DL 6511

20

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

__M __(F)✓ (Undergraduate)✓ __Graduate Criminology / Law & Society Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
5. Does God exist?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	Y	LY	No O	LN	(N)
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	LY	No O	LN	(N)
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would follow Jesus?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow Him?	Y	LY	No O	LN	(N)

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

DL 6511

32

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

__M __F ✓ Undergraduate ✓ Graduate Criminology / Law & Society Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
5. Does God exist?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	LY	No O	LN	(N)
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would you follow Jesus?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow him?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N

I don't know [redacted] any of them.

11

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

Demographic Information

1. Do you ever attend church? Name/Type of Church NO, [redacted]
2. How often do you attend? (0)

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

1. Overall, what did you think of the booklet?

The booklet was interesting & wonderful.

2. What was the most surprising thing you learned from the booklet?

Most college students seem to unfavor Christianity.

3. Did the booklet change the way you think about anything?

Yes, So God does exist, so is Jesus.

4. If you were to recommend this booklet to a friend, what would you say about it?

Read this booklet anyway, even if you're Jesus's follower or not. Won't waste your time.

5. Would you recommend the booklet to a friend?

Definitely. I have alot of Christans friends who would love this kind of booklet.

6. Would you give the booklet to a professor?

Of course, if I know any professor who wants/interests in it.

I would probably give to my Philosophy Teacher.

DL6511

Notation Symbols

I Interesting – Surprising, new information to me.

Introduction: didn't know college students unfriendly toward Christianity.

All three brilliant Atheists were interesting.
I like Allan Sandage's Discovery the most.

B Boring – Not interesting, waste of time.

- Well, Why would Sandage go around ~~Publicing~~ telling others his decision to follow Christ?
- Postscript (37)

W Wrong – I know this topic and the author has his facts wrong.

N/A - No information seemed wrong to me.

~~This~~ booklet is very interesting to read I learned many new things.

P Persuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion that I find compelling.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (15)

- All three atheists had very good reasons to become Christians.

U Unpersuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion but I don't find it compelling.

Not only Scientists are trained to be skeptical not to jump to conclusions.

E 1472

(23)

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

__ M X F X Undergraduate __ Graduate Bio Medical Engineering Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
5. Does God exist?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would follow Jesus?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow Him?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

(31) E1472

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

__ M X F X Undergraduate __ Graduate Biomedical engineering Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
5. Does God exist?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would you follow Jesus?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow him?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

Demographic Information

1. Do you ever attend church? Name/Type of Church Only when Brought, Catholic
2. How often do you attend? Only when brought by friends, ~3x a year or so

+ never met any of Richard Dawkins works, nor Richard Carrier nor Bart Ehrman

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

1. Overall, what did you think of the booklet?

I thought that this booklet was highly convincing and put God and Christianity into a light I'd never seen them displayed in before. The use of scientific reasoning, and the examples of conversions of respectable scientific minds were convincing and interesting. This book showed Christianity and God in a way a cold scientific mind would have an easier time accepting.

2. What was the most surprising thing you learned from the booklet?

Lee Strobel's investigation on Jesus and the amazing amount of support he had found to prove Jesus did exist. The conversion stories of all three men were interesting and had reasonable evidence and proof to conclude that that they should convert.

3. Did the booklet change the way you think about anything?

I am going to the library to find "more Christianity" as soon as I can. I think that because christianity is such a large part of our society I need to make myself, at the very least, familiar with its lore, and perhaps take my time at university to explore religious learning as well as scientific.

4. If you were to recommend this booklet to a friend, what would you say about it?

This book presents christianity as though it was a geometric proof. It appeals to minds that work logically, and maintains its evangelistic message without touting values at you.

5. Would you recommend the booklet to a friend?

I think that I would show it to a friend, and mention it to friends, and explain it to friends, and if they wanted to read it, I would loan it to a friend

6. Would you give the booklet to a professor?

I do not know any of my professors well enough to be comfortable with that sort of exchange. It doesn't help that all my professors are science and math.

Ɛ 1472

Notation Symbols

[Pg. #. Ln→Ln]

I Interesting – Surprising, new information to me.

Pg. 6 #2 lines 7-20 , [11.1.7-8] [16.3.3-4] [20.1.2-4] [24.4.All] [24.6.All] [25.3. Entirety] [27.4.All] [30.2.2-3] [32.4. 8-9] [35.4.All] [42.1, 3-4] [42.4.All] [54.4. All] [65.1. All] [5.6.All]

B Boring – Not interesting, waste of time.

[18.1.5] [20.2.47] Though interesting, The post script starting on page 37 had no significant contribution to this booklet as an evangelistic tool. The scientific information was interesting though.

