

SPECIAL NIELSEN POLL: FAITH IN AUSTRALIA 2009

Key findings

- 68% of Australians believe in God and/or a universal spirit
- 50% say religion is important or very important in their lives
- 23% believe the Biblical account of the origin of human beings
- 84% agree that 'religion and politics should be separate'

Almost seven in ten Australians believe in God, a universal spirit or both, according to a special Nielsen Poll on Faith in Australia.

The national survey of 1,000 respondents, taken from 14-15 December, found that 49% of Australians aged 18 and over believe in God, 11% believe in a 'universal spirit' and 7% believe in both, a combined total of 68% [due to rounding]. Almost one in four Australians (24%) do not believe in either and 7% are not sure or 'don't know'.

Believe in...	% of popn	Male	Female	18-24	25-29	40-54	55+
God	49	43	56	39	50	47	55
Universal Spirit	11	10	13	10	12	11	11
Both	7	6	9	6	8	7	8
TOTAL GOD (God+Both)	57	48	65	45	58	54	62
Do not believe	24	32	17	32	22	28	20
Not sure	6	7	4	10	6	5	4
Refuse	1	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	<0.5	1
Other	<0.5	1	<0.5	2	<0.5	1	<0.5
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Figures may not add to 100 or 'Total' due to rounding.

The most striking difference was between men and women, with 56% of women believing in God (only) compared to 43% of men. Men (32%) were almost twice as likely as women (17%) to say they did not believe. Older Australians are more likely to be believers than younger Australians.

"Believers" (in God, a universal spirit or both) were asked to rate their certainty of belief. Almost nine in ten believers (88%) were either absolutely or fairly certain in their belief while just 12% were 'not too certain' or 'not at all certain'.

Certainty of belief...	% of popn	% Believe in...		
		God	Universal Spirit	Both
Absolutely certain	44	51	21	31
Fairly certain	44	41	51	54
Not too certain	9	6	19	11
Not at all certain	3	2	8	4
TOTAL ABSOLUTELY/FAIRLY	88	92	72	85
TOTAL NOT TOO / NOT AT ALL	12	8	27	15

Figures may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Religion belong to or identify with

Respondents were asked which religion they "belong to or most closely identify with". The survey found a reasonably good match between how Australians currently classify themselves and how they did in the 2006 Census as shown below. Note that the question in the Census was optional.

Religion belong to or most identify with...	2006 ABS Census	Faith 2009
Christianity	63.8%	67%
Buddhism	2.1%	2%
Hinduism	0.8%	1%
Islam	1.7%	1%
Judaism	0.5%	<0.5%
Other religions	0.6%	3%
No religion	18.7%	24%
Not stated/inadequately described	11.9%	1%

Figures may not add to 100 due to rounding.

ABS data source: 1301.0 - Year Book Australia, 2008 Table 14.39 (Religious Affiliation)

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/0/636F496B2B943F12CA2573D200109DA9?opendocument>

Classification by religion and belief

While around two thirds of the population classify themselves as 'belonging to' or 'identifying with' Christianity, combining the results of the belief and religion classification question suggests the following profile of the Australian population (see Notes on Tables on Page 9 for details of how classifications were made):

Classification	% of popn	Male	Female	18-24	25-29	40-54	55+
Christian	50	42	58	37	50	48	57
Christian (universal spirit only)	5	5	6	6	5	5	6
Unsure (Christian background)	3	4	3	6	3	3	3
Non-believer (Christian background)	8	10	5	11	4	9	8
Other religion	6	6	7	9	7	6	4
Unsure (other background)	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	<0.5
Non-believer (other background)	1	2	0	1	1	1	1
Believer, no/dk religion	6	5	7	2	8	7	6
Unsure (no religion)	2	2	1	3	3	1	1
Non-believer (no religion)	16	20	12	20	17	18	11
Unclassified	2	3	1	3	1	2	2
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
TOTAL Believers	68	58	78	55	71	65	74
TOTAL Unsure	6	7	4	10	6	5	4
TOTAL Non-believers	24	32	17	32	22	28	20
TOTAL Non-believer and Unsure	30	39	21	42	28	33	24

Christian beliefs

The 50% of the population that were classified as 'Christian' (believe in God and 'belong to' or 'identify with' Christianity) were asked about specific beliefs they held about Jesus Christ.

Statement	% of 'Christians' that believe this to be true	% of 'Christians' that do not believe this
Jesus Christ was a real person who lived 2000 years ago	94	4
Jesus Christ was the Son of God	91	7
Jesus rose from the dead	85	10
The mother of Jesus Christ was a virgin	72	22

Religious and other beliefs

All respondents were then asked whether they believed in a range of other religious, spiritual or paranormal ideas and phenomena. The most widespread belief among Australians was 'miracles' with 63% believing.

	TOTAL %		'Christians' %		'Non-believer' %	
	Believe true	Don't believe	Believe true	Don't believe	Believe true	Don't believe
Miracles	63	35	83	15	23	77
Heaven	56	40	87	11	8	90
Life after death	53	39	71	21	17	79
Angels	51	46	75	22	10	90
Psychic powers such as ESP	49	46	52	43	33	65
Astrology	41	55	44	50	27	72
Hell	38	59	57	39	10	90
The devil	37	60	59	38	5	95
UFOs	34	58	33	56	23	73
Witches	22	76	27	70	8	91

'Christians' (respondents who believe in God and belong to or identify with Christianity) were more likely than 'non-believers' to believe in a range of ideas such as psychic powers, astrology, UFOs and witches.

It is not uncommon in surveys of this nature to test belief in a wider range of ideas than just 'religious' belief. There are a number of US surveys of religious and other beliefs, for example:

- The Harris Poll (December 15, 2009) found that 76% of Americans believe in miracles, 75% believe in Heaven, 72% believe in Angels, 61% believe in Hell, 60% believe in the devil, 32% in UFOs believe in UFOs, 26% in astrology and 23% in witches. Harris has tracked these beliefs over several years. (<http://www.harrisinteractive.com>)
- A Gallup poll survey (May 10-13, 2007) found that 81% of Americans believe in Heaven, 75% in Angels, 70% in the devil and 69% in Hell. (<http://www.gallup.com/poll/27877/americans-more-likely-believe-god-than-devil-heaven-more-than-hell.aspx>)
- A Pew Forum survey (December 2009) found that 25% of Americans and 23% of Christians believe in astrology while 24% of Americans and 22% of Christians believe in reincarnation. (<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>)

Note: a small number of respondents expressed concern at the inclusion of belief in UFOs, astrology, witches and the like. These were included to test the full range and diversity of belief and to make comparisons with US studies.

Origin of human beings

Respondents were asked to choose which of three statements best described their view of the origin of human beings. Almost one in four (38%) 'Christians' accept the Biblical account of human origins, while a majority of Christians believe that human beings evolved over millions of years from earlier forms of life. Among Christians that accept evolution, a majority believe that evolution was 'guided by God'.

This question was based on one asked by the Gallup Organisation in the United States. Their most recent results (May 2008) were God created human beings – 44%; evolution was guided by God – 36% and evolution without God – 14%, almost identical to the results for just Christians in Australia.

[Source: Gallup <http://www.gallup.com/poll/21814/Evolution-Creationism-Intelligent-Design.aspx>]

Statement	TOTAL %	'Christians' %	Other Religion*	'Non-believer' %
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years in a process guided by God	32%	47%	35%	4%
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years and God played no part in this process	42%	12%	37%	89%
God created human beings, largely in their present form, at one time in the last 10,000 years or so	23%	38%	27%	4%

* NB small sample size of 62 respondents (margin of error +/- 12%)

The word of God

All respondents were asked their views about their religion's sacred texts – the Bible for people of Christian background, the Koran for Muslims etc. They were asked to indicate whether their book (or 'holy scripture') was "the word of God" or was "a book written by men and is not the word of God". Respondents were also asked to indicate whether their book should be "taken literally, word for word" or not.

Believers were also asked if "there is only one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion" or if there is "more than one true way".

