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— BIBLE —	#001		Average Credence	Degree of Dissent
17 — Learning the original biblical languages, such as Hebrew and Greek, is necessary for a proper interpretation of the Scriptures.	#002		42.6	46.1
51 — Church leaders should study philosophy in addition to the Bible.	#003		76.2	30.0
97 — God has clearly explained in the Bible the essence of rational belief.	#004		57.9	53.1
111 — There are no scientific errors within the Bible.	#005		48.5	99.0
114 — The fulfillment of biblical prophecies is indisputable evidence for the truth of the Gospel.	#006		62.4	54.0
180 — The Bible has much to offer the progress of science.	#007		60.7	50.1
196 — God chose to communicate the Gospel through the Bible since communicating to each human individually is not reasonable.	#008		36.5	42.1
— DOCTRINES —	#009			
8 — Unborn humans and born humans have equal value and deserve equal rights.	#010		70.5	50.0
12 — Most people who abandon Christianity do so because they want to sin.	#011		38.9	50.0
14 — The pursuit of pleasure in this life while aware that millions within reach remain unGospelled is sinful.	#012		38.2	44.0
15 — An eternally painful punishment for even one sin is justified due to God's perfect righteousness.	#013		56.7	95.0
18 — Setting up a theocracy in a country would be contrary to God's plan today.	#014		72.3	49.0
27 — God does not publicly heal amputees in order to avoid the elimination of our free will to choose or reject Him.	#015		20.7	31.1
33 — Christians in Heaven will not shed tears for the damned since Christians will have the perfectly just mind of God.	#016		50.1	62.5
36 — Refusing to fight for one's country in a justified war is sinful.	#017		22.3	30.0
41 — It is sinful to attempt to statistically test the promises God gave Christians for this earthly life.	#018		27.9	47.2
43 — Animals have eternal souls.	#019		33.2	50.0
44 — Christian parents should completely sever ties with their children once the church has recognized the children as apostates.	#020		5.6	0.0
46 — Civil marriages performed without reference to God are legitimate marriages in the eyes of God.	#021		69.8	49.0
54 — Women should not teach men on spiritual topics in the local church.	#022		25.7	25.0

59 — Unredeemed sinners deserve eternal torment.		#023	53.7	98.1
60 — God will bless Christians who have sufficient faith with monetary wealth.		#024	10.0	9.0
66 — A greater number of Christians praying for X will result in a greater probability that the prayers for X will be answered as asked.		#025	38.2	46.0
68 — A pastor who is discovered in or confesses to an adulterous affair should never pastor again.		#026	48.6	51.1
74 — A devout Muslim who has consciously rejected the Christian God is knowingly worshipping a false God.		#027	43.2	70.0
77 — Christians are still regularly gifted with the ability to speak in tongues today.		#028	52.5	57.1
81 — Doctrinal differences among real Christians are primarily due to honest misunderstandings of the Scriptures.		#029	66.0	27.0
86 — The suffering of animals in the world today is a direct result of the sins of Adam and Eve.		#030	56.4	77.1
100 — No individual who has abandoned Christianity was ever a Christian to begin with.		#031	28.1	35.0
106 — God justly deems humans culpable for following a sin-nature they neither requested nor can avoid.		#032	62.4	58.1
107 — The souls of unredeemed sinners who die unrepentant will eventually be annihilated.		#033	23.1	35.1
125 — God's love is limited as seen in his order to kill the Amalekite infants.		#034	15.1	14.0
127 — Weekend services should be primarily focused on the discipleship of believers.		#035	59.1	37.0
144 — Everyone will eventually reach Heaven.		#036	27.5	48.1
147 — Demon possession and successful exorcisms regularly occur today.		#037	58.5	41.1
152 — Divorce is biblically justified if a spouse is addicted to pornography.		#038	46.7	46.1
166 — Doctrinal disparities among real Christians are primarily due to the effects of sin on their souls.		#039	37.4	45.0
173 — The Earth was created in six literal days.		#040	38.6	61.0
182 — It is impossible for a soul to be annihilated. It must live in a conscious state for eternity.		#041	58.2	60.2
186 — Some kind of physical baptism is necessary for redemption.		#042	20.5	25.0
191 — Some humans who have lived and died after the earthly life of Jesus with no belief in Jesus will be redeemed.		#043	47.1	79.1
192 — God has chosen some humans to never enter Heaven.		#044	27.9	48.1
197 — Humans are held accountable for rejecting the Christian God even if they have not explicitly heard about the Christian God.		#045	51.6	80.0
