Home learning: worldviews questionnaire

Read this to your interviewee:

'As part of our investigations into the different worldviews (religious and non-religious) we find in our communities, we are interviewing people about their ideas. Please would you discuss your ideas about eight of the big questions of life, and share your thoughts? All the responses are kept anonymous'...

Thanks very much for being willing to help.

1. Is the world an illusion? Is the material world all there is? Or is there a Divine Being or Power? If so, what is this Divine Being like? **What is the prime reality? What is really real?**

2. Do you believe in matter - or love? The physical universe - or spirituality? What is there that is not you? **What is the nature of external reality, of the world around us?**

3. Are you more like a monkey, a computer made of meat, or a child of God? Who are you and where did you come from? Why do you exist? **What is a human being?**

4. Is there heaven or nirvana? A spirit world or rebirth? When we die, are we finished? What will become of you? **What happens to a person at death?**
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5. Do we know we are not dreaming? How can we be sure of anything? **Why is it possible to know anything at all?**

6. Good and evil are hard to define. People disagree! **How do we know what is right and wrong?**

7. Some people think history is meaningless, others find it splendid. What is the story, the narrative of humanity? **What is the meaning of human history?**

8. What matters most to you? What will you live for? Die for? What is your heart’s desire? What do you put your time and effort into? **What personal life-orienting commitments are consistent with this worldview?**

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Thank you for helping with our study of worldviews.