

# The LAMBI scale definitions

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This is the idea that God wants people to behave a certain way. God gives clear rules and is willing to punish people if they don't follow these rules.	This means that God cannot be talked about or described truly – God is beyond words or even thoughts.	This is the idea that God goes beyond the universe and our imagination. There is no limit to God.	This is the idea that God is not so much like a person as a <i>force</i> or <i>energy</i> . Some might say the universe itself is God.	This means that God is good and loving. It is from two Latin words, <i>bene</i> (good) and <i>volens</i> (willing).

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