QUESTIONNAIRE MIND/SOUL

Acronym

Surname/first name or an acronym
(make sure to remember it)

**Instructions**We would like you to fill in this questionnaire. If you are doing it on a computer, remember:

1. Save the file on the hard drive
2. In the first space, you can write your name or any acronym (but make sure to remember it)
3. Complete the questionnaire (choose only one answer)
4. You choose your answers by clicking on the square or the field where you write your answers
5. Save the changes
6. Send in the completed questionnaire

# Ontological Questions

## A1. MIND

**Do you think the mind exists?**

[ ]  yes [ ]  not sure [ ]  no → go to question about Soul

**When does the mind begin to exist?**

[ ]  prior to conception [ ]  at conception [ ]  during pregnancy [ ]  at birth [ ]  never

**Does the mind remain constant or does it change and develop over time?**

[ ]  it remains constant (it does not change) [ ]  not sure [ ]  it develops

**What happens to the mind at death?**

[ ]  nothing [ ]  ceases to exist [ ]  continues in an afterlife [ ]  continues in reincarnation

## A.2 SOUL

**Do you think the soul exists?**

[ ]  yes [ ]  not sure [ ]  no → go to question about Mind

**When does the soul begin to exist?**

[ ]  prior to conception [ ]  at conception [ ] during pregnancy [ ]  at birth [ ]  never

**Does the soul remain constant or does it change and develop over time?**

[ ]  it remains constant (it does not change) [ ]  not sure [ ]  it develops

**What happens to the soul at death?**

[ ]  nothing [ ]  ceases to exist [ ]  continues in an afterlife [ ]  continues in reincarnation

# Ethical questions

## B:1 MIND

**Do you believe an embryo has a mind?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Do you believe a person in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) has a mind?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Do you believe a human clone has a mind?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

## B: 2 SOUL

**Do you believe an embryo has a soul?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Do you believe a person in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) has a soul?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Do you believe a human clone has a soul?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

## C:1 MIND

Imagine that you have lost your mind. To what extent do you agree with the following endings of the sentence:

***If I had lost my mind, I would have lost…***

**my ability to solve problems**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to think**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to distinguish right from wrong**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my life force**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to continue on after I die**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to remember**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to connect to a higher power**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my spiritual essence**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to feel emotion**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to reason**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

# Functional questions

## C.2 SOUL

Imagine that you have lost your soul. To what extent do you agree with the following endings of the sentence:

***If I had lost my soul, I would have lost…***

**my ability to solve problems**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to think**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to distinguish right from wrong**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my life force**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to continue on after I die**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

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**my ability to reason**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

# Mindreading

## D1. MIND

Imagine you have lost your mind. To what extent do you agree with each of the following endings of the sentence

***If I lost my mind, I would lose…***

**my ability to see others as psychological beings:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to identify others as persons?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to read desires and emotions of other people:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to build relationships with others:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to read the thoughts of others:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my empathy and compassion:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to perceive myself as someone very special and different from other people**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to experience myself as exactly the same person throughout the whole life**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to think that my “self” will continue after death:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to be responsible for myself, for my actions:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to be responsible for others:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

## D.2 SOUL

Imagine you have lost your soul. To what extent do you agree with each of the following endings of the sentence

***If I lost my soul, I would lose…***

**my ability to see others as psychological beings:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**my ability to identify others as persons?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

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**my ability to be responsible for others:**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

## E. General Question

Please mark the extent to which each statement is true for you.

**How often do you attend church or other religious meetings?**

[ ]  never [ ]  once a year or less [ ]  a few times a year
[ ]  a few times a month [ ]  once a week [ ]  more than once a week

**How often do you spend time in private religious activities, such as prayer, meditation or Bible study?**

[ ]  rarely or never [ ]  a few times a month [ ]  once a week
[ ]  two or more times a week [ ]  daily [ ]  more than once a day

**In my life, I experience the presence of the Divine (e.g. God)**

[ ]  definitely not true [ ]  tends not to be true
[ ]  unsure [ ]  tends to be true [ ]  definitely true of me

**My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life**

[ ]  definitely not true [ ]  tends not to be true
[ ]  unsure [ ]  tends to be true [ ]  definitely true of me

**I try hard to carry my religion over into all other dealings in life**

[ ]  definitely not true [ ]  tends not to be true
[ ]  unsure [ ]  tends to be true [ ]  definitely true of me

## F. Ethics General

**Should scientists be allowed to use embryos for stem cell research?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Should we disconnect people who are in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) from life support?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Should scientists be allowed to make human clones?**

[ ]  no [ ]  rather not [ ]  not sure [ ]  rather yes [ ]  yes

**Age**       years old

**Gender**: [ ]  Male [ ]  Female

**Education**

**What do you study**

**Place you lived before study** [ ]  village [ ]  town or city

**Nationality/ies**

**What religion do you belong to?**

[ ]  none [ ]  I belong to

**How much do you identify yourself with your religious community?**

[ ]  not at all [ ]  loosely [ ]  averagely [ ]  much [ ]  very much

**How spiritual do you consider yourself to be?**

[ ]  not at all [ ]  loosely [ ]  averagely [ ]  much [ ]  very much

*Thank you for your participation in the survey!*