199 — The average age at which humans commit the first damnable sin is less than 10 years old.		#046	44.2	67.0
<b>— EPISTEMEMOLOGY —</b>		<b>#047</b>		
1 — Less than 100% belief (full certainty) in the Gospel will not secure redemption.		#048	38.8	66.4
5 — For Christians right with God, the guidance of the Holy Spirit cannot be confused with the deceptions of Satan.		#049	43.9	45.4
13 — A high though not absolute (100%) degree of belief in the Gospel is sufficient for redemption.		#050	55.6	69.1
16 — Individuals who have lower-than-average standards of evidence are more likely to become religious.		#051	33.7	40.0
23 — God is the creator of logic and is therefore not subject to logical scrutiny.		#052	28.2	38.1
37 — I adjust my degree of belief in God up and down to map to the degree of the confirming/disconfirming evidence for God I encounter.		#053	13.9	12.1
38 — The Gospel's satisfying of human emotions, such as the hope for an afterlife and the desire for forgiveness, is evidence of the Gospel's truth.		#054	55.1	50.0

40 — Christianity becomes more likely true if a major competing ideology is demonstrated to be false.		#055	25.4	40.0
42 — The Muslim and Christian children who believe their religion is the true religion based only on what their parents have told them are rational.		#056	48.8	48.0
48 — Muslim teens who have followed their parents into Islam know they have made the wrong choice.		#057	13.3	15.0
50 — Humans can sincerely believe they have been redeemed when they have not been.		#058	73.1	34.1
52 — Christians can never be fully certain they have been redeemed.		#059	20.2	20.0
55 — A 50% degree of confidence in the Gospel is sufficient for redemption.		#060	48.3	61.1
56 — A "mustard seed" degree of belief in the Gospel is sufficient for redemption.		#061	76.0	30.0
61 — Suffering Christians can accurately sort out whether it is simply chance, divine punishment, or divine testing that is behind their suffering.		#062	24.1	31.0
63 — Humans have no epistemic obligation to apply rigorous standards of evidence in their assessments of candidate Gods.		#063	32.6	40.0
65 — Everyone is forced to hold a degree of confidence above the degree of the relevant evidence for at least some propositions.		#064	61.1	31.0
70 — I could be wrong in my belief that Christianity is true.		#065	39.1	70.0
72 — The Christian God will definitely reveal himself to all who are open-minded about the possible existence of a God.		#066	66.0	47.0
78 — Christians cannot be mistaken when they believe they are experiencing God-given joy and peace.		#067	33.4	38.1
85 — The probability of Jesus' resurrection will be close to 100% in the minds of everyone who honestly looks at the evidence.		#068	54.9	54.0
87 — Non-believers need to show their own ideology is logical before Christians are obligated to assess the logical coherency of Christianity.		#069	24.5	35.0
92 — The fact that scientists cannot explain consciousness is clear evidence there must be a spiritual realm in which souls reside.		#070	54.3	46.2
96 — It is quite rational to attribute mysteries in life to God unless or until a clear physical explanation is introduced.		#071	62.1	33.0
98 — The many emotional needs that the Gospel story satisfies are evidence that the Gospel is true.		#072	52.3	45.0
113 — It is rational to choose a God based on how beautiful his Heaven and how horrific his Hell are claimed to be.		#073	39.2	62.3
116 — To say, "I know X" means you have absolute (100%) certainty that X is true.		#074	39.5	49.2
119 — Once the degree of evidence for X is over 90%, I am rational to believe with full certainty (100%) that X is true.		#075	58.0	39.1
120 — Assigning high confidence to the best available explanation for an event is always rational.		#076	58.4	31.1
121 — The Holy Spirit provides a strong confirmation of my redemption through a sense of his presence.		#077	78.7	25.0
126 — Rational belief is generally not a binary "I believe X" or "I don't believe X", but is intrinsically gradient.		#078	67.8	28.1
133 — A degree of belief that exceeds the degree of the perceived evidence can be a rational belief.		#079	68.6	29.2
136 — There has been at least one case in which I felt God was leading me, only to later conclude he was not.		#080	67.0	46.2
140 — Generally, following scientific consensus on issues outside one's own domain of expertise is a wise move.		#081	63.1	35.0
141 — An epistemically honest human will map their degree of belief to the degree of evidence as they perceive it.		#082	61.0	26.0
146 — It is not possible that I am wrong that I have genuine faith in Jesus.		#083	60.4	65.2
149 — Any evidence for a deistic, universe-creating God logically makes specific Gods such as Jehovah and Allah more likely.		#084	52.3	43.1
