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Suggested Interview Questions for Brian McLaren

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Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?

Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World

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Why is there so much hostility between religions? Are they destined to be pitted against each other in “a cosmic death match”—until the end of the world when we find out who “wins”?

Why did you title the book with a multi-faith version of the old “chicken crossed the road” joke?

How do you think Jesus would treat Moses, Mohammed, and the Buddha should they meet on the road, or in a bar?

What are the problems with the two most common approaches to interfaith relationships?

What’s the third way you propose?

What does a “strong-benevolent” Christian identity look like?

Is it possible to heal centuries of religious distrust and enmity?

What will it take on the part of Christians to overcome the hostility?

Say Christians move toward the “strong-benevolent” identity you propose, with a posture of wholehearted love and hospitality for people of other faiths. Don’t other faiths need to make similar changes in their identities?

What are some ways the Christian doctrine can be re-articulated to emphasize benevolence over hostility?

What does it mean to understand the Eucharist as “table-centered”?

What should Christians do about offensive elements in the Bible and in hymns, prayers, and rituals?

Who was your first Muslim friend?

How have friendships with non-Christians influenced your life?

You reached out to local mosques after 9/11/01, in a gesture of support should they be in danger of reprisals. How were you received?

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