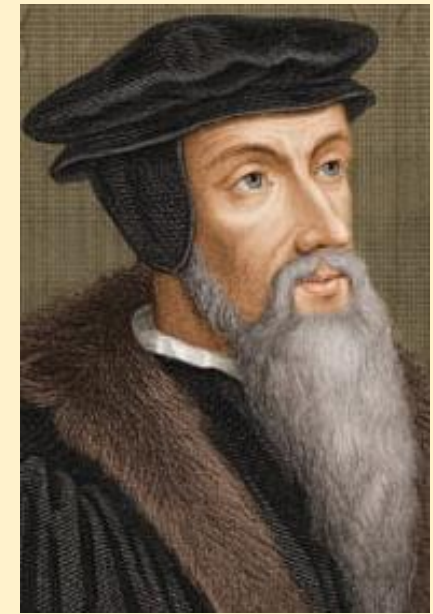
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## John Calvin would probably rank them like this:

- Note how being a Christian is an important factor in whether or not you go to heaven; your actions in life are secondary.
- Many would object to persona #2's high ranking as she strangles cats at night, but in the eyes of Calvin this would be irrelevant.



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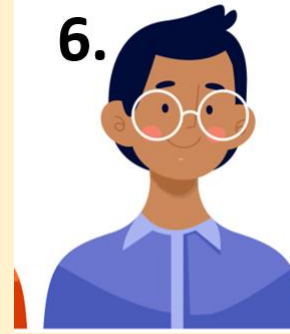
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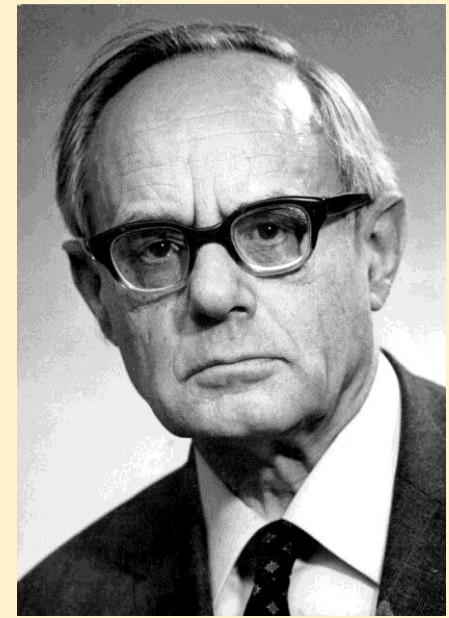
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## Karl Rahner would probably rank them like this:

- Note how the highest ranking person is not a Christian. Rahner believes that your actions in life are all that matters. Belief in Jesus isn't needed to be rewarded in heaven.
- However if this is the case, what's the point in having the religion at all?



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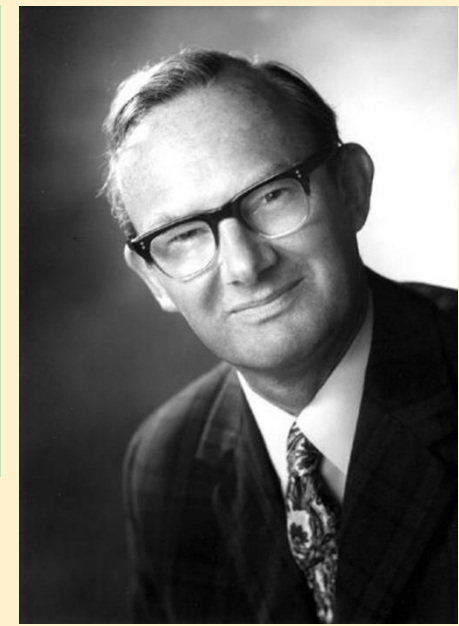











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## John Hick would probably rank them like this:

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- However, people without a religion have no place in his worldview. Plus, can evil religious people be on a true quest towards heaven?



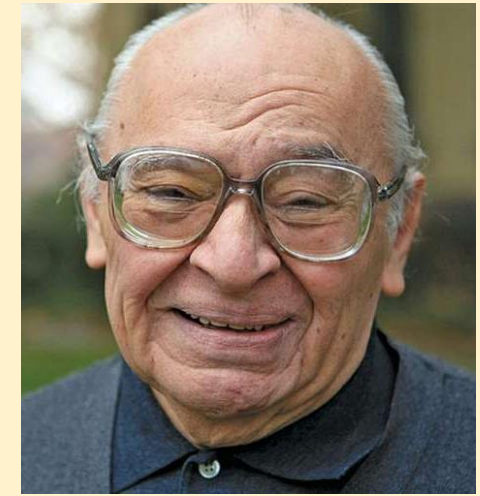
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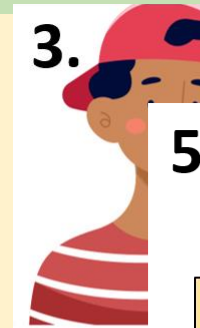
- Faith in Jesus and good actions go hand in hand.
- Making the world a better place is how Christians should reflect on their religion.
- However, does this leave any value for the other religions of the world?



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