151 — I am actively and honestly pursuing arguments both for and against the existence of God to ensure I have not overlooked important arguments.		#085	40.8	57.0
156 — The absurdity of a universe with no ultimate justice makes a God who provides ultimate justice necessary.		#086	65.0	40.0

157 — A 99% degree of certainty that X is true when the perceived evidence for the truth of X is at 50% can be a rational belief.		#087	50.5	36.1
163 — It is rational to immediately reject all ideologies that do not offer hope for the future.		#088	53.6	45.1
168 — The feeling of guilt comes from God and cannot be in error.		#089	24.1	30.0
174 — There are clear objective standards through which we can determine whether our beliefs are rational and to what degree they are rational.		#090	60.6	34.0
179 — Fallible humans have no grounds on which to judge whether God is loving based on his actions recorded in the Bible.		#091	41.1	52.2
58 — The claims 1) "Moses had a dog" and 2) "Moses' dog could sing" have equal credibility if the quality and quantity of the eyewitnesses are identical for each claim.		#092	39.8	49.2
138 — In any religion, both miraculous and non-miraculous claims should be equally believed if there is a large number of credible eyewitnesses.		#093	49.9	37.1
<b>— FAITH — (See also: Epistemology)</b>		<b>#094</b>		
34 — Miracles are given as a sign of God's existence, but are left not fully evidenced so humans can exercise faith.		#095	50.0	50.0
47 — Faith, as it is presented in the Bible, is the act of moving beyond the available evidence to arrive at a higher degree of certainty.		#096	56.6	56.2
67 — God is more pleased with those who strongly believe based on little evidence than those who strongly believe based on clear evidence.		#097	38.7	57.1
69 — God is pleased when someone takes a leap of belief beyond the available evidence to fully believe in Him.		#098	74.3	36.1
101 — Biblical faith is a degree of trust that rises above the degree of the currently perceived evidence.		#099	68.2	32.2
158 — Even if the actual bodily resurrection of Jesus had very little supporting evidence, I would still accept it on faith.		#100	72.0	40.0
171 — I am not concerned with apparent logical incoherencies in the Bible I cannot now resolve since I know I will resolve them in Heaven.		#101	62.1	42.0
194 — I occasionally feel I do not believe in the existence of the Christian God as much as I should.		#102	31.8	59.0
<b>— INDIVIDUAL / PERSONAL —</b>		<b>#103</b>		
10 — My understanding and practice of Christianity have become less conservative over the past five years.		#104	46.4	65.0
26 — I have found no argument against the God of the Bible worth taking seriously.		#105	53.8	65.0
32 — The ethnic distribution in my local congregation largely reflects the ethnic distribution found in my community.		#106	55.9	55.1
79 — Over the past 5 years, there has been at least a 30% decline in regular church attendees in their 20s in my community.		#107	63.3	33.1
84 — At least half of the young people who leave Christianity do so primarily because they were exposed to secular arguments against God.		#108	33.3	39.0
91 — My communication with God is just as intimate as my communication with my best friend.		#109	77.2	27.0
103 — I have been the primary influence in the spiritual conversion of at least 3 people over the past year.		#110	51.4	63.1
105 — A yearly salary of over \$100,000 (housing inclusive) is excessive for a full-time pastor or church leader in the USA.		#111	33.6	48.1
110 — I engage in friendly one-on-one discussions (video or personal chats) with knowledgeable skeptics of the Gospel at least once a month.		#112	55.0	56.2
117 — Apologetics should be taught and practiced more in Christian churches today.		#113	69.5	40.0
118 — If an individual who was born male asked me to refer to them as "she" or "her", I would.		#114	48.9	98.1
122 — Most real Christians do not contribute financially to Christian ministries the amount they should.		#115	65.6	32.1
131 — My understanding and practice of Christianity have become more conservative over the past five years.		#116	38.6	60.0
132 — More than 50% of self-proclaimed Christians are not true Christians.		#117	49.9	33.1
134 — Gun possession should be more regulated around the world.		#118	61.7	68.1

135 — I have at least five quality friendships with individuals who have clearly rejected Christianity.		#119	63.5	65.1
142 — There is at least a small chance I will not be a Christian in 10 years.		#120	13.8	10.0
145 — I feel that non-believers who tell me they are truly happy are actually lying.		#121	28.9	39.3
154 — God does not speak to me audibly, and I fully understand the reasons he can not or will not.		#122	53.9	50.0