Statement	TOTAL %	Christian	Other Religion*	Non-believer**
All respondents:				
BOOK (e.g. Bible, Koran etc) is the word of God	34	58	35	4
BOOK is a book written by men and is not the word of God	61	37	62	93
All respondents:				
BOOK is to be taken literally, word for word	27	25	50	34
Not everything in BOOK should be taken literally, word for word	69	71	46	66
'Believers':				
There is only one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	21	23	15	-
There is more than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	75	73	82	-

* NB small sample size of 62 respondents (margin of error +/- 12%)

** Respondents were asked about the book of the religion they most identified with. People with no religion were asked about the Bible.

Note: some respondents found the above questions difficult as none of the statements accurately reflected their views. In the end, they chose the statement that *came closest* to their view. A frequent comment was that they felt their book (e.g. the Bible) was *written by men but inspired by God*. We acknowledge that future versions of the questionnaire can be improved based on this feedback.

NOTES ON TABLES

Respondents in the survey have been given a 'Faith Classification' as follows:

Classification	Response code Q1	Response code Q3	Description	Comment
Christian	1 or 3	1	Believe in God or both God and universal spirit <u>and</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Christianity	Includes people who believe in <u>both</u> God <u>and</u> a universal spirit. Some people may not regard such belief as strictly Christian.
Christian (universal spirit only)	2	1	Believe in universal spirit only <u>and</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Christianity	'Universal spiritualists' of Christian background. Could be called 'New Age' Christians.
Unsure (Christian background)	5	1	Not sure if they believe in God or universal spirit <u>and</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Christianity – agnostics of Christian background.	These are people who are 'unsure' or agnostics of Christian background.
Non-believer (Christian background)	4	1	Do not believe in God or universal spirit <u>but</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Christianity.	These are non-believers of Christian background".
Other religion	1 or 2 or 3	2-5 or 8	Believe in God, universal spirit or both <u>and</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or 'other'.	Other non-Christian religions are grouped together as collectively they make up only about 7% of the population.
Unsure (other background)	5	2-5 or 8	Not sure if they believe in God or universal spirit <u>and</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or 'other'.	These are people who are 'unsure' or agnostics of non-Christian religious background.
Non-believer (other background)	4	2-5 or 8	Do not believe in God or universal spirit <u>but</u> 'belong to' or 'identify with' Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or 'other'.	These are non-believers of non-Christian religious background.
Believer, no/dk religion	1 or 2 or 3	6, 7 or 9	Believe in God, universal spirit or both <u>but</u> refused, didn't know or said they had no religion.	Non-specific 'believers'.
Unsure (no religion)	5	6	Not sure if they believe in God or universal spirit and say they have 'no religion'.	
Non-believer (no religion)	4	6	Do not believe in God or universal spirit and say they have 'no religion'.	
TOTAL Believers	1 or 2 or 3	any	Believe in God, universal spirit or both.	
TOTAL Unsure	5	1-6 or 8	Not sure if they believe in God or universal spirit.	These are people who are 'unsure' or agnostics of all or no religious background.
TOTAL Non-believers	4	1-6 or 8	Do not believe in God or universal spirit.	These are non-believers of all or no religious background.
TOTAL Non-believer and Unsure	4 or 5	1-6 or 8	Do not believe in God or universal spirit.	These are non-believers and 'unsure' of all or no religious background.
Unclassified	7, 8 or 9	any	Refused, 'other' or 'don't know' on belief in God or universal spirit.	"Don't knows" could have been classed as 'unsure'. Note that 6% of population said they were unsure or 'agnostic', and only 1% said 'don't know'.



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TABLE 1 Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers & unsure	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
God	8237	2965	1823	1689	631	843	183	102	5190	3047	3488	4748	896	2291	2005	3044	7522	466			8237	
	49%	55%	44%	51%	44%	50%	48%	38%	51%	47%	43%	56%	39%	50%	47%	55%	90%	45%			73%	
Universal spirit	1868	506	417	419	212	264	16	33	1007	860	783	1085	221	563	470	614		381			1868	
	11%	9%	10%	13%	15%	16%	4%	12%	10%	13%	10%	13%	10%	12%	11%	11%		37%			16%	
Both	1234	316	355	236	129	147	16	34	701	533	475	758	134	366	315	419	819	179			1234	
	7%	6%	9%	7%	9%	9%	4%	13%	7%	8%	6%	9%	6%	8%	7%	8%	10%	17%			11%	
No, do not believe/ atheist	4054	1257	1175	749	285	335	169	84	2469	1586	2621	1434	737	1007	1191	1120			4054		4054	
	24%	23%	28%	23%	20%	20%	44%	31%	24%	24%	32%	17%	32%	22%	28%	20%			100%		81%	
Not sure/agnostic	947	317	314	66	150	84		17	595	352	592	355	222	283	210	233				947		
	6%	6%	8%	2%	11%	5%		6%	6%	5%	7%	4%	10%	6%	5%	4%				100%	19%	
Refuse/prefer not to answer	85		34	51					67	17	68	17	17	17	17	34						
	1%		1%	2%					1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%						
Other	69	19	33	17					33	36	53	16	35		33							
	0%	0%	1%	1%					0%	1%	1%	0%	2%		1%							
Don't know	168	33	18	84	17	16			118	50	117	50	16	35	34	82						
	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%			1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%						
TOTAL Believe in God	9471	3281	2179	1925	760	990	199	136	5891	3579	3964	5507	1030	2657	2320	3463	8341	645			9471	
	57%	61%	52%	58%	53%	59%	52%	50%	58%	55%	48%	65%	45%	58%	54%	62%	100%	63%			84%	

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TABLE 2 Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God	Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
					Non-believer									
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
God	8237	8237					3504	3031	1453	215	4187	3384	483	149
	49%	100%					88%	69%	41%	5%	84%	68%	50%	43%
Universal spirit	1868		1868				163	463	664	562	397	956	352	149
	11%		100%				4%	11%	19%	12%	8%	19%	36%	43%
Both	1234			1234			216	530	320	152	386	667	132	49
	7%			100%			5%	12%	9%	3%	8%	13%	14%	14%
No, do not believe/atheist	4054					4054	64	227	697	3052				
	24%					100%	2%	5%	20%	65%				
Not sure/agnostic	947			947				98	318	531				
	6%			100%				2%	9%	11%				
Refuse/prefer not to answer	85							17	17	51				
	1%							0%	0%	1%				
Other	69							17	16	36				
	0%							0%	0%	1%				
Don't know	168							17	17	33				
	1%							0%	0%	1%				
TOTAL Believe in God	9471	8237		1234			3720	3561	1773	367	4573	4051	615	198
	57%	100%		100%			94%	81%	50%	8%	92%	81%	64%	57%

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TABLE 3 Q2. CERTAINTY OF BELIEF
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		FAITH CLASS
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	IFICATION
																			Total believers
RESPONDENTS	682	228	156	140	59	76	13	10	415	267	283	399	74	192	171	245	501	62	682
WTD. RESP.	11338	3787	2596	2344	972	1255	215	170	6899	4440	4747	6592	1251	3221	2790	4077	8341	1025	11338
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Absolutely certain	4970	1788	1185	1089	330	429	113	36	3105	1864	2008	2962	535	1201	1252	1983	4111	440	4970
	44%	47%	46%	46%	34%	34%	53%	21%	45%	42%	42%	45%	43%	37%	45%	49%	49%	43%	44%
Fairly certain	5007	1575	1071	1038	427	661	102	134	3101	1906	2103	2904	580	1586	1245	1596	3463	472	5007
	44%	42%	41%	44%	44%	53%	47%	79%	45%	43%	44%	44%	46%	49%	45%	39%	42%	46%	44%
Not too certain	967	246	223	185	216	97			464	503	387	580	104	352	262	248	567	64	967
	9%	6%	9%	8%	22%	8%			7%	11%	8%	9%	8%	11%	9%	6%	7%	6%	9%
Not at all certain	347	147	99	32		68			180	167	215	132	32	82	16	216	166	49	347
	3%	4%	4%	1%		5%			3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%	5%	3%
TOTAL ABSOLUTELY/ FAIRLY CERTAIN	9976	3363	2257	2127	756	1090	215	170	6206	3770	4111	5866	1114	2787	2497	3579	7574	913	9976
	88%	89%	87%	91%	78%	87%	100%	100%	90%	85%	87%	89%	89%	87%	89%	88%	91%	89%	88%
TOTAL NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL CERTAIN	1314	393	322	217	216	165			644	670	602	712	137	434	279	464	733	113	1314
	12%	10%	12%	9%	22%	13%			9%	15%	13%	11%	11%	13%	10%	11%	9%	11%	12%
Don't know	48	31	17						48		34	14			14	34	34		48
	0%	1%	1%						1%		1%	0%			1%	1%	0%		0%

