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SQ1. Region

- 1) Seoul
- 2) Busan
- 3) Daegu
- 4) Incheon
- 5) Gwangju
- 6) Daejeon
- 7) Ulsan
- 8) Gyeonggi-do
- 9) Gangwon-do
- 10) Chungcheongbuk-do
- 11) Chungcheongnam-do
- 12) Jeollabuk-do
- 13) Jeollanam-do
- 14) Gyeongsangbuk-do
- 15) Gyeongsangnam-do

SQ2. Size of region

- 1) Large city
- 2) Small or medium sized city
- 3) Eup
- 4) Myeon

SQ3. Gender

- 1) Male
- 2) Female

SQ4. What is your age? _____ years old

※ The following are questions regarding 'everyday life'.

Q1. How many children do you think is an ideal number to have?

- 0) 0
- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 5
- 6) 6 or more

Q2. Assume a relative had a son. Do you think it is best to use the common syllable used in the names of the people in his generation of your family when naming him? Or do you think it is unnecessary?

- 1) It is best to name him using the common syllable used in the names of the people in his generation of my family
- 2) It is unnecessary

Q3. Do you think there is a correlation between a "good" or "bad" name of a person and his or her fate? Or do you think there is no correlation?

- 1) There is a very strong correlation
- 2) There is a correlation
- 3) There is no correlation

Q4. If a relative was set up with someone and their marital compatibility between them, predicted by a fortune teller, was very negative do you think it would be best for them to not get married? Or do you think it doesn't matter?

- 1) It is best not to marry
- 2) It doesn't matter

Q5. There is a saying that "if the grave site of one's ancestor is in a auspicious location it will bring good fortune to the descendants". What do you think about this statement? Do you agree or disagree?

- 1) Agree
- 2) Disagree

Q6. People say that human nature is inherently "good" or "evil" from the time of birth. In your experience, which of the following most closely reflects your own opinion?

[Interviewer: Read out examples]

- 1) Good from the time of birth
- 2) Evil from the time of birth
- 3) Good and evil coexist from the time of birth
- 4) Neither good nor evil

Q7. What do you think is the most important in life? Please feel free to write any one answer. (free-answer, short-answer)

Q8. How "satisfied" or "dissatisfied" are you with the following? How would you rate the following if 10 represents very satisfied, 0 represents very dissatisfied, and 5 represents neither satisfied nor dissatisfied?

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to F and get an answer for each]

	Very dissatisfied \Leftarrow Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied \Rightarrow Very satisfied										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. Household circumstances	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. Relationship with others	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. Married life/ relationship with the opposite sex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. Current state of health	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e. Occupation/ work	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f. Personal life in general	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q9. Please select two among the following which you feel are especially important in your current life. (multiple answers, 2)

- 1) Having good friends
- 2) Having abundant leisure/vacation time
- 3) A happy family life
- 4) A good job
- 5) Having a lot of money
- 6) Having a religion
- 7) Being healthy
- 8) Helping others
- 9) Being respected
10. Having a peach of mind
- 11) Living with a conviction

※ The following questions are regarding 'religion' in our society.

Q10. Do you think that the influence of religion on our society is increasing in comparison to the past? Or do you think it is decreasing?

- 1) It is increasing
- 2) It is decreasing
- 3) It is about the same

Q11. How important do you think religion is in an individual's personal life? Or do you think it's unimportant?

- 1) Very important
- 2) Somewhat important
- 3) Somewhat unimportant
- 4) Not at all important

Q12. What do you think is the greatest reason for people believing in a religion?

- 1) To be blessed (health, fortune, success etc.)
- 2) For eternal life after death
- 3) For a peace of mind
- 4) To find the meaning of life
- 5) Other (specify: _____)

Q13. What do you think about the following statements? Please state "agree" or "disagree" based on your experiences or opinion.