177 — It is acceptable for governments to ban atheists from participating in politics.		#123	15.1	12.0
181 — I enjoy engaging and countering secular arguments against Christianity.		#124	61.3	31.0
184 — Christians can conclude with high certainty that someone else is a Christian based on their interactions with that person.		#125	52.9	41.3
198 — Parents should give memorable, painful spankings to their children for misbehaving.		#126	32.4	50.1
200 — God sometimes speaks to me in a clear, audible voice.		#127	30.4	50.0
<b>— JESUS — (See also: Redemption)</b>		<b>#128</b>		
190 — Jesus physically rose from the dead in his earthly body.		#129	85.0	3.0
76 — Jesus had the same capacity to sin as have all other humans.		#130	61.8	70.1
129 — Jesus was tempted with the same vulnerability to temptations that other humans have.		#131	85.0	10.1
183 — It was impossible for Jesus to have sinned.		#132	51.2	89.0
160 — Jesus was both fully human and fully divine.		#133	97.5	0.0
<b>— MORALITY —</b>		<b>#134</b>		
4 — Differences in moral opinions among Christians are due to our sinful natures and would not exist were everyone right with God.		#135	42.4	61.0
7 — It is rational to first explore whether a particular God and his alleged actions are moral before believing in and worshiping that God.		#136	62.2	38.1
11 — We must sometimes ignore our moral intuitions to act truly morally.		#137	53.2	42.0
20 — The degree of convergence across the moral intuitions held by humans is good evidence for a morality written on our hearts by God.		#138	68.6	34.0
24 — It is possible that what I feel are moral intuitions are merely my emotions.		#139	67.8	29.1
45 — The absurdity of a universe with no moral standard makes the existence of a moral law-giver logically necessary.		#140	62.5	53.1
99 — Adult humans can clearly detect in nature a moral lawgiver and his moral laws.		#141	66.0	43.0
150 — We cannot confidently know what is moral without the Bible.		#142	41.9	60.0
169 — When two or more candidate Gods are under consideration, an independent objective moral standard is available to eliminate any immoral candidate Gods.		#143	44.9	42.2
170 — Everyone believes in some type of objective morality, even if they deny they do.		#144	76.2	30.1
195 — I can always know with full certainty whether an action is immoral.		#145	38.5	31.0
21 — Homosexual acts are always sinful.		#146	64.5	80.3
28 — Introducing sex toys or costumes into a Christian marriage is sinful.		#147	24.5	32.0
35 — Anal sex is sinful, even with a spouse.		#148	33.3	50.0
49 — Sibling incest is objectively evil, and is not merely emotionally abhorrent or disgusting.		#149	80.4	21.1
82 — The most severe type of slavery allowed by God in the Old Testament would be sinful if practiced today.		#150	77.5	29.1

83 — Divorce is justified in a case in which a spouse is not sexually unfaithful, but is romantically unfaithful.		#151	52.8	55.0
88 — Self-masturbation is always sinful.		#152	34.8	50.0
90 — Consciously breaking any law of government that is not contrary to the Scriptures is sinful.		#153	52.0	57.1
102 — It is not intrinsically immoral for those divorced to remarry.		#154	73.7	36.2
115 — There is an objective threshold of painful punishment for sin above which God would be unjust.		#155	33.1	50.0
153 — Taking recreational drugs is sinful whether or not they are legal.		#156	51.0	56.0
162 — Slavery was allowed by God for a time only because it was so entrenched in the culture of the ancient world.		#157	51.3	53.0
185 — No consensual sex act within a heterosexual marriage is intrinsically sinful.		#158	67.4	50.0
193 — Becoming obese due to reasons other than a medical condition is sinful.		#159	49.7	54.1
93 — Heterosexual cohabitation that includes sexual relations among couples who make no public declaration of a life-long commitment is sinful.		#160	69.1	50.0
172 — Sexual acts between a couple outside of marriage are always sinful.		#161	68.0	50.1
143 — It is immoral to dispose of in vitro fertilized embryos without implantation.		#162	49.8	76.1
148 — Those who provide abortions can be justifiably killed to protect the unborn.		#163	13.3	9.0
159 — Armed insurrection against any government that has legalized abortion is justified.		#164	16.2	20.0
176 — Legalized abortion is as worthy of a rectifying military response as was the Holocaust.		#165	25.5	39.0
<b>— PROMISES —</b>		<b>#166</b>		
25 — There are fewer incidences of illnesses and early deaths among true Christians than among non-Christians.		#167	15.0	15.2
53 — There are cases in which one can know with full certainty that God will answer their prayer as requested.		#168	59.4	66.1