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TABLE 4 Q2. CERTAINTY OF BELIEF
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)			IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God	Universal	Both	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	682	495	113	74	234	242	146	56	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	11338	8237	1868	1234	3883	4024	2437	929	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Absolutely certain	4970	4187	397	386	3110	1241	348	237	4970			
	44%	51%	21%	31%	80%	31%	14%	26%	100%			
Fairly certain	5007	3384	956	667	757	2404	1417	413		5007		
	44%	41%	51%	54%	20%	60%	58%	44%		100%		
Not too certain	967	483	352	132	15	248	524	164			967	
	9%	6%	19%	11%	0%	6%	21%	18%			100%	
Not at all certain	347	149	149	49		83	149	116				347
	3%	2%	8%	4%		2%	6%	12%				100%
TOTAL ABSOLUTELY/ FAIRLY CERTAIN	9976	7571	1353	1052	3868	3645	1764	650	4970	5007		
	88%	92%	72%	85%	100%	91%	72%	70%	100%	100%		
TOTAL NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL CERTAIN	1314	632	501	182	15	331	672	279			967	347
	12%	8%	27%	15%	0%	8%	28%	30%			100%	100%
Don't know	48	34	14			48						
	0%	0%	1%			1%						

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TABLE 5 Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Christianity (includes Catholic/ Church of England/ Orthodox etc)	11234 67%	3870 71%	2643 63%	2292 69%	890 62%	1144 68%	227 59%	169 62%	6903 68%	4331 67%	5103 62%	6132 72%	1382 61%	2919 64%	2810 66%	4123 74%	8341 100%		1279 32%	550 58%	9237 81%	1829 37%
Buddhism	392 2%	81 2%	68 2%	50 2%	80 6%	81 5%	16 4%	16 6%	259 3%	133 2%	194 2%	198 2%	85 4%	145 3%	95 2%	67 1%		282 27%	79 2%	15 2%	282 2%	94 2%
Hinduism	238 1%	139 3%	51 1%	17 1%		15 1%	16 4%		206 2%	33 1%	120 1%	118 1%	98 4%	90 2%	33 1%	17 0%		223 22%	15 0%		223 2%	15 0%
Islam	135 1%	48 1%	51 1%		20 1%			16 6%	82 1%	53 1%	103 1%	32 0%	33 1%	53 1%	49 1%			135 13%			135 1%	
Judaism	67 0%	34 1%	17 0%			15 1%			67 1%		67 1%		32 1%		34 1%			15 1%	17 0%	34 4%	15 0%	51 1%
No religion	3972 24%	1112 21%	1175 28%	834 25%	355 25%	320 19%	124 32%	52 19%	2321 23%	1651 25%	2262 28%	1710 20%	615 27%	1256 28%	1091 26%	1010 18%			2615 65%	315 33%	972 9%	2930 59%
Refuse/prefer not to answer	104 1%		34 1%	51 2%				19 7%	17 0%	88 1%	86 1%	19 0%			36 1%	68 1%					71 1%	
Other	470 3%	129 2%	112 3%	50 2%	80 6%	99 6%			293 3%	177 3%	215 3%	255 3%	33 1%	99 2%	110 3%	227 4%		370 36%	49 1%	33 3%	370 3%	82 2%
Don't know	49 0%		17 0%	16 0%		16 1%			33 0%	16 0%	49 1%				16 0%	33 1%					33 0%	

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TABLE 6 Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)	11234	7522	897	819	550	1279	3362	3607	2611	1638	4260	3944	769	216
	67%	91%	48%	66%	58%	32%	85%	82%	74%	35%	86%	79%	80%	62%
Buddhism	392		200	82	15	79	32	164	99	81	69	165	31	16
	2%		11%	7%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	5%
Hinduism	238	121	68	34		15	83	139	17		99	107		17
	1%	1%	4%	3%		0%	2%	3%	0%		2%	2%		5%
Islam	135	135					81	54			65	70		
	1%	2%					2%	1%			1%	1%		
Judaism	67	15			34	17	15	17	17	17		15		
	0%	0%			4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%		
No religion	3972	198	573	201	315	2615	148	255	708	2830	235	539	134	65
	24%	2%	31%	16%	33%	65%	4%	6%	20%	60%	5%	11%	14%	19%
Refuse/prefer not to answer	104	34	17	19			17	19		51	34	19		17
	1%	0%	1%	2%			0%	0%		1%	1%	0%		5%
Other	470	195	113	63	33	49	208	129	66	66	207	115	33	16
	3%	2%	6%	5%	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	5%
Don't know	49	16		17			17	16		16		33		
	0%	0%		1%			0%	0%		0%		1%		

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TABLE 7 Q3. FAITH CLASSIFICATION
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure	
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Christian	8341	2981	1862	1710	644	860	183	102	5216	3124	3456	4885	850	2301	2044	3146	8341				8341	
	50%	55%	45%	52%	45%	51%	48%	38%	51%	48%	42%	58%	37%	50%	48%	57%	100%				74%	
Christian (universal spirit only)	897	213	167	217	117	150		33	512	385	388	508	135	214	213	334					897	
	5%	4%	4%	7%	8%	9%		12%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%					8%	
Unsure (Christian background)	550	168	167	66	66	67		17	315	235	338	212	136	151	112	150				550		
	3%	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%		6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%	3%				58%		
Non-believer (Christian background)	1279	476	396	232	46	68	45	16	742	537	819	460	244	201	390	444				1279		
	8%	9%	10%	7%	3%	4%	12%	6%	7%	8%	10%	5%	11%	4%	9%	8%				32%		
Other religion	1025	349	266	52	150	162	32	16	710	315	453	572	216	323	240	247		1025			1025	
	6%	6%	6%	2%	11%	10%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%	4%		100%			9%	
Unsure (other background)	82	51	17		15				66	16	51	31	17	15	34	16					82	
	0%	1%	0%		1%				1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%					9%	
Non-believer (other background)	160	33	17	32	15	48		16	96	64	160		32	50	31	48				160		
	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%		6%	1%	1%	2%		1%	1%	1%	1%				4%		
Believer, no/dk religion	1076	245	301	365	62	83		19	460	615	450	626	50	383	293	350					1076	
	6%	5%	7%	11%	4%	5%		7%	5%	9%	5%	7%	2%	8%	7%	6%					9%	
Unsure (no religion)	315	99	130		69	17			214	101	203	112	69	117	63	66					315	
	2%	2%	3%		5%	1%			2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%				33%		
Non-believer (no religion)	2615	749	761	485	224	220	124	52	1630	985	1641	974	460	756	770	628				2615		
	16%	14%	18%	15%	16%	13%	32%	19%	16%	15%	20%	12%	20%	17%	18%	11%				65%		
TOTAL Believers	11338	3787	2596	2344	972	1255	215	170	6899	4440	4747	6592	1251	3221	2790	4077	8341	1025			11338	
	68%	70%	62%	71%	68%	74%	56%	63%	68%	69%	58%	78%	55%	71%	65%	74%	100%	100%			100%	
TOTAL Unsure	947	317	314	66	150	84		17	595	352	592	355	222	283	210	233				947		
	6%	6%	8%	2%	11%	5%		6%	6%	5%	7%	4%	10%	6%	5%	4%				100%		

