

Global East Survey of Religion and Spirituality Questionnaire

The Global East Survey adopts these glocalization principles:

First of all, this survey is designed to measure religiosity more accurately than the existing survey questions commonly used in the East and the West, with special attention to distinctly East Asian characteristics that are quintessentially universal in the globalizing world. We hope the questions will allow for comparisons of religiosity across cultures or societies.

Second, besides these common questions on major aspects of religiosity, each survey team may add some questions about beliefs and practices that are unique but important to a particular society.

Third, translation into CJK (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) should be as close to the English version as possible, but it does not need to be strictly literal. Each survey team will ensure the idiomatic or best possible translation into that language and society.

Q1:

What is your sex?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Other

Q2:

In which year were you born? Answer in four digits (e.g., 19nn or 20nn)

Q3:

What is your marital status?

1. Married
2. Not married but live with a partner
3. Never married and do not live with a partner
4. Divorced
5. Widowed

Q4:

Who do you live with, that is, who are the people in your household? (Check all those apply)

- a. I live by myself.
- b. I live in a dormitory of school or company.
- c. I live with my friend or friends.
- d. I live with my spouse or partner.
- e. I live with my child or children.

- f. I live with my parent or parents.
- g. I live with my spouse's parent or parents.
- h. I live with my grandparent or grandparents.
- i. I live with my brother or brothers.
- j. I live with my sister or sisters.
- k. I live with my nephew or nephews
- l. I live with my niece or nieces.
- m. I live with my other relative or relatives.

Q5:

Is there an altar for gods or for ancestors' spirits at your home (or your parents' home if you live alone, in a dorm, or with friends)?

- 1. Yes.
- 2. No.

Q6:

In the last 12 months, did you participate in any celebration of traditional festivals, such as the New Year's Day, Mid-Autumn, Qingming, and so on?

- 1. No
- 2. Yes

If answered 2, then Q7:

Did you celebrate in any of these ways? (Check all that apply)

- a. Had a family gathering.
- b. Participated in a special event, ritual, or ceremony in a public place (such as a public square, school, shrine, temple, church, family gravesite, or ancestors' hall).

Q8:

In the last 12 months, did you participate in any celebration of festivals or holidays originated in the West, such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Valentine's Day, and so on?

- 1. No
- 2. Yes

If answered 2, then Q9:

Did you celebrate in any of these ways? (Check all that apply)

- a. Had a family gathering.
- b. Participated in a special event, ritual, or ceremony in a public place (such as a public square, school, shrine, temple, or church).

Q10:

In the last 12 months, did you participate in any celebration that marks the founding, independence, or nationhood of your country? This is sometimes called the 'National Day' or 'Independence Day'."

1. No
2. Yes

If answered 2, then Q11:

Did you celebrate in these ways? (Check all that apply)

- a. Had a family gathering.
- b. Participated in a special event, ritual, or ceremony in a public place (such as a public square, school, shrine, temple, or church).

Q12:

In the last 12 months, did you participate in any activity of these groups? (Check all that apply)

- a. Hometown association(s)
- b. Alumni association(s)
- c. Student association(s)
- d. Sport, health, or fitness club(s)
- e. Art, music or cultural group(s)
- f. Card/chess/board game group(s), including online game clubs
- g. Professional association(s)
- h. Public service or charity group(s)
- i. Religious group (including temple association, shrine association, or spiritual practice groups).
- j. Conservation, environmental, or ecological group(s)
- k. Political party or other political action group(s)

On these statements below, to what extent do you agree or disagree?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Somewhat agree (a little bit agree)
4. Neither agree NOR disagree (hard to say)
5. Somewhat disagree (a little bit disagree)
6. Disagree (don't agree)
7. Strongly disagree

Q13:

Adult children should obey their parents in major life events or choices.

Q14:

Taking care of ailing parents is the duty of adult children.

Q15:

There should be the order of age: Younger people should show respect and deference to elders.

Q16:

The wife should respect and obey her husband.

Q17:

The system of democracy has too much quibbling and is indecisive.

Q18:

The system of democracy is not good at maintaining social order.

Q19:

The system of democracy may have problems but it's better than any other form of political system.

Q20:

Social order is more important than individual freedom.

Q21:

I trust most people around me.

