

The unABRID^GED DICTIONARY OVER IN THE UC LIBRARY SAYS IN ONE PLACE THAT RELIGION IS "AN APPREHENSION, awareness, OR CONVICTION OF A SUPREME BEING, OR MORE WIDELY OF SUPERNATURAL POWERS, OR INFLUENCE CONTROLLING one's own, humanity's, Or Nature's DE^TINY.. ACCOMPANIED BY OR AROUSING REVEERENCE, LOVE, GRATITUDE, THE WILL TO OBEY AND SERVE, AND THE LIKE."

ANOTHER DEFINITION~~XXXXXXXX~~ OF RELIGION: A PURSUITAROUSING IN ONE RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS AND FEELINGS, SUCH AS GREAT FAITH, DEVOTION, OR FERVOR, OR FOLLOWED WITH RELIGIOUS ZEAL, CONSCIENTIOUSNESS, OR FIDELITY."

NOT VERY MANY OF THE JEWISH TEACHINGS OR WORSHIP AND OTHER TRADITIONS WERE GIVEN TO ME AS EARLY TRAINING.

BUT TOO ME THE JEWISH SERVICES FOR THE MOST PART WERE INSPIRATIONAL, SORT OF "BATTERY-CHARGING" IN EFFECT, MAKING ONE RESOLVE THAT HE WILL DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE. MUCH OF THE MUSIC IS BEAUTIFUL AND THUS A DRAWING CARD AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED TO COME TO SERVICES.

WHETHER THE BATTERY GETS CHARGED ~~XXXX~~ AND THE PERSON DOES BETTER IS UP TO HIM. FOR RELIGION IS A PERSONAL THING. IT MAY MEAN TO YOU SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT MEANS TO ME.

SOME PEOPLE WOULD COMPARE RELIGION AND THE SABBATH to an oasis in the desert where we retire from the competition and turmoil of the world & for a moment to return with renewed energy, purpose, and faith.