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### THE GOD IMAGE INVENTORY

You are being asked to complete an instrument to help gain an understanding of your image of God. There is no right or wrong answers. Just answer how you honestly feel. Your answers are completely confidential.

Please read over each question and answer each statement by circling the response that comes closest to describing your feeling:

**SA**, for Strongly Agree, if the statement is a particularly good way of describing how you feel about God.

**A**, for Agree, if the statement just adequately describes your feelings about God.

**D**, for Disagree, if the statement does not adequately describe your feelings about God.

**SD**, for Strongly Disagree, if the statement is a particularly bad way of describing your feelings about God.

Q001 God does not notice me. SA A D SD

Q002 I would live the same way whether I believed in God or not. SA A D SD

Q003 I sometimes think of God while drifting off to sleep. SA A D SD

Q004 When I do wrong, God's back is turned to me. SA A D SD

Q005 When I obey God's rules, God makes good things happen for me. SA A D SD

Q006 God lifts me up. SA A D SD

Q007 God keeps calling me to develop myself. SA A D SD

Q008 God allows me to avoid the challenges of life. SA A D SD

Q009 The world would make no sense to me without God. SA A D SD

Q010 I imagine God to be rather formal, almost standoffish. SA A D SD

Q011 I can see the direct hand of God in many things. SA A D SD

Q012 God guides me like a good parent. SA A D SD

Q013 My relationship with God helps me to ignore what is happening in the rest of the world.  
SA A D SD

Q014 My growth in maturity is pleasing to God. SA A D SD

Q015 I am sometimes anxious about whether God still loves me. SA A D SD

Q016 My belief in God is as solid as a rock. SA A D SD

Q017 Asking God for help rarely does me any good. SA A D SD

Q018 I am confident of God's love for me. SA A D SD

Q019 I am never sure that God is really listening to me. SA A D SD

Q020 I know I'm not perfect, but God loves me anyway. SA A D SD

Q021 God does not seem to notice when I cry. SA A D SD

Q022 I have sometimes felt that I have committed the unforgivable sin. SA A D SD

Q023 The voice of God tells me what to do. SA A D SD

Q024 My belief in God has made a big difference in my life. SA A D SD

Q025 Even when I mess things up, I know God will straighten them out. SA A D SD

Q026 I am not very sure what God is really like. SA A D SD

Q027 God never challenges me. SA A D SD

Q028 Thinking too much could endanger my faith. SA A D SD

Q029 I think of God as more compassionate than demanding. SA A D SD

Q030 One source of my own self-respect is God's love for me. SA A D SD

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- Q031 I get what I pray for. SA A D SD  
Q032 I try to be good because I know how much God loves me. SA A D SD  
Q033 I can feel God deep inside of me. SA A D SD  
Q034 God's love for me has no strings attached. SA A D SD  
Q035 God doesn't feel very personal to me. SA A D SD  
Q036 No matter how hard I pray, it doesn't do any good. SA A D SD  
Q037 Even when I do bad things, I know God still loves me. SA A D SD  
Q038 My belief in God is central to my life. SA A D SD  
Q039 I can talk to God on an intimate basis. SA A D SD  
Q040 God is always there for me. SA A D SD
- Q041 I have often changed my beliefs about God. SA A D SD  
Q042 God nurtures me. SA A D SD  
Q043 God always has time for me. SA A D SD  
Q044 I get no feeling of closeness to God, even in prayer. SA A D SD  
Q045 God is very patient. SA A D SD  
Q046 God loves me only when I perform perfectly. SA A D SD  
Q047 I am not sure that my prayers matter to God. SA A D SD  
Q048 What happens in my life is largely a result of decisions I make. SA A D SD  
Q049 My faith in God helps me make decisions for myself. SA A D SD  
Q050 I think God even loves atheists. SA A D SD
- Q051 God loves me regardless. SA A D SD  
Q052 God takes pleasure in my achievements. SA A D SD  
Q053 I can't imagine anyone God couldn't love. SA A D SD  
Q054 God keeps asking me to try harder. SA A D SD  
Q055 Sometimes I feel that God doesn't love me anymore. SA A D SD  
Q056 I get no help from God even if I pray for it. SA A D SD  
Q057 Being close to God and being active in the world don't mix. SA A D SD  
Q058 Prayer for me feels like talking to God face to face. SA A D SD  
Q059 God can easily be provoked by disobedience. SA A D SD  
Q060 I am sure there has to be a God. SA A D SD
- Q061 God is not terribly relevant to my life. SA A D SD  
Q062 God knows me better than to push me very hard. SA A D SD  
Q063 I often worry about whether God can love me. SA A D SD  
Q064 God is more of an observer of my life than a participant. SA A D SD  
Q065 God is in control of my life. SA A D SD  
Q066 God wants me to achieve all I can in life. SA A D SD  
Q067 I am a very powerful person because of God. SA A D SD  
Q068 Prayer changes things. SA A D SD  
Q069 God will always provide for me. SA A D SD  
Q070 Not even God can change how things will come out. SA A D SD
- Q071 God has always seemed approachable to me. SA A D SD  
Q072 God helps me when I ask for help. SA A D SD  
Q073 My belief in God makes a major difference in the way I live. SA A D SD  
Q074 I doubt that God interferes very much in human affairs. SA A D SD  
Q075 I would pray more if I thought it made a difference, but I don't think it does. SA A D SD  
Q076 I think God mostly leaves people free. SA A D SD  
Q077 Everyday things are more important to me than trying to be close to God. SA A D SD  
Q078 If God listens to prayers, you couldn't prove it to me. SA A D SD  
Q079 God helps me to keep going no matter how hard things are. SA A D SD  
Q080 God is looking for a chance to get even with me. SA A D SD

