

## **Your Opinions and Beliefs**

*On the next page are statements that give various views about personal philosophy, human nature, religion and spirituality, and standards for conduct. How well does each statement provide an accurate description of your opinions and beliefs? Please indicate your degree of agreement with each statement, using the response scale to the right.*

- 0 – Don't Agree At All**  
*(completely disagree)*
- 1 – Slightly Agree**  
*(agree a little bit)*
- 2 – Moderately Agree**  
*(halfway agree)*
- 3 – Mostly Agree**  
*(agree a lot)*
- 4 – Very strongly Agree**  
*(completely agree)*

	<i>Disagree ↔ Agree</i>
1. The judicial system in this country is too soft on criminals.....	0 1 2 3 4
2. Enlightenment can be gained through meditation, self-contemplation, and intuition.....	0 1 2 3 4
3. There is no God or gods.....	0 1 2 3 4
4. Wealthy people should have a higher tax rate than poor people.....	0 1 2 3 4
5. Human interests and dignity ought to prevail in our thoughts and actions.....	0 1 2 3 4
6. The pleasures of the senses are the highest good.....	0 1 2 3 4
7. It is impossible to communicate with the dead.....	0 1 2 3 4
8. There should be increased social equality.....	0 1 2 3 4
9. We need tough leaders who can silence the troublemakers and restore our traditional values.....	0 1 2 3 4
10. Worldly possessions are the greatest good and the highest value in life.....	0 1 2 3 4
11. Society has an innate tendency toward improvement, which can be furthered through conscious human effort.....	0 1 2 3 4
12. It is best to live simply and in a natural environment.....	0 1 2 3 4
13. Knowledge is the awareness of individual facts and an understanding of the logical relations among these facts.....	0 1 2 3 4
14. People ought to be motivated by something beyond their own self-interest.....	0 1 2 3 4
15. No objects have magical or spiritual powers.....	0 1 2 3 4
16. I adhere to an organized religion.....	0 1 2 3 4
17. I believe in government by law with the consent of those people governed.....	0 1 2 3 4
18. I believe in biological evolution.....	0 1 2 3 4
19. I believe in reincarnation – rebirth of the soul in another body.....	0 1 2 3 4
20. I support the rights and power of the people in their struggle against the privileged elite...	0 1 2 3 4
21. I can always trust the government to do what is right.....	0 1 2 3 4
22. I believe in predestination – that all things have been divinely determined beforehand.....	0 1 2 3 4
23. I believe in the superiority of my own ethnic group.....	0 1 2 3 4
24. I emphasize reason, scientific inquiry, and human fulfillment in the natural world.....	0 1 2 3 4
25. I don't believe in a messiah who will come to save the world.....	0 1 2 3 4
26. I am in favor of a constitutional form of government.....	0 1 2 3 4
27. I am opposed to the death penalty (execution) as a punishment for crimes.....	0 1 2 3 4
28. I believe that reason is not a good guide to knowledge and truth.....	0 1 2 3 4
29. Natural objects (and even Nature itself) have conscious life.....	0 1 2 3 4
30. Human society is not capable of being good.....	0 1 2 3 4
31. My own race is not superior to any other race.....	0 1 2 3 4
32. Religion should play the most important role in civil affairs.....	0 1 2 3 4
33. There is a higher good than the pleasures of the senses.....	0 1 2 3 4
34. The people running this country don't really care what happens to people like me.....	0 1 2 3 4
35. Practices like meditation will not lead one to enlightenment.....	0 1 2 3 4
36. People who earn wealth should always have the right to keep it.....	0 1 2 3 4
37. It is good to defy "traditional family values" as feminists and homosexuals have done.....	0 1 2 3 4
38. There is an ideal spiritual reality that goes beyond sense experience and science and is knowable through intuition....	0 1 2 3 4
39. Foreigners and immigrants have a beneficial effect on our society.....	0 1 2 3 4
40. Free market capitalism leads to gross inequalities in income and wealth, which is a great social evil.....	0 1 2 3 4
41. What is good can only be judged by the gratification of the senses.....	0 1 2 3 4
42. Animals don't have souls or spirits.....	0 1 2 3 4
43. People of different races and nationalities should live in different places apart from one another.....	0 1 2 3 4
44. Capitalism benefits all classes of people and should be preserved.....	0 1 2 3 4
45. Only what is pleasant, or has pleasant consequences, is essentially good.....	0 1 2 3 4
46. It would be pointless to reduce one's possessions and live more simply.....	0 1 2 3 4