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TABLE 7 (CONT.) Q3. FAITH CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers & unsure	Total non-bel & unsure	
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL Non-believer	4054	1257	1175	749	285	335	169	84	2469	1586	2621	1434	737	1007	1191	1120			4054			4054
	24%	23%	28%	23%	20%	20%	44%	31%	24%	24%	32%	17%	32%	22%	28%	20%			100%			81%
TOTAL Non-believer and Unsure	5001	1575	1488	815	435	419	169	101	3064	1938	3213	1789	959	1289	1401	1352			4054	947		5001
	30%	29%	36%	25%	31%	25%	44%	37%	30%	30%	39%	21%	42%	28%	33%	24%			100%	100%		100%
Unclassified	321	52	84	152	17	16			218	104	238	83	68	52	85	116						
	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	1%			2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%						

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TABLE 8 Q3. FAITH CLASSIFICATION
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God	Universal	Both	Unsure	Non-	Very	Somewhat	Not	Not	Absolutely	Fairly	Not	Not
		spirit	spirit	Unsure	believer	believer			too	at			too	at
								all	all			all	all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Christian	8341	7522		819			3296	3201	1626	201	4111	3463	567	166
	50%	91%		66%			83%	73%	46%	4%	83%	69%	59%	48%
Christian (universal spirit only)	897		897				50	197	405	245	149	481	202	50
	5%		48%				1%	4%	12%	5%	3%	10%	21%	14%
Unsure (Christian background)	550				550			49	232	269				
	3%				58%			1%	7%	6%				
Non-believer (Christian background)	1279					1279	16	126	299	838				
	8%					32%	0%	3%	8%	18%				
Other religion	1025	466	381	179			371	455	166	17	440	472	64	49
	6%	6%	20%	14%			9%	10%	5%	0%	9%	9%	7%	14%
Unsure (other background)	82				82			17	17	48				
	0%				9%			0%	0%	1%				
Non-believer (other background)	160					160	31	31	16	82				
	1%					4%	1%	1%	0%	2%				
Believer, no/dk religion	1076	249	590	237			166	171	240	465	269	590	134	83
	6%	3%	32%	19%			4%	4%	7%	10%	5%	12%	14%	24%
Unsure (no religion)	315				315			33	68	214				
	2%				33%			1%	2%	5%				
Non-believer (no religion)	2615					2615	16	69	382	2132				
	16%					65%	0%	2%	11%	45%				
TOTAL Believers	11338	8237	1868	1234			3883	4024	2437	929	4970	5007	967	347
	68%	100%	100%	100%			98%	91%	69%	20%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 8 (CONT.) Q3. FAITH CLASSIFICATION

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God Universal	Both Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
		spirit												
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL Unsure	947				947		98	318	531					
	6%				100%		2%	9%	11%					
TOTAL Non-believer	4054				4054	64	227	697	3052					
	24%				100%	2%	5%	20%	65%					
TOTAL Non-believer and Unsure	5001				947	4054	64	325	1015	3582				
	30%				100%	100%	2%	7%	29%	76%				
Unclassified	321						17	50	66	188				
	2%						0%	1%	2%	4%				

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TABLE 9 Q4. IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN LIFE
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure	
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Very important	3963	1348	899	851	289	409	81	85	2633	1331	1714	2249	330	963	938	1732	3296	371	64		3883	64
	24%	25%	22%	26%	20%	24%	21%	31%	26%	21%	21%	27%	14%	21%	22%	31%	40%	36%	2%		34%	1%
Somewhat important	4400	1432	1153	733	366	560	70	85	2665	1735	1764	2636	684	1367	1008	1341	3201	455	227	98	4024	325
	26%	26%	28%	22%	26%	33%	18%	32%	26%	27%	22%	31%	30%	30%	24%	24%	38%	44%	6%	10%	35%	7%
Not too important	3518	1277	622	842	347	350	64	16	2001	1517	1746	1772	558	1008	1053	899	1626	166	697	318	2437	1015
	21%	24%	15%	25%	24%	21%	17%	6%	20%	23%	21%	21%	24%	22%	25%	16%	19%	16%	17%	34%	21%	20%
Not at all important	4699	1325	1478	867	422	354	169	84	2835	1864	2941	1758	706	1208	1228	1556	201	17	3052	531	929	3582
	28%	24%	35%	26%	30%	21%	44%	31%	28%	29%	36%	21%	31%	26%	29%	28%	2%	2%	75%	56%	8%	72%
TOTAL IMPORTANT	8363	2780	2052	1585	656	969	151	170	5298	3065	3478	4886	1014	2330	1946	3073	6497	826	291	98	7907	389
	50%	51%	49%	48%	46%	57%	39%	63%	52%	47%	42%	58%	45%	51%	46%	55%	78%	81%	7%	10%	70%	8%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	8217	2602	2101	1709	769	704	233	100	4836	3382	4688	3529	1264	2216	2281	2455	1827	183	3749	849	3366	4597
	49%	48%	50%	52%	54%	42%	61%	37%	47%	52%	57%	42%	55%	49%	53%	44%	22%	18%	92%	90%	30%	92%
Don't know	81	32	16	17	16	16			47	34	32	48		16	48	17	17	16	15		66	15
	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%			0%	1%	0%	1%		0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%		1%	0%

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TABLE 10 Q4. IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN LIFE
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Very important	3963	3504	163	216		64	3963				3110	757	15	
	24%	43%	9%	17%		2%	100%				63%	15%	2%	
Somewhat important	4400	3031	463	530	98	227		4400			1241	2404	248	83
	26%	37%	25%	43%	10%	6%		100%			25%	48%	26%	24%
Not too important	3518	1453	664	320	318	697			3518		348	1417	524	149
	21%	18%	36%	26%	34%	17%			100%		7%	28%	54%	43%
Not at all important	4699	215	562	152	531	3052				4699	237	413	164	116
	28%	3%	30%	12%	56%	75%				100%	5%	8%	17%	33%
TOTAL IMPORTANT	8363	6535	626	746	98	291	3963	4400			4351	3162	263	83
	50%	79%	34%	60%	10%	7%	100%	100%			88%	63%	27%	24%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	8217	1668	1226	472	849	3749			3518	4699	585	1829	687	264
	49%	20%	66%	38%	90%	92%			100%	100%	12%	37%	71%	76%
Don't know	81	34	16	16		15					33	16	17	
	0%	0%	1%	1%		0%					1%	0%	2%	

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TABLE 11 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc))

	Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS			
	5i. Jesus Christ was a real person who lived 2000 years ago	5ii. Jesus Christ was the son of God	5iii. The mother of Jesus Christ was a virgin	5iv. Jesus rose from the dead
RESPONDENTS	555	555	555	555
WTD. RESP.	9237 100%	9237 100%	9237 100%	9237 100%
Believe true	8551 93%	7891 85%	6154 67%	7254 79%
Don't believe	553 6%	1026 11%	2522 27%	1465 16%
Don't know	133 1%	321 3%	561 6%	519 6%

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TABLE 12 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5i. Jesus Christ was a real person who lived 2000 years ago)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASS IFICATION	FAITH CLASS IFICATION
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Total believers
		RESPONDENTS	555	192	122	115	46	61	11	8	344	211	229	326	58	150	138	209
WTD. RESP.	9237	3194	2029	1927	761	1009	183	135	5728	3509	3844	5393	985	2515	2257	3480	8341	9237
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8551	2947	1976	1705	745	892	151	135	5391	3159	3643	4908	831	2400	2106	3213	7855	8551
	93%	92%	97%	89%	98%	88%	82%	100%	94%	90%	95%	91%	84%	95%	93%	92%	94%	93%
Don't believe	553	149	53	204	16	100	32		236	317	169	384	138	82	134	199	370	553
	6%	5%	3%	11%	2%	10%	18%		4%	9%	4%	7%	14%	3%	6%	6%	4%	6%
Don't know	133	98		17		18			101	33	32	101	16	32	17	67	116	133
	1%	3%		1%		2%			2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%

