

# Christian Orthodoxy Scale

## ATTITUDE SURVEY

This survey includes a number of statements related to specific religious beliefs. You will probably find that you *agree* with some of the statements and *disagree* with others, to varying extents. Please mark your opinion on the line to the left of each statement, according to the amount of your agreement or disagreement, by using the following scale:

Write down a - 3 in the space provided if you *strongly disagree* with the statement,  
- 2 in the space provided if you *moderately disagree* with the statement,  
- 1 in the space provided if you *slightly disagree* with the statement.

Write down a + 1 in the space provided if you *slightly agree* with the statement,  
+ 2 in the space provided if you *moderately agree* with the statement,  
+ 3 in the space provided if you *strongly agree* with the statement.

If you feel exactly and precisely *neutral* about a statement, write down a "0" in the space provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 2.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Man is *not* a special creature made in the image of God; he is simply a recent development in the process of animal evolution.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus Christ was the divine Son of God.**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible is the word of God given to guide man to grace and salvation.
- 5.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Those who feel that God answers prayers are just deceiving themselves.
- 6.\* \_\_\_\_\_ It is ridiculous to believe that Jesus Christ could be both human and divine.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was born of a virgin.

- 8.\* \_\_\_\_\_ **The Bible may be an important book of moral teachings, but it was no more inspired by God than were many other such books in the history of Man.**
- 9.\* \_\_\_\_\_ **The concept of God is an old superstition that is no longer needed to explain things in the modern era.**
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ will return to the earth someday.
- 11.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Most of the religions in the world have miracle stories in their traditions; but there is no reason to believe any of them are true, including those found in the Bible.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ God hears all of our prayers.
- 13.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ may have been a great ethical teacher, as other men have been in history. But he was not the divine Son of God.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ God made man of dust in His own image and breathed life into him.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ **Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God provided a way for the forgiveness of man's sins.**
- 16.\* \_\_\_\_\_ **Despite what many people believe, there is no such thing as a God who is aware of Man's actions.**
17. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried but on the third day He arose from the dead.**
- 18.\* \_\_\_\_\_ In all likelihood there is no such things as a God-given immortal soul in Man which lives on after death.
- 19.\* \_\_\_\_\_ If there ever was such a person as Jesus of Nazareth, he is dead now and will never walk the earth again.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus miraculously changed real water into real wine.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ There is a God who is concerned with everyone's actions.
- 22.\* \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' death on the cross, if it actually occurred, did nothing in and of itself to save Mankind.
- 23.\* \_\_\_\_\_ There is really no reason to hold to the idea that Jesus was born of a virgin. Jesus' life showed better than anything else that he was exceptional, so why rely on old myths that don't make sense.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ The Resurrection proves beyond a doubt that Jesus was the Christ or Messiah of God.

*Note:* No response is scored a "0" on the (-3 to +3) response scale for each item. It is suggested that a participant's data be discarded if he or she does not answer 10 or more items. Data can easily be prepared for analysis rescaling responses such that -3 = 1, -2 = 2, -1 = 3, 0 (or no response) = 4, + 1 = 5, +2 = 6, and +3 = 7. The keying of all negatively worded items—indicated above by an asterisk (\*)—is reversed so that for all items a low score indicates an unorthodox belief and a high score indicates an orthodox belief. The CO score is then computed for each subject by summing over the 24 items.

*Note 1:* The scale authors also use a -4 (very strongly disagree) to +4 (very strongly agree) response format. Procedures for using this format are similar to those for the -3 to +3 format noted above.

*Note 2:* Those items printed in bold face are the six items for the short form of the scale.