

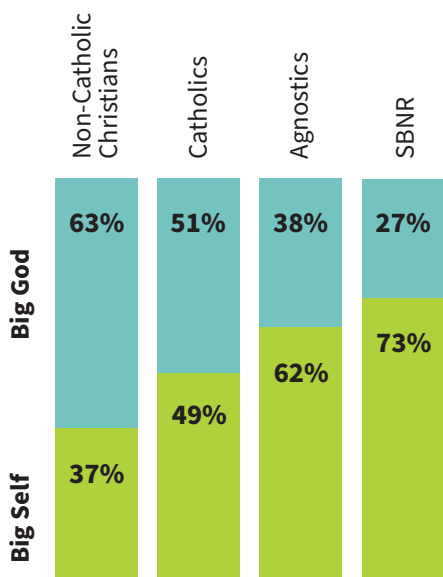
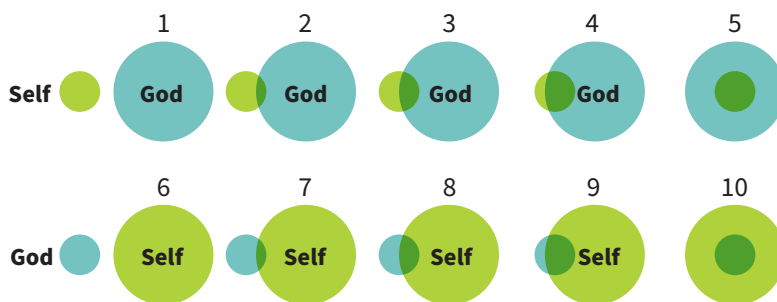
Country comparisons: big God or big Self/closeness to God



Study 3. USA

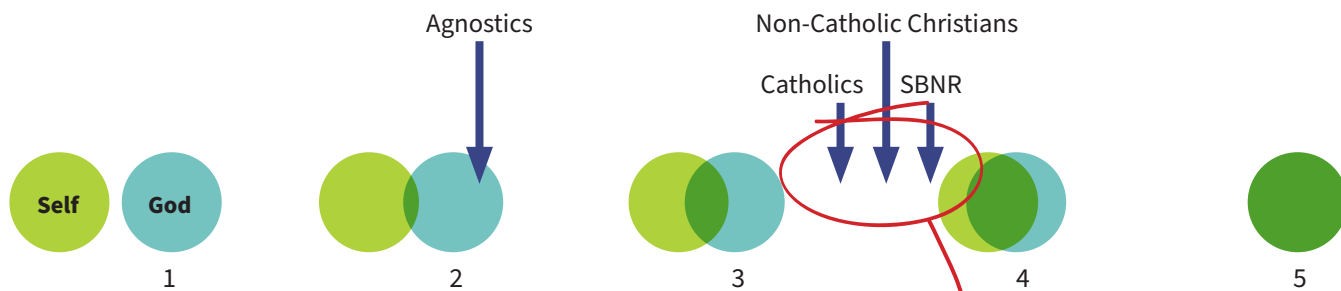
657 people in the USA were asked whether their relationship with God focused mainly on understanding God (**big God**), or if it focused mainly on understanding themselves (**big Self**).

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



657 participants USA	
39% male/ 61% female	49% Non-Catholic Christians
76% Euro-American	23% Agnostics
10% African-American	18% Catholics
5% Hispanic	10% SBNR (Spiritual but not religious)
5% Asian	
4% Other	

They were also asked about their closeness to God:



Mean scores USA	
2.12 Agnostics	3.36 Catholics
3.5 Non-Catholic Christians	3.64 SBNR

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

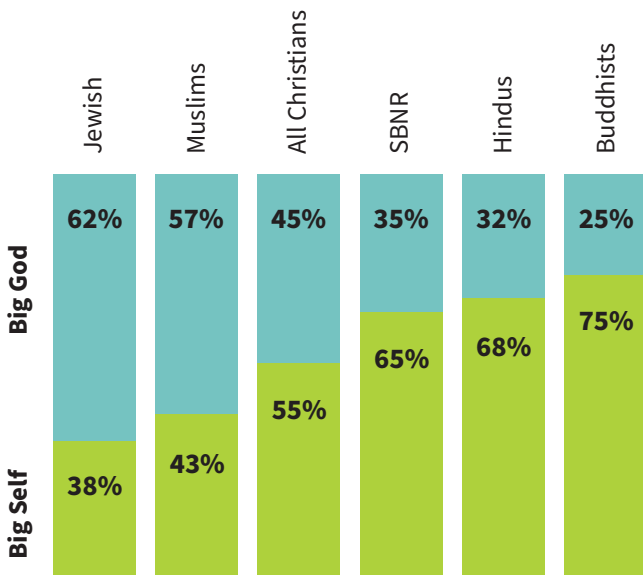
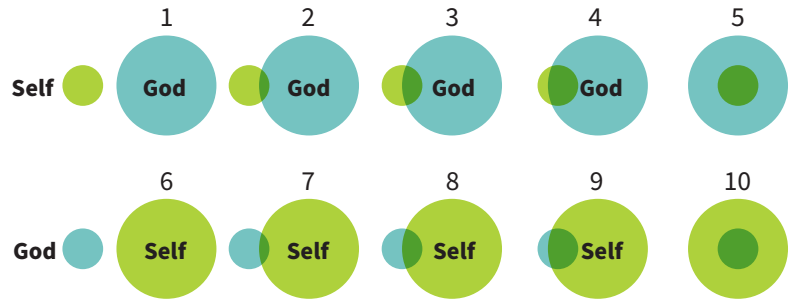
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Study 3. UK

