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Quiz #4

Why Is Religion Natural?

1. T/F Religion allays anxiety.
2. T/F Religious explanations of natural phenomena may further the sense of mystery.
3. T/F Religious claims are irrefutable.
4. T/F People have religious beliefs because they fail to reason properly.
5. T/F Religious concepts are easy to understand and can be exciting to consider.
6. What are examples of far-fetched notions that are never considered as religious claims?
7. T/F We are not aware of why our minds sustain certain religious concepts while they dismiss others.
8. What sorts of qualities do the supernatural characters we believe in have?
9. T/F Moral intuitions are not directly linked to supernatural agents (ghosts, gods, spirits).
10. Gods and spirits function as: (select those that apply)
a. moral legislators b. moral exemplars c. interested parties d. having causal powers.
11. T/F The presence of actual witches is not necessary for people to believe in their powers.
12. T/F Rituals to remove contamination by magical pollutants are characteristic of OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder)
13. T/F Religion is very similar to language and very different from music.
14. What are examples in which religious concepts violate some of our most entrenched intuitions?

You Are What You Eat: Religious Aspects of the Health Food Movement

1. Do you eat health food? Why? Why not?
2. When did the health food movement begin?
3. Who was Adele Davis?
4. What are the origins of the contemporary health food movement?
5. T/F Converts to the health food movement commonly resynthesize their mental image of the world.
6. What are some symbolic oppositions in the health food movement?
7. The health food movement contains all the elements utilized by Geertz in his definition of religion. These include: (select those that apply)
 - a. mana
 - b. taboo
 - c. sacrifice
 - d. promise of salvation

Burning Man

1. What is Burning Man and when does it happen?
2. What sorts of people might be drawn to attending Burning Man?
3. T/F The journey to and experience of Burning Man can function as a pilgrimage.
4. How might the Burning Man festival be seen as a religion?
5. What ritual activities occur at Burning Man?
6. How does the economy of Burning Man differ from mainstream U.S. trade?