Q22:

Most people around me are willing to help others when they see or know the need.

Q23:

Everyone should have the right of freedom of religion, including freedom to choose his or her religion and freedom to change his or her religion.

Q24:

A person's fate or fortune is predetermined.

Q25:

A person's fate or fortune may become known through fortune-telling or divination.

Q26:

A person's fate or fortune can be changed through prayers or rituals.

How important are these below in your life?

1. Very important
2. Important
3. Moderately important
4. Not very important
5. Not important at all

Q27:

To have wealth or do well financially

Q28:

To have good health

Q29:

To have a good life or happiness

Q30:

To live long/longevity

Q31:

To have good achievements in school.

Q32:

To have good achievements in work.

Q33:

To have romantic love

Q34:

To show filial piety to parents

Q35:

To venerate ancestors regularly

Q36:

To show loyalty to the state

Q37:

To have a religion/faith

Q38:

What is your view on life after death, what happens to the soul? (Check all that apply)

- a. The person's soul will exist in this world or some realm.
- b. The person's soul may reincarnate in another body of a person, an animal, or another realm of Saṃsāra.
- c. Death is just like the lamp light going out and there is no soul or spirit after death.
- d. After death, the soul may go to heaven or hell.

Q39:

Have you ever done fortune telling?

1. I do it frequently
2. I have done it occasionally
3. I have never done it in my life

If answered 1 or 2, then

Q40:

Which form of fortune-telling did you do? Please list the kinds you have used (For examples: Geomancy, Fengshui, Astrology, zodiac, Numerology, Literomancy, Ouija boards, Shaman, etc.)

Q41:

Do you wear or carry with you any accessories that have mystical power or religious meaning, such as a badge, necklace, earring, charm, amulet, tattoo, rosary, beads, cross or crucifix, and so on?

1. No, never
2. Yes, occasionally
3. Yes, regularly

If answered 2 or 3, then Q42:

Which kinds of accessories are they? (Check all that apply)

- a. Buddhist
- b. Catholic
- c. Christian (Protestant)
- d. Confucian
- e. Daoist
- f. Islamic
- g. Folk Religious or Shamanistic
- h. Shinto's
- i. Some other religious (please specify (write down or tell us the name of the religion:))
- j. I don't know or I'm not sure about the kind of religion.

Q43:

At present, how often do you participate in religious rituals or attend worship services?

1. Never (don't)
2. A few times a year such as during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

If answered 2, 3, 4, or 5, then Q44:

Do you participate in religious rituals or attend worship services in person or online?

1. In person only.
2. Online only.

3. Mostly in person and sometimes online.
4. Mostly online and sometimes in person.
5. About half the times online and half the times in person.

Q45:

Which kinds of rituals or religious services are they? (Check all that apply)

- a. Buddhist
- b. Catholic
- c. Christian (Protestant)
- d. Confucian
- e. Daoist
- f. Islamic
- g. Folk Religious or Shamanistic
- h. Shinto's
- i. some other religious (please specify, write down or tell us the name of the religion ...)
- j. I don't know or I'm not sure which kinds of religion.

Q46:

How often did you participate in religious rituals or services before the COVID pandemic?

1. Never
2. A few times a year during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

Q47:

At present, how often do you participate in religious or spiritual activities in a small group, that is, with two to twenty other people, who may or may not include family members? For example, praying together, bible studies, meditation, burning paper money, singing hymns, chanting sutras, Taiji, Qigong, and so on.

1. Never (don't participate)
2. A few times a year such as during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

If answered 2, 3, 4, or 5, then Q48:

What kind of small group activities do you do? Please list all the kinds of activities (see the examples in the previous question) :

Q49:

Where do you do the small group activities? Please list all kinds of places you have done it (For example, at home or in front of a home altar, the gravesite or ancestors' hall, public parks, market squares, restaurants, woods, mountains, caves, temples, churches, mosques, and so on) :

Q50:

How often did you participate in small-group activities before the COVID pandemic?

1. Never(don't)
2. A few times a year such as during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

Q51:

At present, how often do you do religious or spiritual things alone by yourself? For example, reading scripture, praying, singing hymns, chanting, yoga, Taiji, meditation, and so on.