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TABLE 13 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5i. Jesus Christ was a real person who lived 2000 years ago)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)			IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God	Universal	Both	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
		spirit										
RESPONDENTS	555	452	54	49	201	205	121	27	256	237	46	13
WTD. RESP.	9237	7522	897	819	3346	3398	2031	446	4260	3944	769	216
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8551	7155	696	700	3296	3165	1726	364	4161	3593	582	166
	93%	95%	78%	85%	99%	93%	85%	82%	98%	91%	76%	77%
Don't believe	553	267	183	103	33	183	271	66	99	268	137	50
	6%	4%	20%	13%	1%	5%	13%	15%	2%	7%	18%	23%
Don't know	133	100	17	16	16	50	34	17		83	51	
	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	4%		2%	7%	

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TABLE 14 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5ii. Jesus Christ was the son of God)

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASS IFICATION	FAITH CLASS IFICATION	
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Total believers	
	RESPONDENTS	555	192	122	115	46	61	11	8	344	211	229	326	58	150	138	209	501
WTD. RESP.	9237	3194	2029	1927	761	1009	183	135	5728	3509	3844	5393	985	2515	2257	3480	8341	9237
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	7891	2796	1724	1692	582	842	151	104	4976	2915	3241	4650	865	2236	1891	2900	7574	7891
	85%	88%	85%	88%	77%	83%	82%	77%	87%	83%	84%	86%	88%	89%	84%	83%	91%	85%
Don't believe	1026	300	185	184	161	133	32	32	532	494	451	575	121	194	316	395	548	1026
	11%	9%	9%	10%	21%	13%	18%	23%	9%	14%	12%	11%	12%	8%	14%	11%	7%	11%
Don't know	321	98	120	51	17	34			219	101	152	169		85	51	185	218	321
	3%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%			4%	3%	4%	3%		3%	2%	5%	3%	3%

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TABLE 15 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5ii. Jesus Christ was the son of God)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
	God	Universal	Both		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	555	452	54	49	201	205	121	27	256	237	46	13
WTD. RESP.	9237	7522	897	819	3346	3398	2031	446	4260	3944	769	216
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	7891	6974	317	601	3216	3000	1510	165	4013	3256	423	167
	85%	93%	35%	73%	96%	88%	74%	37%	94%	83%	55%	77%
Don't believe	1026	398	478	150	96	299	418	212	212	536	228	49
	11%	5%	53%	18%	3%	9%	21%	48%	5%	14%	30%	23%
Don't know	321	150	102	68	34	99	102	69	34	152	118	
	3%	2%	11%	8%	1%	3%	5%	15%	1%	4%	15%	

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TABLE 16 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5iii. The mother of Jesus Christ was a virgin)

TOTAL	STATE								LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASS IFICATION	FAITH CLASS IFICATION
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Total believers	
RESPONDENTS	555	192	122	115	46	61	11	8	344	211	229	326	58	150	138	209	501	555
WTD. RESP.	9237	3194	2029	1927	761	1009	183	135	5728	3509	3844	5393	985	2515	2257	3480	8341	9237
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6154	2370	1321	1290	391	595	119	68	4008	2147	2546	3608	716	1871	1536	2032	6022	6154
	67%	74%	65%	67%	51%	59%	65%	50%	70%	61%	66%	67%	73%	74%	68%	58%	72%	67%
Don't believe	2522	677	571	471	321	366	49	67	1440	1082	1035	1487	254	528	657	1083	1809	2522
	27%	21%	28%	24%	42%	36%	27%	50%	25%	31%	27%	28%	26%	21%	29%	31%	22%	27%
Don't know	561	147	137	165	49	48	15		280	281	263	298	16	117	64	365	510	561
	6%	5%	7%	9%	6%	5%	8%		5%	8%	7%	6%	2%	5%	3%	10%	6%	6%

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TABLE 17 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5iii. The mother of Jesus Christ was a virgin)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
	God	Universal	Both		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	555	452	54	49	201	205	121	27	256	237	46	13
WTD. RESP.	9237	7522	897	819	3346	3398	2031	446	4260	3944	769	216
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6154	5587	132	435	3015	2176	896	68	3617	2214	193	116
	67%	74%	15%	53%	90%	64%	44%	15%	85%	56%	25%	54%
Don't believe	2522	1505	713	304	198	991	989	344	409	1519	494	82
	27%	20%	80%	37%	6%	29%	49%	77%	10%	39%	64%	38%
Don't know	561	430	51	80	133	231	146	35	234	212	82	17
	6%	6%	6%	10%	4%	7%	7%	8%	5%	5%	11%	8%

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TABLE 18 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5iv. Jesus rose from the dead)

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASS IFICATION	FAITH CLASS IFICATION	
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Total believers	
	RESPONDENTS	555	192	122	115	46	61	11	8	344	211	229	326	58	150	138	209	501
WTD. RESP.	9237	3194	2029	1927	761	1009	183	135	5728	3509	3844	5393	985	2515	2257	3480	8341	9237
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	7254	2698	1472	1524	565	741	151	104	4661	2593	2957	4297	814	2051	1812	2576	7070	7254
	79%	84%	73%	79%	74%	73%	82%	77%	81%	74%	77%	80%	83%	82%	80%	74%	85%	79%
Don't believe	1465	349	420	284	179	201	16	16	783	682	688	777	155	298	346	666	802	1465
	16%	11%	21%	15%	23%	20%	9%	12%	14%	19%	18%	14%	16%	12%	15%	19%	10%	16%
Don't know	519	146	137	119	17	67	16	16	284	234	199	319	16	167	99	237	469	519
	6%	5%	7%	6%	2%	7%	9%	12%	5%	7%	5%	6%	2%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%

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TABLE 19 Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc)) *AND* Q5a. CHRISTIAN BELIEFS(5iv. Jesus rose from the dead)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God	Universal	Both		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	555	452	54	49	201	205	121	27	256	237	46	13	
WTD. RESP.	9237	7522	897	819	3346	3398	2031	446	4260	3944	769	216	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Believe true	7254	6517	184	553	3163	2748	1194	149	3908	2859	340	133	
	79%	87%	21%	68%	95%	81%	59%	33%	92%	72%	44%	62%	
Don't believe	1465	701	663	101	113	451	639	246	248	819	332	49	
	16%	9%	74%	12%	3%	13%	31%	55%	6%	21%	43%	23%	
Don't know	519	305	50	164	70	200	198	50	104	266	98	33	
	6%	4%	6%	20%	2%	6%	10%	11%	2%	7%	13%	16%	

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TABLE 20 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS									
	5v. Life after death	5vi. Heaven	5vii. Hell	5viii. Miracles	5ix. Angels	5x. Astrology	5xi. Witches	5xii. The devil	5xiii. UFOs	5xiv. Psychic powers such as ESP
RESPONDENTS	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
WTD. RESP.	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661	16661
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8864 53%	9331 56%	6315 38%	10536 63%	8423 51%	6848 41%	3743 22%	6181 37%	5644 34%	8196 49%
Don't believe	6458 39%	6670 40%	9786 59%	5806 35%	7703 46%	9162 55%	12641 76%	10050 60%	9648 58%	7724 46%
Don't know	1339 8%	660 4%	560 3%	319 2%	535 3%	651 4%	277 2%	430 3%	1368 8%	740 4%

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TABLE 21 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5v. Life after death)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8864	3063	1964	1912	715	860	181	171	5372	3492	3636	5228	1342	2819	2090	2614	5953	741	692	180	7891	872
	53%	57%	47%	58%	50%	51%	47%	63%	53%	54%	44%	62%	59%	62%	49%	47%	71%	72%	17%	19%	70%	17%
Don't believe	6458	1977	1817	1199	513	682	170	99	3879	2579	3953	2505	836	1493	1744	2384	1756	152	3184	583	2487	3768
	39%	37%	44%	36%	36%	40%	44%	37%	38%	40%	48%	30%	37%	33%	41%	43%	21%	15%	79%	62%	22%	75%
Don't know	1339	374	387	200	197	148	33		929	410	609	730	100	250	441	547	632	133	178	184	960	362
	8%	7%	9%	6%	14%	9%	9%		9%	6%	7%	9%	4%	5%	10%	10%	8%	13%	4%	19%	8%	7%