W Wrong – I know this topic and the author has his facts wrong.

I do not know enough about God, or Christianity, or astrophysics, to comment on the validity of these claims.

P Persuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion that I find compelling.

[17.3.2-3] [30.1.All] [33.3.All] [47.2.All] [49.3.All] [53.2.9-14] [55.2. All] Lee Strobel's story seemed the most persuasive to me. It had belief by proof and evidence rather than belief through acceptance. This book let is highly persuasive to rational science based minds as an argument for the validity of Christianity as more than a crack pot cult. The science behind the stories is highly appealing.

U Unpersuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion but I don't find it compelling.

[13.2.5-7] [14.1.9-11] [17.4.1-3] [18.2. Entirety] [18.6. Big Bang] [19.3. Moral law]

29

Czechoslovakia

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

√ M __ F √ Undergraduate __ Graduate Civil Engineering Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
5. Does God exist?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would follow Jesus?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow Him?	Y	LY	No O	LN	N

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

(27)

Czechoslovakia

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

✓ M ___ F ✓ Undergraduate ___ Graduate Civil Engineering Major

1. Is it ever possible to know absolute truth about anything?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
2. Is it possible for life to have meaning and purpose?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
3. Does the low entropy Big Bang support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
4. Does the fine-tuned universe support the concept of a Creator God?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
5. Does God exist?	Y	LY	(No O)	LN	N
6. Are science and faith in Jesus compatible?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
7. Do intelligent, college-educated unbelievers ever change their minds and put their faith in Jesus?	(Y)	LY	No O	LN	N
8. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead bodily?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
9. Are you a Jesus follower?	Y	LY	No O	(LN)	N
10. If the historical evidence that Jesus rose from the dead was strong, would you follow Jesus?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N
11. If following Jesus gave added meaning and purpose to life, would you follow him?	Y	(LY)	No O	LN	N

Y=Yes, LY=Leans Yes, No O=No Opinion, LN=Leans No, N=No

Demographic Information

1. Do you ever attend church? Name/Type of Church No; I only have attended a Christian church as a child for about 1 month
2. How often do you attend? N/A

Survey on Truth, Purpose and the Big Questions of Life

1. Overall, what did you think of the booklet?

An interesting & insightful look into the anecdotes of the converted men; though the reasoning of the author is not perfect sometimes, I applaud him for sharing his thoughts, especially on issues that firm proponents of both sides of the theological spectrum should reflect on to further their fields and/or their quests to find out the meaning of life.

2. What was the most surprising thing you learned from the booklet?

It would be a tie between the causal implications of some of today's modern cosmological (scientific) theories and the historic documentation of Jesus Christ by so many in diverse regions and positions.

3. Did the booklet change the way you think about anything?

Yes, as mentioned some-what above, I will restart my investigation of Christianity's claims after reading this, and I have both an increased understanding of and an increased hesitation about the Big Bang and related theories.

4. If you were to recommend this booklet to a friend, what would you say about it?

I would say that it is one author's editorialized compilation of several people's educated conversions to Christianity, and that my friend should look through the underlying arguments.

5. Would you recommend the booklet to a friend?

Perhaps; there would have to be a situation in which it would be relevant material to take a look at.

6. Would you give the booklet to a professor?

Perhaps, if I encountered one w/ the relevant interests.

Czechoslovakia

Notation Symbols

I Interesting – Surprising, new information to me.

top of pg. 7; Collins early background (begins on p. 7); excerpt on p. 11; pg. 14 ¶1; excerpt from pg. 15-16; on p. 18: "There is something instead of nothing"; ~~p. 23 top of p. 24~~ p. 23-27; mid pg. 31 - top pg. 32; last ¶ p. 33;

B Boring – Not interesting, waste of time.

p. 22

W Wrong – I know this topic and the author has his facts wrong.

pg. 5, last ¶; @ Collins: last ¶, pg. 12;

P Persuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion that I find compelling.

pg. 6, excerpt fr. Strobel's book; § Is Jesus a Hoax?;

U Unpersuasive – The author is arguing for a conclusion but I don't find it compelling.

pg. 5, ¶5; last ¶ on pg. 9; last ¶ on pg. 11; pg. 13, ¶ beginning "Encountering..."; pg. 14 ¶ 2; pg. 17 ¶ 2 - end of pg.; ~~p. 18~~ pg. 18, 2nd power to God; (as well as the 3rd); ~~p. 29 middle~~, pg. 37, 4th new ¶; pg. 38; § Documentary Evidence (begins pg. 47);

* "p." or "pg." = page; "¶" = paragraph