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Q081 God's mercy is for everyone. SA A D SD  
Q082 God has to forgive my sins, but probably doesn't really want to. SA A D SD  
Q083 I doubt that I will be rewarded for following God's rules. SA A D SD  
Q084 God's love for me is unconditional. SA A D SD  
Q085 When I think of God I feel at peace. SA A D SD  
Q086 My faith gives me some control over what happens to me. SA A D SD  
Q087 I trust in God to take care of me. SA A D SD  
Q088 I know what to do to get God to listen to me. SA A D SD  
Q089 I ask God to help me grow from my troubles. SA A D SD  
Q090 God loves a lot of other people better than me. SA A D SD

Q091 I have confidence when I pray. SA A D SD  
Q092 God walks beside me and shows me where to go. SA A D SD  
Q093 Learning too much about the world could endanger my faith. SA A D SD  
Q094 God asks me to keep growing as a person. SA A D SD  
Q095 I think God only loves certain people. SA A D SD  
Q096 I sometimes don't know where to look for God. SA A D SD  
Q097 God almost always answers my prayers. SA A D SD  
Q098 My faith in God is very strong. SA A D SD  
Q099 God doesn't want me to ask too many questions SA A D SD  
Q100 I have often doubted the existence of God. SA A D SD

Q101 I do not think about God very often. SA A D SD  
Q102 I get a great deal out of the time I spend in prayer. SA A D SD  
Q103 God makes few demands on me. SA A D SD  
Q104 God does not do much to determine the outcome of my life. SA A D SD  
Q105 I am not very firm in my beliefs about God. SA A D SD  
Q106 God lets the world run by its own laws. SA A D SD  
Q107 Sometimes I feel that God is persecuting me. SA A D SD  
Q108 I would say that I am a God-centered person. SA A D SD  
Q109 Even if my beliefs about God were wrong. God would still love me. SA A D SD  
Q110 I am not good enough for God to love. SA A D SD

Q111 I think it is best not to get too involved with God. SA A D SD  
Q112 I have confidence in my beliefs about God. SA A D SD  
Q113 If I became convinced that God did not exist, nothing much in my life would change.  
SA A D SD  
Q114 God's compassion knows no religious boundaries. SA A D SD  
Q115 I sometimes feel cradled in God's arms. SA A D SD  
Q116 God has never asked me to do hard things. SA A D SD  
Q117 In making major decisions, I almost always think about my relationship to God. SA A D SD  
Q118 Running the world is more important to God than caring about people. SA A D SD  
Q119 I often feel that I am in the hands of God. SA A D SD  
Q120 I don't think my faith gives me any special influence with God. SA A D SD

Q121 I am sure that God really exists. SA A D SD  
Q122 Mostly, I have to provide for myself. SA A D SD  
Q123 I feel that God knows me by name. SA A D SD  
Q124 I am particularly drawn to the image of God as a shepherd. SA A D SD  
Q125 God does not answer when I call. SA A D SD  
Q126 I most often feel that I must face my problems alone. SA A D SD  
Q127 God feels distant to me. SA A D SD  
Q128 I often feel abandoned by God. SA A D SD  
Q129 I think human achievements are a delight to God. SA A D SD  
Q130 I feel that God has a very specific plan for my life. SA A D SD

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- Q131 It doesn't matter if I pray or not. SA A D SD  
Q132 I rarely feel that God is with me. SA A D SD  
Q133 I cannot imagine anyone more compassionate than God. SA A D SD  
Q134 God for me is like a faithful friend. SA A D SD  
Q135 I feel warm inside when I pray. SA A D SD  
Q136 God loves me because God wants to. SA A D SD  
Q137 I have a hard time believing in God's mercy. SA A D SD  
Q138 God's love is a constant source of comfort to me. SA A D SD  
Q139 I am pretty much responsible for my own life. SA A D SD  
Q140 God has very little influence over my life. SA A D SD
- Q141 I often have nightmares about going to hell. SA A D SD  
Q142 My ideas about God are pretty vague. SA A D SD  
Q143 God rarely, if ever, seems to give me what I ask for. SA A D SD  
Q144 I think God must enjoy getting even with us when we deserve it. SA A D SD  
Q145 God encourages me to go forward on the journey of life. SA A D SD  
Q146 God sometimes intervenes at my request. SA A D SD  
Q147 I think God loves us all equally. SA A D SD  
Q148 I have sometimes wondered whether God really exists or not. SA A D SD  
Q149 I am more likely to succeed at something if I ask God for help. SA A D SD  
Q150 God never reaches out to me. SA A D SD
- Q151 God doesn't mind if I don't grow very much. SA A D SD  
Q152 No matter how hard I try to please God, it doesn't seem to do me any good. SA A D SD  
Q153 Sometimes I think that not even God could love me. SA A D SD  
Q154 Sometimes I have nightmares about God. SA A D SD  
Q155 God's mercy is only for the chosen few. SA A D SD  
Q156 I would have to be a lot better person to be sure of God's love. SA A D SD

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