

Religious, Moral, and Spiritual Intelligence Scale

The following statements reflect your moral and spiritual wellbeing. Please read these carefully and chose only one of the seven responses for each statement.

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| 1 | Religion gives meaning to life. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Religion makes us better human beings. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Religion is essential for life. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | There is a life after this life. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Religions teach peace and love. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | I strongly believe in my religious beliefs. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | I practice my religion wholeheartedly. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | I have a strong interest in understanding my religion. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | Life is a test. | Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/> | Slightly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Agree <input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 10 Religions do not provoke violence.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 11 I always take interest in spirituality.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 12 I love spirituality.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 13 Humans are basically spiritual beings.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 14 I want to have metaphysical experiences in my life.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 15 I try to purify my spiritual self.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 16 I feel myself harmonized with the entire universe.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 17 I treat all humans equally.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 18 I am a kind person.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 19 I respect my elders.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree
- 20 I obey the authorities.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Slightly Disagree Not Sure Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree

Psychometric Properties

Scale: Religious, Moral, and Spiritual Intelligence Scales

Description: The Religious, Moral, and Spiritual Intelligence Scales constitute a tripartite assessment framework designed to measure three interrelated yet distinct dimensions of transcendent and ethical cognition: religious intelligence, moral intelligence, and spiritual intelligence. These constructs, while often conflated in both popular and academic discourse, are operationalized here with conceptual clarity and psychometric specificity, allowing for a nuanced evaluation of how individuals engage with belief systems, ethical discernment, and transcendent awareness. Each scale is defined and measured as follows:

Religious Intelligence – conceptualized as “the ability to validate religious beliefs from the most authentic sources,” this scale assesses individuals’ capacity to engage critically and authentically with religious texts, doctrines, and traditions. It reflects not merely rote adherence or dogma, but a reasoned and source-based alignment with religious truth claims, emphasizing epistemic integrity in religious belief formation.

Moral Intelligence – defined as “the ability to distinguish good from bad based on humanistic virtues,” this subscale captures ethical reasoning grounded in universal human values such as empathy, justice, honesty, and compassion. It examines the cognitive and affective processes through which individuals make moral judgments and ethical decisions, independent of external authority or cultural relativism.

Spiritual Intelligence – described as “the ability to feel and experience the higher dimensions of mind,” this dimension taps into a person’s capacity for transcendence, inner harmony, and metaphysical insight. It includes sensitivity to existential meaning, interconnectedness, and elevated states of consciousness, reflecting the experiential and intuitive aspects of human spirituality.

Together, these scales offer a groundbreaking framework for assessing transcendental cognition and psychosocial development. By distinguishing between religious, moral, and spiritual faculties, the scales allow for the examination of their unique contributions to identity formation, psychosocial health, and existential wellbeing. This tripartite model holds substantial promise for research in developmental psychology, philosophy of mind, counseling, and interfaith education, especially in pluralistic societies where diverse worldviews converge. The three scales thus provide a valuable empirical tool for exploring the cognitive, affective, and experiential dimensions of belief and value systems, offering new insights into the role of transcendent intelligences in human flourishing.

Language: English

Items: 20

Sub-scales: Religious intelligence (items 1-10); Spiritual intelligence (items 11-16); Moral intelligence (items 17-20)

Reverse coded items: Nil

Response sheet: strongly disagree (scored 1), disagree (scored 2), slightly disagree (scored 3), not sure (scored 4), slightly agree (scored 5), agree (scored 6), strongly agree (scored 7)

Participants: 1512

EFA: $n=168$; men=76; women=92; age=18-80 ($M=33$); Education=10-20 ($M=14$)

CFA & CV: $n=746$; men=360; women=386; age=18-63 ($M=23$); Education=10-20 ($M=14$)

CV: $n=487$; men=110; women=377; age=18-47 (M=23); Education=10-16 (M=14)

DV: $n=111$; men=51; women=60; age=18-51 (M=25); Education=10-16 (M=14)

Reliability:

Cronbach's alpha: Religious, Moral, and Spiritual Intelligence Scale=0.924; Religious intelligence=0.950; Spiritual intelligence=0.901; Moral intelligence=0.814

Item-total correlations range from 0.395 to 0.844 with $p<0.01$ (mean=0.632)

Item-scale correlations range from 0.730 to 0.922 with $p<0.01$ (mean=0.822)

Construct Validity:

Religious Intelligence: Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Test: Overall KMO: 0.946; KMO for individual indicators ranged from 0.929 to 0.970; Bartlett's Test of Sphericity: $\chi^2 = 5806.656$, $df = 45$, $p < 0.001$; Comparative Fit Index (CFI): 0.934; Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI): 0.915; Goodness of fit index (GFI): 0.992; Standardized root mean square residual (SRMR): 0.038; Heterotrait-monotrait ratio = 1; Coefficient $\omega=0.942$; Coefficient $\alpha= 0.942$

Moral Intelligence: KMO Test: Overall KMO: 0.759; KMO for individual indicators ranged from 0.731 to 0.764; Bartlett's Test of Sphericity: $\chi^2 = 837.991$, $df = 6$, $p < 0.001$; CFI: 0.969; TLI: 0.907; GFI: 0.999; SRMR: 0.029; Heterotrait-monotrait ratio = 1; Coefficient $\omega=0.765$; Coefficient $\alpha= 0.767$

Spiritual Intelligence: KMO Test: Overall KMO: 0.867; KMO for individual indicators ranged from 0.826 to 0.914; Bartlett's Test of Sphericity: $\chi^2 = 2398.816$, $df = 15$, $p < 0.001$; CFI: 0.944; TLI: 0.907; GFI: 0.995; SRMR: 0.043; Heterotrait-monotrait ratio = 1; Coefficient $\omega=0.855$; Coefficient $\alpha= 0.877$

Convergent Validity: Significant positive correlation with Religiosity Scale for Muslims ($r=0.262$, $p<0.01$), NonReligious-NonSpiritual Scale (Religiosity: $r=0.261$; Spirituality: $r=0.243$; $p<0.01$), and Santa Clara Ethics Scale ($r=0.214$, $p<0.01$)

Discriminant Validity: Significant inverse correlation with Criminal Aptitude Inventory ($r= -0.474$, $p<0.01$)

Predictive Validity: Significant positive correlation with The Satisfaction with Life Scale ($r=0.349$, $p<0.01$) and Psychosocial Health Evaluator ($r=0.872$, $p<0.01$)

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