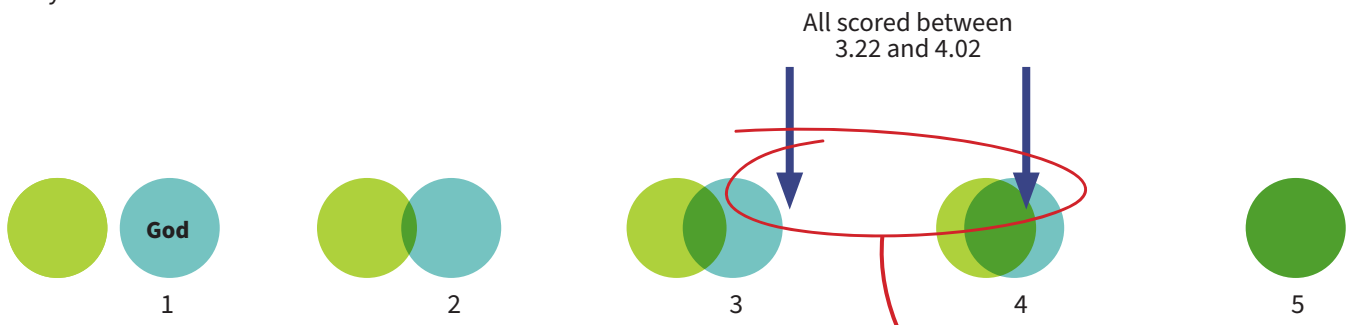
297 people in the UK were asked whether their relationship with God focused mainly on understanding God (**big God**), or if it focused mainly on understanding themselves (**big Self**).

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



297 participants UK	
37% male/ 63% female	20% Christians (Catholic and Non-Catholic)
58% White British	20% SBNR (Spiritual but not religious)
13% Asian British	18% Muslims
6% Non-UK European	14% Hindus
6% Indian	14% Buddhists
17% Various	14% Jewish
7% Other	

They were also asked about their closeness to God:



All scored between 3.22 and 4.02

Mean scores UK	
3.22 All Christians	3.65 Muslims
3.25 SBNR	3.67 Jewish
3.60 Buddhists	4.02 Hindus

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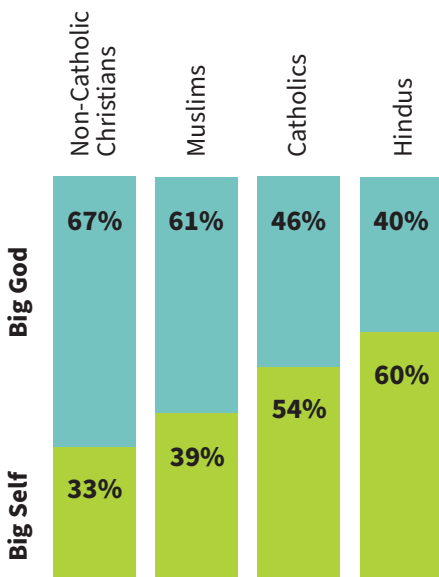
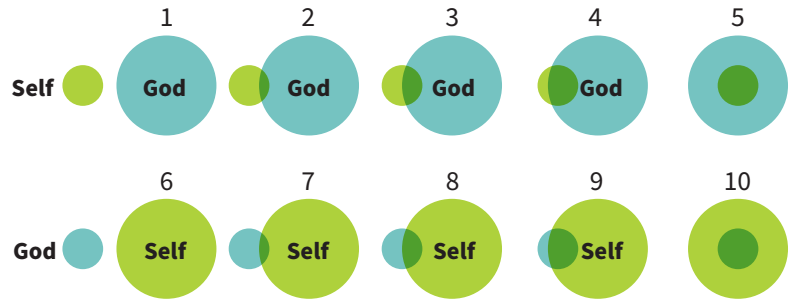
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Study 3. India

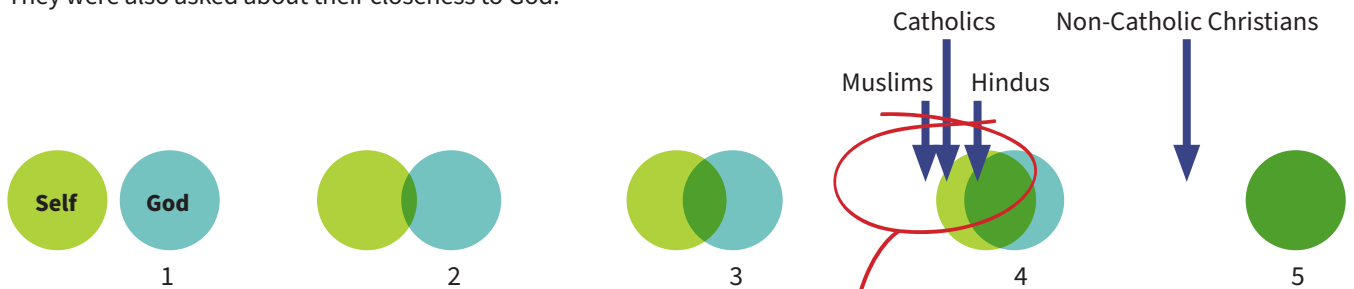
317 people in India were asked whether their relationship with God focused mainly on understanding God (**big God**), or if it focused mainly on understanding themselves (**big Self**).

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



317 participants India	
71% male/ 29% female	59% Hindus
89% South or Southeast Asian	15% Catholics
8% East Asian	14% Muslims
2% Pacific Islanders	11% Non-Catholic Christians

They were also asked about their closeness to God:



Mean scores India	
3.70 Muslims	3.88 Hindus
3.79 Catholics	4.64 Non-Catholic Christians

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