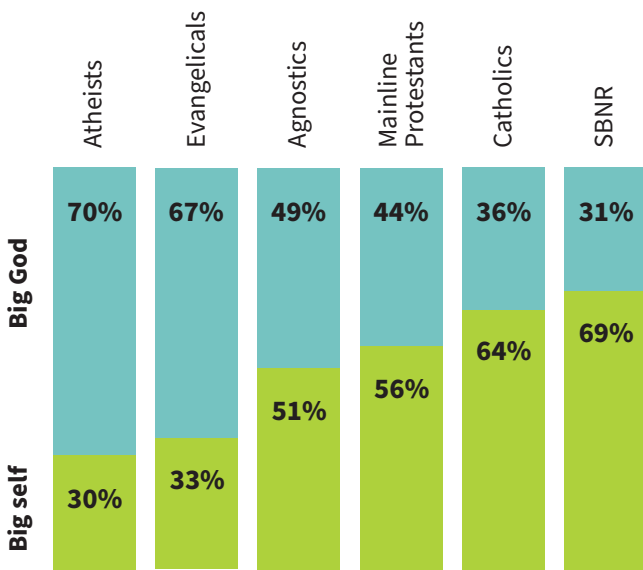
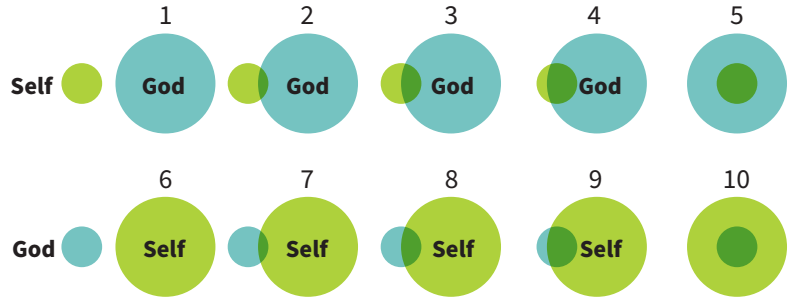


Results for big God/big Self and closeness to God research

Study 1. Big God or Big Self?

250 people were asked whether their relationship with God focused mainly on understanding God (**big God**), or if it focused mainly on understanding themselves (**big Self**).

Here are the results. Why do you think these groups had these views about their relationship with God?



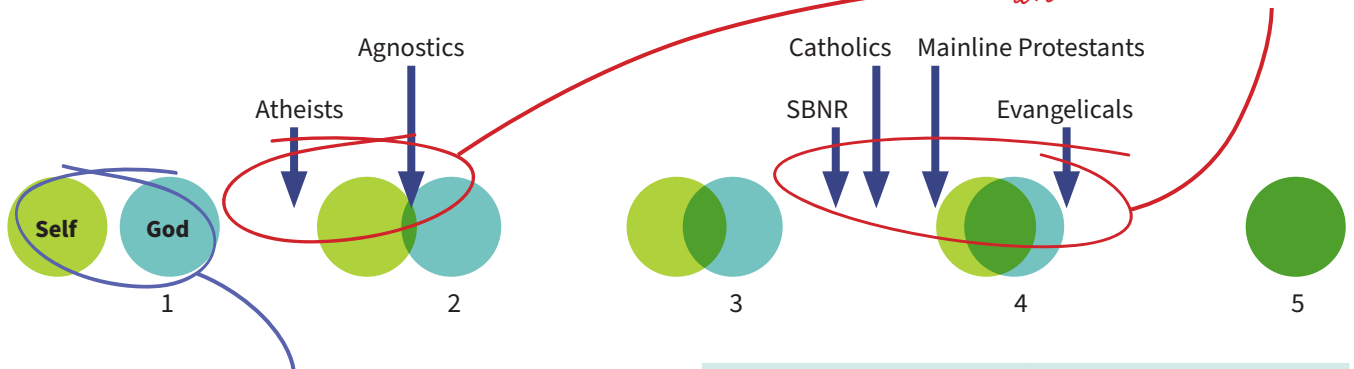
250 participants USA	
50% male/ female	24% Mainline Protestants
72% Euro-American	21% Evangelicals
12% African-American	21% Catholics
6% Hispanic	14% Agnostics
4% Asian	11% SBNR (Spiritual but not religious)
6% Other	9% Atheists

Study 2. Closeness to God

The same 250 people were asked where they see themselves in relation to God.

On the scale of 1–5 below, here are where the different groups lined up.

Note that the mean scores for these groups were so close together within these two clusters that the differences are not statistically significant.



Note that results showed that people's 'closeness to God' was not related to whether they had a 'big God' or 'big Self' view. The double row of circles applies to big God/big Self, but doesn't make a difference when it comes to closeness to God. So we have simplified the diagram, to show this.

Mean scores	
1.35 Atheists	1.86 Agnostics
3.45 SBNR	3.54 Catholics
3.79 Protestants	4.19 Evangelicals