64 — As can be shown statistically, believers live healthier lives due to the help of the Holy Spirit to live righteously.		#169	42.9	47.3
73 — Petitionary prayer clearly works as is demonstrated through statistical studies.		#170	51.2	39.0
75 — Christians can safely ignore the advice of their church leaders if they sincerely feel the Holy Spirit has clearly led them in another direction.		#171	52.5	39.1
89 — I have personally seen a violation of the laws of nature that could have been nothing other than a miracle.		#172	53.3	72.1
94 — Christians make statistically-detectable wiser decisions than non-Christians due to the power of prayer or the guidance of the Holy Spirit.		#173	44.5	44.1
104 — Believers are statistically less likely to sin due to the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.		#174	54.4	54.0
112 — Believers have demonstrably stronger marriages than non-believers due to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.		#175	49.6	50.1
124 — Most Christian claims of alleged miracles are more about coincidences than about supernatural violations of natural laws.		#176	44.2	34.0
167 — God provides unbelieving humans with supernatural miracles today to demonstrate his existence.		#177	52.1	46.0
187 — Since the Bible offers few cures for diseases that humans experience, we can conclude eliminating suffering is not a priority for God.		#178	21.2	27.1
<b>— QUESTIONING / DOUBT —</b>		<b>#179</b>		
2 — If an alleged Christian doubts Christianity, they were never a true Christian.		#180	14.7	10.0
39 — I have doubts about the truth of Christianity at least once a year.		#181	35.9	63.1
57 — Christians who begin to doubt Christianity should surround themselves with strong Christians to reduce their doubt.		#182	65.0	39.0

128 — Apparent logical incoherencies in Christianity occasionally cause me to doubt Christianity.		#183	28.4	45.1
22 — Christians who are doubting Christianity should avoid examining arguments and evidence against Christianity.		#184	16.2	20.0
139 — Researching and evaluating arguments against Christianity is too dangerous for the average Christian.		#185	23.2	31.1
188 — Researching and considering arguments against Christianity is a healthy activity for most Christians.		#186	60.1	25.0
<b>— REDEMPTION —</b>		<b>#187</b>		
30 — Had God the Father not resurrected Jesus until 100 days after his death, he would have been unjust.		#188	20.8	25.0
95 — Jesus' actual physical blood had to be shed for redemption to have been accomplished.		#189	73.6	30.0
109 — Jesus had to become a human for the forgiveness of sins to be possible.		#190	78.6	19.1
130 — The sins of humanity that Jesus bore on the cross did not require his eternal damnation.		#191	69.5	50.0
137 — Children who tearfully beg Jesus to forgive them of their sins should not be reassured that Jesus did forgive them since they may later reject Christianity.		#192	11.2	9.0
161 — Both Christ's pre-death suffering and his death were necessary to make redemption possible.		#193	72.1	38.1
164 — Had Jesus been physically dead less than 3 days, the price for sin would not have been fully paid.		#194	23.0	30.0
189 — Redemption required that Jesus physically die.		#195	76.4	20.0
6 — Humans can secure, but then later lose their salvation.		#196	36.7	70.0
<b>— WORLD BELIEFS —</b>		<b>#197</b>		
31 — The Earth is flat, not spherical.		#198	1.6	0.0
71 — Humans did not evolve from lower forms of life.		#199	59.7	80.0
3 — God's final judgment of humans will occur within 50 years.		#200	23.8	47.0
9 — The brain of an artificial intelligence, if properly configured, can gain consciousness.		#201	20.3	30.0
19 — Most genuine Christians today attend religious services primarily to be entertained.		#202	33.9	34.1
29 — Unbelievers without the cosmic meaning the Christian God provides feel hopeless and emotionally unsatisfied.		#203	48.2	47.1
62 — Ten years from now, fewer true Christians will be regularly attending physical churches.		#204	56.7	28.0
108 — Christians on social media should exhibit meekness when engaging hostile non-Christians.		#205	80.0	28.0
155 — A small number of individuals are controlling global politics and the global economy.		#206	50.7	47.2
178 — The global economy will collapse to below 50% of its current strength sometime within the next 25 years.		#207	41.6	26.1
80 — Global warming is not actually happening.		#208	27.6	41.1
175 — Global warming is not primarily caused by humans.		#209	38.9	53.2
123 — The USA was selected by God to be a special instrument to spread Christian values around the world.		#210	23.7	36.2
165 — There will be a civil war in the USA within 20 years that will involve multiple US states.		#211	38.3	34.0
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