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TABLE 22 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5v. Life after death)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8864	5762	1093	1035	180	692	3147	2728	1751	1189	4101	3124	518	148
	53%	70%	59%	84%	19%	17%	79%	62%	50%	25%	83%	62%	54%	43%
Don't believe	6458	1794	563	131	583	3184	503	1174	1485	3264	619	1318	367	149
	39%	22%	30%	11%	62%	79%	13%	27%	42%	69%	12%	26%	38%	43%
Don't know	1339	680	212	68	184	178	312	498	282	246	249	565	82	50
	8%	8%	11%	5%	19%	4%	8%	11%	8%	5%	5%	11%	8%	14%

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TABLE 23 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5vi. Heaven)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	9331	3091	2123	1999	775	1042	167	135	5735	3596	3700	5631	1278	2768	2202	3083	7220	719	340	163	8727	504
	56%	57%	51%	60%	54%	62%	43%	50%	56%	55%	45%	67%	56%	61%	51%	56%	87%	70%	8%	17%	77%	10%
Don't believe	6670	2094	1893	1195	552	615	185	136	4097	2573	4182	2488	952	1677	1861	2180	922	274	3663	634	2169	4297
	40%	39%	45%	36%	39%	36%	48%	50%	40%	40%	51%	29%	42%	37%	44%	39%	11%	27%	90%	67%	19%	86%
Don't know	660	229	153	117	98	32	32		348	312	316	345	49	117	213	281	198	33	51	150	442	201
	4%	4%	4%	4%	7%	2%	8%		3%	5%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	2%	3%	1%	16%	4%	4%

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TABLE 24 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5vi. Heaven)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	9331	7113	631	983	163	340	3557	3375	1702	647	4423	3600	538	132
	56%	86%	34%	80%	17%	8%	90%	77%	48%	14%	89%	72%	56%	38%
Don't believe	6670	957	1026	186	634	3663	323	876	1585	3855	480	1161	363	165
	40%	12%	55%	15%	67%	90%	8%	20%	45%	82%	10%	23%	38%	48%
Don't know	660	166	211	65	150	51	83	149	231	197	66	246	66	50
	4%	2%	11%	5%	16%	1%	2%	3%	7%	4%	1%	5%	7%	14%

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TABLE 25 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5vii. Hell)

TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure	
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6315	2319	1438	1380	366	526	135	151	3922	2393	2834	3481	955	1879	1547	1934	4792	460	391	106	5735	497
	38%	43%	35%	42%	26%	31%	35%	56%	39%	37%	35%	41%	42%	41%	36%	35%	57%	45%	10%	11%	51%	10%
Don't believe	9786	2947	2647	1799	977	1063	233	120	5988	3798	5165	4621	1257	2599	2584	3345	3235	533	3663	791	5093	4454
	59%	54%	64%	54%	69%	63%	61%	44%	59%	59%	63%	55%	55%	57%	60%	60%	39%	52%	90%	84%	45%	89%
Don't know	560	148	82	132	82	100	16		271	290	199	362	66	84	145	265	314	33		51	510	51
	3%	3%	2%	4%	6%	6%	4%		3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%		5%	4%	1%

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TABLE 26 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5vii. Hell)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6315	4905	327	504	106	391	2662	2173	932	484	3262	2229	198	32
	38%	60%	17%	41%	11%	10%	67%	49%	26%	10%	66%	45%	20%	9%
Don't believe	9786	3035	1394	664	791	3663	1154	2028	2437	4150	1561	2517	718	281
	59%	37%	75%	54%	84%	90%	29%	46%	69%	88%	31%	50%	74%	81%
Don't know	560	296	147	66	51		147	199	149	65	146	262	51	34
	3%	4%	8%	5%	5%		4%	5%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	10%

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TABLE 27 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5viii. Miracles)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	10536	3423	2440	2231	1012	1096	199	136	6311	4225	4288	6248	1378	3101	2636	3421	6902	755	934	318	9147	1252
	63%	63%	59%	67%	71%	65%	52%	50%	62%	65%	52%	74%	60%	68%	62%	62%	83%	74%	23%	34%	81%	25%
Don't believe	5806	1885	1646	998	413	561	169	135	3665	2141	3755	2051	901	1391	1572	1942	1224	248	3120	582	1920	3701
	35%	35%	39%	30%	29%	33%	44%	50%	36%	33%	46%	24%	40%	30%	37%	35%	15%	24%	77%	61%	17%	74%
Don't know	319	106	82	82	33	16			205	115	155	164		70	67	181	215	23		48	271	48
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%			2%	2%	2%	2%		2%	2%	3%	3%	2%		5%	2%	1%

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TABLE 28 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5viii. Miracles)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	10536	6747	1453	948	318	934	3524	3376	2297	1258	4507	3757	702	149
	63%	82%	78%	77%	34%	23%	89%	77%	65%	27%	91%	75%	73%	43%
Don't believe	5806	1285	381	254	582	3120	390	852	1170	3394	363	1128	231	197
	35%	16%	20%	21%	61%	77%	10%	19%	33%	72%	7%	23%	24%	57%
Don't know	319	205	34	32	48		50	171	51	47	99	122	33	
	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%		1%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	

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TABLE 29 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5ix. Angels)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8423	2796	2031	1862	659	772	199	104	5113	3309	3051	5371	1224	2325	2226	2648	6230	714	389	119	7883	508
	51%	52%	49%	56%	46%	46%	52%	38%	50%	51%	37%	63%	54%	51%	52%	48%	75%	70%	10%	13%	70%	10%
Don't believe	7703	2400	2051	1366	701	850	169	167	4682	3021	4894	2810	1005	2114	1872	2713	1808	247	3633	795	2986	4428
	46%	44%	49%	41%	49%	50%	44%	62%	46%	47%	60%	33%	44%	46%	44%	49%	22%	24%	90%	84%	26%	89%
Don't know	535	218	86	83	65	67	16		384	151	253	282	50	123	179	184	302	65	32	33	470	66
	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%		4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	1%	4%	4%	1%

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TABLE 30 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5ix. Angels)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8423	6204	883	797	119	389	3371	2848	1491	632	4306	3061	369	116
	51%	75%	47%	65%	13%	10%	85%	65%	42%	13%	87%	61%	38%	33%
Don't believe	7703	1819	853	315	795	3633	510	1368	1874	3951	532	1722	484	231
	46%	22%	46%	26%	84%	90%	13%	31%	53%	84%	11%	34%	50%	67%
Don't know	535	214	133	123	33	32	83	183	153	117	132	224	113	
	3%	3%	7%	10%	4%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	12%	

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TABLE 31 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5x. Astrology)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6848	2284	1495	1392	700	792	80	105	4164	2684	2913	3935	1080	2036	1629	2102	3640	666	1076	257	5399	1333
	41%	42%	36%	42%	49%	47%	21%	39%	41%	41%	36%	47%	47%	45%	38%	38%	44%	65%	27%	27%	48%	27%
Don't believe	9162	2964	2470	1801	643	832	287	165	5650	3513	5155	4008	1147	2373	2497	3144	4201	310	2911	690	5373	3601
	55%	55%	59%	54%	45%	49%	75%	61%	55%	54%	63%	47%	50%	52%	58%	57%	50%	30%	72%	73%	47%	72%
Don't know	651	166	203	118	82	65	16		366	285	131	520	51	153	149	298	500	49	67		566	67
	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%		4%	4%	2%	6%	2%	3%	3%	5%	6%	5%	2%		5%	1%

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TABLE 32 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5x. Astrology)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6848	3643	1137	619	257	1076	1463	2416	1697	1238	2187	2565	485	131
	41%	44%	61%	50%	27%	27%	37%	55%	48%	26%	44%	51%	50%	38%
Don't believe	9162	4174	697	502	690	2911	2233	1833	1655	3427	2496	2227	433	199
	55%	51%	37%	41%	73%	72%	56%	42%	47%	73%	50%	44%	45%	57%
Don't know	651	419	34	113		67	267	151	166	34	286	215	49	17
	4%	5%	2%	9%		2%	7%	3%	5%	1%	6%	4%	5%	5%