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to C and get an answer for each]

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
a. The doctrines of the various religions may seem to vary from one another but in essence speak of the same or similar truths.	1	2	9
b. Even if one zealously believes in a religion, it is meaningless if one does not attend a church or temple	1	2	9
c. Even if a person is good, one cannot enter paradise or go to heaven if he or she does not believe in a religion	1	2	9

Q14. People are saying that one should "love one's neighbors and strangers or be merciful to others".

	Average person				Religious person			
	Very well	Some -what	Not very well	Not at all	Very well	Some -what	Not very well	Not at all
a. How well do you think people today are abiding by this statement?	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
b. Then, how well do you think people who are religious are abiding by this statement?	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

Q15. What do you think about the following statements? Please state "agree" or "disagree" based on your experiences or opinion.

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to J and get an answer for each]

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
a. A household can maintain order when the leadership position is held by the eldest male of the household	1	2	9
b. The duties of a husband and wife should be separated	1	2	9
c. It is appropriate for children to obey the will of the parents rather than following their own	1	2	9
d. This world was not created out of nothing but created by someone with supernatural powers	1	2	9

e. When the world comes to an end everyone will be subject to the judgment of the almighty	1	2	9
f. When a person dies he or she is reincarnated into this world in some form	1	2	9
g. Anyone who realizes the truth can become a complete human being	1	2	9
h. Life is painful from the time of birth	1	2	9
i. Paradise or heaven doesn't exist in the world after death, but in this world	1	2	9
j. My future happiness depends on my actions alone	1	2	9

Q16. Do you think it is best for religious organizations to focus on religion itself alone? Or do you think it is better to participate in social, cultural or political activities?

- 1) It is best to focus on religion only
- 2) Social and cultural activities are acceptable, but oppose political activities
- 3) Political activities are acceptable, but oppose social and cultural activities
- 4) It is best to participate in all activities in the social, cultural, and political areas.

Q17. Today, there are instances where catholic/protestant churches and temples are being privately inherited. Do you think the private inheritance of religious organizations is acceptable? Or do you think it is unacceptable?

- 1) It is acceptable
- 2) It is unacceptable

Q18. Do you think it is following the original intention of a religion for religious organizations to purchase an automobile to expand missionary work and evangelize, or instead use the money to purchase the automobile to help poor neighbors in need?

- 1) Missionary work/ evangelism
- 2) Helping poor neighbors
- 3) It is similar

Q19. Do you think that it is appropriate to open religious facilities in catholic/protestant churches and temples to non-believers as retreat or wedding facilities and sites for tourism? Or do you think it is inappropriate?

- 1) It is appropriate
- 2) It is inappropriate

Q20. Do you think there are many religious figures today who are not qualified or without dignity? Please select from 'Very many', 'Somewhat many', 'Almost none', and 'None at all'.

- 1) Very many
- 2) Somewhat many
- 3) Almost none
- 4) None at all

Q21. Do you think there are many cults (pseudo-religion. around us today which cannot be considered as true religion?

- 1) Very many
- 2) Somewhat many
- 3) Almost none
- 4) None at all

Q22. How serious do you think is the problem of cults (pseudo-religion. in our society ? Or do you think it is not a problem?

- 1) It is a very serious problem
- 2) It is a somewhat serious problem
- 3) It is not a very serious problem
- 4) It is not at all a serious problem

Q23. How much do you "agree" or "disagree" with the following statements about religious organizations such as temples and protestant/catholic churches?

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to G and get an answer for each]

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. Individuals should practice the religious faiths they feel are right instead of becoming entangled in religious organizations	1	2	3	4	9
b. Most religious organizations are losing the original meaning of religion	1	2	3	4	9
c. Most religious organizations are more interested in expanding their congregations rather than pursuing the truth	1	2	3	4	9
d. Today, religious organizations are unable to provide answers for those who are seeking the true meaning of life	1	2	3	4	9
e. Religious organizations today do not treat non-believers warmly	1	2	3	4	9
f. Religious organizations are too stringent about emphasizing the rules	1	2	3	4	9
g. Religious organizations today tend to excessively emphasize donations or offerings	1	2	3	4	9

Q24. Do you believe in a religion? If so, what is the religion?

