

Appendix D

3 God Factors

2004 College Students' Beliefs and Values (CSBV) God Factor Scales Table

| Personal God (Cronbach's alpha=.92) | Response Category (%) | | |
|--|-----------------------|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Why pray ^a : To praise God | 37 | 27 | 36 |
| Why pray ^a : To be in communion with God | 37 | 28 | 35 |
| Why pray ^a : For forgiveness | 35 | 25 | 40 |
| Self-description ^b : Feel a sense of connection with God/Higher Power | 26 | 44 | 30 |
| Belief ^c : Gain spiritual strength by trusting in a Higher Power | 16 | 20 | 36 |
| Experience ^d : Felt loved by God | 20 | 36 | 44 |
| Spiritual Quest ^e : To follow God's plan for me | 75 | 25 | |

Percent of students who are "high" scorers (≥ 17) on Personal God: 40%

Percent of students who are "low" scorers (≤ 9) on Personal God: 21%

| All Powerful God (Cronbach's alpha=.88) | Response Category (%) | | |
|--|-----------------------|----|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| God conception ^f : Judge | 69 | 31 | |
| God conception ^f : Creator | 44 | 56 | |
| God conception ^f : Protector | 51 | 49 | |
| God conception ^f : Teacher | 63 | 37 | |
| God conception ^f : Father-figure | 65 | 35 | |
| God conception ^f : Supreme Being | 57 | 43 | |

Percent of students who are "high" scorers (≥ 10) on All Powerful God: 37%

Percent of students who are "low" scorers ($= 6$) on All Powerful God: 32%

| Mystical God (Cronbach's alpha=.76) | Response Category (%) | | |
|--|-----------------------|----|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| God conception ^f : Nature | 77 | 23 | |
| God conception ^f : Enlightenment | 73 | 27 | |
| God conception ^f : Universal Spirit | 68 | 32 | |
| God conception ^f : Divine Mystery | 74 | 26 | |
| God conception ^f : Mother-figure | 90 | 10 | |
| God conception ^f : Part of me | 64 | 36 | |

Percent of students who are "high" scorers (≥ 10) on Mystical God: 15%

Percent of students who are "low" scorers ($= 6$) on Mystical God: 39%

^a Reason for prayer measured on a 3-point scale, "Not at all" to "Frequently"

^b Self-description measured on a 3-point scale, "Not at all" to "To great extent"

^c My spiritual/religious beliefs measured on a 4-point scale, "Disagree strongly" to "Agree strongly"

^d Spiritual experience measured on a 3-point scale, "Not at all" to "Frequently"

^e Ultimate spiritual quest measured on a 2-point scale, "No" or "Yes"

^f Conception of or experience with God measured on a 2-point scale, "No" or "Yes"

Note: The 3 factor scales listed above represent conceptions of God that were developed through a factor analytic technique. Items are clustered under each factor based on their relationship to each other.