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

**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

# 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?**

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## 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!*