



GOD AND FAITH ASSESSMENT TOOL

God and Faith Assessment

1. Do you believe in God and/or consider yourself a spiritual person? YES NO

2. If YES to #1, How important is religion / spirituality to you?

Not Important	A Little	Somewhat	Important	Very Important
1	2	3	4	5

3. If YES to #1, Do you participate in an organized faith community? YES NO

a. How often do you attend or participate on average?

< Once a month, Once a month, Twice a month, Once a week, > Once a week

4. If YES to #1, Are you engaged in any of the following religious / spiritual practices or rituals?

i. Prayer	YES	NO	How often?	Regularly	Sporadically
ii. Reading Scripture	YES	NO	How often?	Regularly	Sporadically
iii. Meditation	YES	NO	How often?	Regularly	Sporadically
iv. Worship	YES	NO	How often?	Regularly	Sporadically

God Questionnaire

Even if you might not believe in God, based on your personal understanding, how well do you feel that each of the following words describe (or would describe) God?

1. Loving

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

2. Critical

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

3. Punishing

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

4. Severe

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

5. Wrathful

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

6. Distant

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

7. Ever-present

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

Even if you might not believe in God, based on your personal understanding, what do you think God is (or would be) like?

8. Angered by human sin

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

9. Angered by my sins

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

10. Removed from worldly affairs

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

11. Removed from my personal affairs

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

12. Concerned with the well-being of the world

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

13. Concerned with my personal well-being

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

14. Directly involved in worldly affairs

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

15. Directly involved in my affairs

Very Well	Somewhat	Undecided	Not Very Well	Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

God Questionnaire Scoring

Judgment Scale = $r2 + r3 + r4 + r5 + r8 + r9$

Engagement Scale = $6 + r7 + 10 + 11 + r12 + r13 + r14 + r15$

High Judgment / High Engagement = Authoritarian god

Low Judgment / High Engagement = Benevolent god

High Judgment / Low Engagement = Critical god

Low Judgment / Low Engagement = Distant god

r = reverse scored item

Baylor Religion Survey (2005), Wave I (n = 1,413)

Judgment Scale: Range 6-30; Median = 24

Engagement Scale: Range 8-40; Median = 29