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TABLE 33 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xi. Witches)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	3743	1209	724	788	429	380	126	86	2269	1474	1613	2130	458	1072	1116	1097	2224	390	341	106	3263	447
	22%	22%	17%	24%	30%	23%	33%	32%	22%	23%	20%	25%	20%	24%	26%	20%	27%	38%	8%	11%	29%	9%
Don't believe	12641	4043	3410	2506	996	1261	242	184	7750	4892	6504	6137	1740	3458	3060	4383	5856	636	3697	841	7815	4538
	76%	75%	82%	76%	70%	75%	63%	68%	76%	75%	79%	73%	76%	76%	72%	79%	70%	62%	91%	89%	69%	91%
Don't know	277	162	34	16		48	16		162	115	81	196	81	32	100	65	260		16		260	16
	2%	3%	1%	0%		3%	4%		2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%		0%		2%	0%

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TABLE 34 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xi. Witches)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	3743	2122	708	432	106	341	1212	1205	743	567	1730	1233	267	32
	22%	26%	38%	35%	11%	8%	31%	27%	21%	12%	35%	25%	28%	9%
Don't believe	12641	5938	1159	718	841	3697	2640	3079	2741	4116	3097	3674	682	315
	76%	72%	62%	58%	89%	91%	67%	70%	78%	88%	62%	73%	71%	91%
Don't know	277	176		84		16	111	115	34	16	142	100	18	
	2%	2%		7%		0%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	2%	2%	

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TABLE 35 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xii. The devil)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6181 37%	2209 41%	1327 32%	1348 41%	485 34%	542 32%	151 39%	119 44%	3820 38%	2361 36%	2750 34%	3430 41%	843 37%	1741 38%	1548 36%	2049 37%	4917 59%	412 40%	184 5%	103 11%	5861 52%	286 6%
Don't believe	10050 60%	3022 56%	2792 67%	1913 58%	875 61%	1080 64%	217 57%	151 56%	6094 60%	3956 61%	5301 65%	4749 56%	1403 62%	2755 60%	2595 61%	3297 59%	3141 38%	598 58%	3854 95%	810 86%	5098 45%	4664 93%
Don't know	430 3%	183 3%	49 1%	50 2%	64 5%	67 4%	16 4%		266 3%	164 3%	147 2%	284 3%	33 1%	66 1%	132 3%	198 4%	283 3%	15 1%	16 0%	34 4%	380 3%	51 1%

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TABLE 36 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xii. The devil)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	6181	4984	377	500	103	184	2944	1972	860	371	3542	2108	149	48
	37%	61%	20%	41%	11%	5%	74%	45%	24%	8%	71%	42%	15%	14%
Don't believe	10050	3037	1427	634	810	3854	954	2246	2541	4262	1362	2702	768	249
	60%	37%	76%	51%	86%	95%	24%	51%	72%	91%	27%	54%	79%	72%
Don't know	430	216	64	100	34	16	66	182	117	66	66	197	50	50
	3%	3%	3%	8%	4%	0%	2%	4%	3%	1%	1%	4%	5%	14%

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TABLE 37 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xiii. UFOs)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	5644	1655	1307	1109	687	648	120	118	3274	2370	3086	2559	681	1528	1553	1882	2781	438	951	387	4222	1338
	34%	31%	31%	34%	48%	38%	31%	44%	32%	37%	38%	30%	30%	33%	36%	34%	33%	43%	23%	41%	37%	27%
Don't believe	9648	3265	2595	1870	656	907	202	152	6161	3488	4653	4995	1545	2723	2362	3019	4638	451	2956	514	5976	3470
	58%	60%	62%	56%	46%	54%	53%	56%	61%	54%	57%	59%	68%	60%	55%	54%	56%	44%	73%	54%	53%	69%
Don't know	1368	493	266	332	81	134	62		745	624	459	909	53	312	360	644	922	137	148	46	1140	194
	8%	9%	6%	10%	6%	8%	16%		7%	10%	6%	11%	2%	7%	8%	12%	11%	13%	4%	5%	10%	4%

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TABLE 38 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xiii. UFOs)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
	God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	5644	2607	1013	602	387	951	1061	1640	1395	1501	1609	2024	461	114
	34%	32%	54%	49%	41%	23%	27%	37%	40%	32%	32%	40%	48%	33%
Don't believe	9648	4775	719	482	514	2956	2390	2367	1888	2988	2750	2536	457	199
	58%	58%	38%	39%	54%	73%	60%	54%	54%	64%	55%	51%	47%	57%
Don't know	1368	854	136	150	46	148	512	394	235	211	610	447	49	34
	8%	10%	7%	12%	5%	4%	13%	9%	7%	4%	12%	9%	5%	10%

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TABLE 39 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xiv. Psychic powers such as ESP)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8196 49%	2679 49%	1912 46%	1711 52%	785 55%	842 50%	183 48%	85 31%	4766 47%	3431 53%	3172 39%	5024 59%	932 41%	2179 48%	2475 58%	2610 47%	4316 52%	607 59%	1349 33%	348 37%	6365 56%	1697 34%
Don't believe	7724 46%	2555 47%	2076 50%	1468 44%	557 39%	731 43%	170 44%	167 62%	4955 49%	2770 43%	4680 57%	3044 36%	1265 56%	2251 49%	1607 38%	2601 47%	3561 43%	386 38%	2625 65%	550 58%	4380 39%	3175 63%
Don't know	740 4%	180 3%	180 4%	132 4%	82 6%	117 7%	31 8%	19 7%	460 5%	281 4%	345 4%	395 5%	81 4%	132 3%	194 5%	333 6%	464 6%	33 3%	80 2%	49 5%	593 5%	129 3%

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TABLE 40 Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q5b. GENERAL BELIEFS(5xiv. Psychic powers such as ESP)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)				
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Believe true	8196	3997	1470	897	348	1349	1976	2367	2080	1723	2752	2852	598	149
	49%	49%	79%	73%	37%	33%	50%	54%	59%	37%	55%	57%	62%	43%
Don't believe	7724	3760	316	304	550	2625	1788	1803	1287	2831	1970	1924	303	149
	46%	46%	17%	25%	58%	65%	45%	41%	37%	60%	40%	38%	31%	43%
Don't know	740	479	82	32	49	80	199	230	151	145	247	231	66	49
	4%	6%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	7%	14%

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TABLE 41 Q6. EVOLUTION OR CREATION?
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years in a process guided by God	5281 32%	1977 37%	1209 29%	916 28%	481 34%	531 31%	47 12%	119 44%	3462 34%	1819 28%	2281 28%	3000 35%	685 30%	1444 32%	1461 34%	1690 30%	3893 47%	359 35%	165 4%	134 14%	4949 44%	299 6%
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years and God played no part in this process	6966 42%	2067 38%	1958 47%	1272 38%	618 43%	731 43%	169 44%	151 56%	4136 41%	2830 44%	4068 50%	2899 34%	1142 50%	1989 44%	1744 41%	2092 38%	1012 12%	375 37%	3589 89%	730 77%	2428 21%	4319 86%
God created human beings, largely in their present form, at one time in the last 10,000 years or so	3782 23%	1170 22%	865 21%	939 28%	310 22%	361 21%	137 36%		2232 22%	1550 24%	1486 18%	2296 27%	352 15%	1010 22%	971 23%	1449 26%	3138 38%	276 27%	167 4%	16 2%	3581 32%	184 4%
Don't know	632 4%	199 4%	135 3%	184 6%	15 1%	67 4%	31 8%		349 3%	282 4%	364 4%	268 3%	99 4%	120 3%	99 2%	314 6%	297 4%	16 2%	133 3%	67 7%	381 3%	200 4%

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TABLE 42 Q6. EVOLUTION OR CREATION?
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God	Universal	Both	Unsure	Non-	Very	Somewhat	Not	Not	Absolutely	Fairly	Not	Not
		spirit				believer			too	at			too	at
									all				all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years in a process guided by God	5281 32%	3687 45%	580 31%	682 55%	134 14%	165 4%	1481 37%	2240 51%	1205 34%	356 8%	1992 40%	2473 49%	385 40%	67 19%
Human beings developed from earlier forms of life over millions of years and God played no part in this process	6966 42%	1003 12%	1124 60%	300 24%	730 77%	3589 89%	341 9%	993 23%	1680 48%	3921 83%	418 8%	1365 27%	430 44%	198 57%
God created human beings, largely in their present form, at one time in the last 10,000 years or so	3782 23%	3300 40%	97 5%	185 15%	16 2%	167 4%	2026 51%	1018 23%	502 14%	219 5%	2429 49%	1002 20%	85 9%	65 19%
Don't know	632 4%	247 3%	68 4%	66 5%	67 7%	133 3%	115 3%	149 3%	131 4%	204 4%	130 3%	167 3%	67 7%	17 5%