1. Never
2. A few times a year such as during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

If answered 2, 3, 4, or 5, then Q52:

What kinds of religious or spiritual things do you do alone? Please list all the kinds of activities (see the examples in the previous question) :

Q53:

How often did you do religious or spiritual things alone by yourself before the COVID pandemic?

1. Never
2. A few times a year such as during major festivals
3. Monthly or almost monthly
4. Weekly or almost weekly
5. Daily or almost daily, including multiple times a day

Q54:

Have you ever been on a pilgrimage or religious tourism?

1. Never
2. Once
3. During important annual holidays or festivals
4. I do it monthly or almost monthly

Q55:

Have you ever traveled for leisure or business?

1. No.
2. Yes.

If answered 2, then Q56:

On your trip, did you visit any religious venue or sacred site (such as a shrine, a temple, a church, or a sacred mountain)?

1. No, I never visited a religious or sacred site on such a trip,
2. Yes, I visited one or more religious sites (such as shrines, temples, churches, or sacred mountains).

If answered 2, then Q57:

Did you do any of the following there? (Check all those apply)

- a. Bowing or doing namaste to a deity.
- b. Kneeling to a deity.
- c. Burning incense
- d. Lighting a candle
- e. Praying/Chanting
- f. Meditating
- g. Offering money
- h. Offering food or drink.
- i. Divination

Q58:

Have you yourself ever experienced or seen (eyewitness) any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- a. Speaking in tongues
- b. Seeing an extraordinary vision
- c. Disease being miraculously cured
- d. Exorcism of demons
- e. Speaking prophetically
- f. Hearing a god or a spirit speaking to me
- g. Possessed by a god or spirit
- h. Felt that a place that I visited looked familiar, yet I knew for sure that I had not been there previously
- i. Received instruction in a dream or dreams from a god, a spirit, or a ghost

Q59:

Which one of the following statements is closest to your view? (Check one only)

1. There are many gods or spirits.
2. There is only one God, which may be called differently by believers of different religions, such as Jehovah, YHWH, or Allah.
3. There is no such thing as gods or spirits. (If this option is checked, please skip Q61)

4. Humans can never be sure if there is really a god, gods, or spirits. (If this option is checked, please skip Q61)

Q60:

Which of the following statements is closest to your view? (Check one only)

1. There must be some mysterious, supernatural, or superhuman power or force.
2. There is no supernatural or superhuman power or force.
3. Humans can never be sure if there is any supernatural or superhuman power or force.

If Q59 answered 2, then Q61:

On these statements below, to what extent do you agree or disagree?

1. Strongly agree
 2. Agree
 3. Somewhat agree (a little bit agree)
 4. Neither agree nor disagree (hard to say)
 5. Somewhat disagree (a little bit disagree)
 6. Disagree (don't agree)
 7. Strongly disagree
- a. I feel close to God.
 - b. I feel loved by God.
 - c. God is responsive to my prayers.
 - d. God knows my needs.
 - e. God guides me when I make key life decisions.
 - f. God grants meaning to my life.
 - g. God empowers me to do good things.
 - h. God punishes me for doing bad things.
 - i. God sometimes calls me to do certain things.

If Q59 answered 1, the wording of Q61 for the respondent is slightly different:

- a. I feel close to one or more gods.
- b. I feel loved by one or more gods.
- c. Some god or gods are responsive to my prayers.
- d. Some god or gods know my needs.
- e. Some god or gods guide me when I make key life decisions.
- f. Some god or gods grant meaning to my life.
- g. Some god or gods empower me to do good things.
- h. Some gods punish me for doing bad things.
- i. Some god or gods sometimes call me to do certain things.

Q62:

How much do you believe in each of the following religions?

1. Believe very much

2. Believe somewhat
3. Do not believe much
4. Do not believe at all
- a. Buddhism
- b. Catholicism
- c. Christianity (Protestantism)
- d. Confucianism
- e. Daoism
- f. Islam
- g. Folk Religion
- h. Shintoism
- i. Some other religion (please specify, write down or tell us the name of the religion:)

Q63:

Have you had any formal rite of conversion or initiation for joining a religion? For example, baptism, taking refuge, taking precepts, or initiation.

