

The LAMBI scale categories and terms

Here are the five categories of LAMBI and the words that link with them in Dr Carissa's experiments:

Limitless	Limitless	Vast	Boundless	Infinite	Immense
Authoritarian	Wrathful	Punishing	Strict	Stern	Commanding
Mystical	Nature	Energy	Cosmic	Consciousness	Universe
Benevolent	Forgiving	Compassionate	Gracious	Tolerant	Merciful
Ineffable	Unknowable	Unimaginable	Inconceivable	Incomprehensible	Unknown

The survey also included the following three terms, so that people could say if they don't think God exists.

Non-existent	Imaginary	Not real
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Dr Sharp says:

'I did some experiments with some other psychologists, to find out a little more about what people mean when they think about 'God'. We gave lots of words to groups of people in surveys and asked whether those words described what they thought of as 'God'. In the end we came up with these 25 words that fit into these five categories that made sense to most people. That doesn't mean that they necessarily believed that those words described God – sometimes they might think 'God ISN'T like this' – but that the words made sense to them when thinking about God.'