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TABLE 43 Q7a. WHO WROTE THE BOOK?
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION	
		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	1000	326	249	198	86	102	23	16	613	387	489	511	133	271	262	334	501	62	242	57	682	299
WTD. RESP.	16661	5414	4168	3311	1425	1689	384	270	10180	6481	8198	8463	2278	4562	4276	5545	8341	1025	4054	947	11338	5001
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
BOOK is the word of God	5620 34%	2175 40%	1080 26%	1190 36%	465 33%	510 30%	114 30%	85 31%	3595 35%	2026 31%	2256 28%	3364 40%	722 32%	1689 37%	1279 30%	1931 35%	4827 58%	361 35%	147 4%	33 3%	5424 48%	180 4%
BOOK is a book written by men and is not the word of God	10207 61%	3022 56%	2846 68%	1938 59%	891 63%	1131 67%	192 50%	186 69%	6153 60%	4054 63%	5579 68%	4628 55%	1440 63%	2694 59%	2806 66%	3266 59%	3053 37%	632 62%	3777 93%	819 86%	5324 47%	4595 92%
Don't know	834 5%	216 4%	242 6%	182 6%	68 5%	49 3%	77 20%		432 4%	402 6%	362 4%	472 6%	116 5%	179 4%	191 4%	348 6%	461 6%	33 3%	131 3%	96 10%	591 5%	226 5%

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TABLE 44 Q7a. WHO WROTE THE BOOK?
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God	Universal	Both	Unsure	Non-	Very	Somewhat	Not	Not	Absolutely	Fairly	Not	Not
		spirit				believer			too	at			too	at
									all				all	
RESPONDENTS	1000	495	113	74	57	242	239	264	211	281	299	301	58	21
WTD. RESP.	16661	8237	1868	1234	947	4054	3963	4400	3518	4699	4970	5007	967	347
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
BOOK is the word of God	5620	4941	133	350	33	147	2797	1989	615	186	3303	1887	169	49
	34%	60%	7%	28%	3%	4%	71%	45%	17%	4%	66%	38%	17%	14%
BOOK is a book written by men and is not the word of God	10207	2870	1654	801	819	3777	1001	2168	2738	4253	1453	2842	747	265
	61%	35%	89%	65%	86%	93%	25%	49%	78%	91%	29%	57%	77%	76%
Don't know	834	426	80	84	96	131	166	243	166	260	213	278	51	34
	5%	5%	4%	7%	10%	3%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	10%

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TABLE 45 Q7b. INTERPRETING THE BOOK
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q7a. WHO WROTE THE BOOK?(BOOK is the word of God)

	STATE							LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		
	TOTAL	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total Non-believer	Total Unsure	Total believers	Total non-bel & unsure
RESPONDENTS	338	131	65	71	28	31	7	5	216	122	135	203	43	101	78	116	290	22	9	2	326	11
WTD. RESP.	5620	2175	1080	1190	465	510	114	85	3595	2026	2256	3364	722	1689	1279	1931	4827	361	147	33	5424	180
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
BOOK is to be taken literally, word for word	1534	509	337	403	101	100	49	34	913	621	679	855	168	448	230	688	1222	179	50	3	1468	50
	27%	23%	31%	34%	22%	20%	43%	40%	25%	31%	30%	25%	23%	27%	18%	36%	25%	50%	34%	27%	28%	
Not everything in BOOK should be taken literally, word for word	3855	1568	710	720	348	394	65	51	2582	1273	1494	2361	554	1175	1015	1111	3407	166	97	33	3724	130
	69%	72%	66%	60%	75%	77%	57%	60%	72%	63%	66%	70%	77%	70%	79%	58%	71%	46%	66%	100%	69%	72%
Don't know	232	99	33	67	16	16			100	132	84	148		66	34	132	198	16			232	
	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	3%			3%	7%	4%	4%		4%	3%	7%	4%	4%			4%	

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TABLE 46 Q7b. INTERPRETING THE BOOK
WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)
FILTERS: Q7a. WHO WROTE THE BOOK?(BOOK is the word of God)

	TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)					IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
		God Universal spirit	Both	Unsure	Non-believer		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	338	297	8	21	2	9	168	120	37	11	198	114	10	3
WTD. RESP.	5620	4941	133	350	33	147	2797	1989	615	186	3303	1887	169	49
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
BOOK is to be taken literally, word for word	1534 27%	1434 29%	16 12%	18 5%		50 34%	1148 41%	200 10%	118 19%	52 28%	1235 37%	201 11%	17 10%	16 32%
Not everything in BOOK should be taken literally, word for word	3855 69%	3307 67%	118 88%	300 86%	33 100%	97 66%	1516 54%	1724 87%	481 78%	134 72%	1885 57%	1653 88%	136 81%	33 68%
Don't know	232 4%	199 4%		32 9%			133 5%	65 3%	16 3%		183 6%	33 2%	16 10%	

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Q8. INTERPRETING MY RELIGION

WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc) *OR* Buddhism *OR* Hinduism *OR* Islam *OR* Judaism)

	STATE								LOCATION		SEX		AGE				FAITH CLASSIFICATION		FAITH CLASSIFICATION
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA/NT	WA	Tas	ACT	Cap city	Ex-cap city	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55+	Christian	Other religion	Total believers	
RESPONDENTS	594	208	132	117	50	65	13	9	372	222	248	346	70	164	147	213	501	39	594
WTD. RESP.	9892	3463	2199	1962	830	1073	215	151	6196	3697	4165	5727	1185	2756	2403	3548	8341	655	9892
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
There is only one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	2056	865	390	468	114	167	16	36	1253	802	995	1060	116	482	438	1020	1890	99	2056
	21%	25%	18%	24%	14%	16%	7%	24%	20%	22%	24%	19%	10%	17%	18%	29%	23%	15%	21%
There is more than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	7454	2402	1776	1460	679	855	167	115	4723	2730	3056	4398	1016	2192	1918	2329	6101	540	7454
	75%	69%	81%	74%	82%	80%	78%	76%	76%	74%	73%	77%	86%	80%	80%	66%	73%	82%	75%
Don't know	383	196	33	34	38	51	32		219	164	114	269	53	82	48	200	351	16	383
	4%	6%	2%	2%	5%	5%	15%		4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	2%	6%	4%	2%	4%

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Q8. INTERPRETING MY RELIGION

WEIGHTS: AGE, GENDER, LOCATION (000's)

FILTERS: Q1. BELIEF IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT(God *OR* Universal spirit *OR* Both) *AND* Q3. RELIGION MOST IDENTIFIED WITH(Christianity (includes Catholic/Church of England/Orthodox etc) *OR* Buddhism *OR* Hinduism *OR* Islam *OR* Judaism)

TOTAL	BELIEF (ALL RESPONDENTS)				IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION (ALL RESPONDENTS)				CERTAINTY OF BELIEF IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (BELIEVERS ONLY)			
	God	Universal	Both	spirit	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Absolutely	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
RESPONDENTS	594	468	70	56	213	224	127	28	270	258	48	15
WTD. RESP.	9892	7793	1165	934	3542	3724	2130	464	4494	4302	800	248
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
There is only one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	2056	1905	84	66	1527	329	166	34	1557	449	17	33
	21%	24%	7%	7%	43%	9%	8%	7%	35%	10%	2%	13%
There is more than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion	7454	5554	1064	836	1836	3306	1899	413	2741	3699	767	199
	75%	71%	91%	89%	52%	89%	89%	89%	61%	86%	96%	80%
Don't know	383	335	16	32	180	89	66	16	196	154	17	17
	4%	4%	1%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	7%

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