1. No, never
2. Yes, once
3. Yes, multiple times

Q64:

Regardless of what you believe or practice, would you say ... (Check all that apply)

- a. I am a Buddhist
- b. I am a Catholic
- c. I am a Christian (Protestant)
- d. I am a Confucian
- e. I am a Daoist
- f. I am a Muslim
- g. I am a Folk Religion believer
- h. I am a Shinto believer
- i. I am a believer of some other religion (please specify, write down or tell us the name of the religion:)
- j. I am an atheist
- k. I am neither an atheist nor a religious believer.

Q65:

Regardless you yourself believe in a religion or not, does your family follow a particular religious tradition?

1. No.
2. Yes.

If answered 2, then Q66: What is your family's religious tradition? (check all that apply)

1. Buddhism
2. Catholicism
3. Christianity (Protestantism)
4. Confucianism
5. Daoism
6. Islam
7. Folk Religion
8. Shintoism
9. Some other religion (please specify, write down or tell us the name of the religion:...)
10. I don't know or I'm not sure about the name of the religion.

Q67:

In the past 12 months, did you participate in any rite of venerating ancestors either at home, gravesite, or ancestors' hall?

1. No.
2. Yes.

If answered 2, then Q68: Did you do any of these? (Check all that apply)

- a. Saying a prayer.
- b. Speaking to one or more of my deceased family members or ancestors.
- c. Offering flowers.
- d. Offering food or drink.
- e. Lighting a candle/light.
- f. Burning incense.
- g. Burning spirit money (joss paper money).

Q69:

Overall, how would you rate your health?

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Fair
5. Poor

Q70:

For each of the following statements, please select/circle on the scale that you feel is most appropriate in describing you.

A. In general, I consider myself:

not a very happy person

a very happy person

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B. Compared with most of my peers, I consider myself:

less happy

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C. Some people are generally very happy. They enjoy life regardless of what is going on, getting the most out of everything. To what extent does this characterization describe you?

not at all

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D. Some people are generally not very happy. Although they are not depressed, they never seem as happy as they might be. To what extent does this characterization describe you?

not at all

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Q71:

In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?

1. Never.
2. Almost never.
3. Sometimes.
4. Fairly often.
5. Very often.

Q72:

In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?

1. Never.
2. Almost never.
3. Sometimes.
4. Fairly often.
5. Very often.

Q73:

In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?

1. Never.
2. Almost never.
3. Sometimes.
4. Fairly often.
5. Very often.

Q74:

In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?

1. Never.
2. Almost never.
3. Sometimes.
4. Fairly often.
5. Very often.

Q75:

What is your highest level of education?

1. No formal education
2. Elementary school
3. Junior high
4. Senior high
5. Vocational college or trade school
6. College
7. Graduate school

Q76:

[If married or live together with a partner] what is your spouse's highest level of education?

1. No formal education
2. Elementary school
3. Junior high
4. Senior high
5. Vocational college or trade school
6. College
7. Graduate school

Q77:

Please tell us about your current employment status. Are you currently...

1. An employer with employees.
2. Self-employed (no employees).

3. Work for family business.
4. Work for a private company.
5. Work for government or government-owned enterprise.
6. Work for non-profit organizations.
7. No fixed employer.
8. Homemaker.
9. Student.
10. Retiree.
11. Not working.
12. None of the above

Q78:

What is your major occupation? If you are retired, what was your occupation before retirement?

1. Managers, senior officials (CEO, government officials, managers).
2. Professionals (scientist, engineer, medical doctor, lawyer, architect, accountant, teacher, artist, religious professionals).
3. Associate Professionals (medical, science technicians, agents and brokers, paralegal, support technicians) .
4. Clerical workers (office clerks, secretaries, tellers).
5. Services and sales workers (cook, waiter, shop salesperson, cashiers).
6. Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers.
7. Craft and related trades workers.
8. Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers.
9. Elementary occupation (cleaners, helpers, street vendor, manufacturing laborers).
10. Armed forces occupations.
11. Have had no occupation

Q79:

Taking all things into consideration, which class does your family belong to?

1. Upper class
2. Upper-middle class
3. Middle class
4. Lower-middle class
5. Lower class

Q80:

Where do you live, that is, in which administrative division do you currently live and what is the zip code?

Q81:

Where were you born, that is, in which city or county were you born?