- 1) Buddhism
- 2) Protestantism
- 3) Catholicism
- 4) Other (Specify: _____)
- 5) I do not have a religion (non-believer ⇒ Go to Q43)

Q25. Around what age did you start believing in your current religion?

- 1) Younger than 9 years old
- 2) 10-19 years old
- 3) 20-29 years old
- 4) 30-39 years old
- 5) 40-49 years old
- 6) Over 50 years old

Q26. For how many years have you been a believer of your current religion?

- 1) Less than 5 years
- 2) 5-9 years
- 3) 10-19 years
- 4) 20-29 years
- 5) More than 30 years

Q27. Have you ever believed in another religion prior to becoming a believer of your current religion? (If so. What was the religion?)

- 1) Buddhism
- 2) Protestantism
- 3) Catholicism
- 4) Other (Specify: _____)
- 5) Never believed in another religion

Q28. What is your greatest reason for believing in a religion?

[Interview: Never read out the examples]

- 1) To be blessed (health, fortune, success etc.)
- 2) For eternal life after death
- 3) For a peace of mind
- 4) To find the meaning of life
- 5) Other (specify: _____)

Q29. How often do you attend currently attend a protestant/catholic church or temple? Please exclude occasions where you have attended for events such as weddings and funerals.

- 1) More than 2 times a week
- 2) Around once a week
- 3) 2-3 times a month
- 4) Once a month
- 5) Once every 2-3 months
- 6) 1-2 times a year
- 7) Once a year
- 8) Do not attend

Q30. How often do you pray?

- 1) Multiple times a day
- 2) Once a day
- 3) 2-3 times a week
- 4) Once a week
- 5) Less than that
- 6) Do not pray

Q31. How often do you read the Buddhist scriptures/Bible?

- 1) More than once a day
- 2) 3-4 times a week
- 3) Once a week
- 4) Every once in a while
- 5) Never

Q32. The following will ask about your religious experiences. Please state whether you did or did not have the following experiences I read out to you.

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to F and get an answer for each]

	Experienced	Not experienced	DK/NA
a. Receiving a divine revelation	1	2	9
b. Revelation that you will go to heaven/ enter paradise	1	2	9
c. Feeling that you are being tempted by the devil/Satan	1	2	9
d. Feeling that you are being punished	1	2	9
e. Having been healed from an illness by the power of a religion	1	2	9
f. Feeling of being reborn	1	2	9

Q33. How deep do you feel is your religious faith?

- 1) Very deep
- 2) Somewhat deep
- 3) Neither deep nor shallow
- 4) Not very deep
- 5) Not at all deep

Q34. The following question are regarding the (protestant/catholic church, temple. you are currently attending the most often. How would you rank the following if 10 represents very satisfied, 0 represents very dissatisfied, and 5 represents neither satisfied nor dissatisfied?

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to C and get an answer for each]

	Very dissatisfied \Leftarrow Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied \Rightarrow Very satisfied										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. It gives me answers to my emotional problems	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

b. It provides answers to the problems of the many believes attending the church/temple	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. The (pastor/priest/monk. in charge is doing a good job as a cleric	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q35. How authoritative do you feel is the way the cleric of the (church/temple. you are currently attending handles the guidance of believers? Or do you feel it is not authoritative?

- 1) Very authoritative
- 2) Somewhat authoritative
- 3) Not very authoritative
- 4) Not at all authoritative

⇒ Interviewer: If the current religion is 4) 'other' to Q24 go to Q47.

Interviewer: Only ask Q36 - Q38 to those who answered that their religion was 1) 'Buddhism'

Q36. How many times have you made an offering to a temple or Buddhist organization during the past year?

- 1) 1-2 times
- 2) 3-4 times
- 3) 5-6 times
- 4) 7-10 times
- 5) More than 11 times
- 6) Never

Q37. What do you think about the statement "someone who has not made an offering to a temple or a Buddhist organizing at least once a year is not a true believer"? Do you agree or disagree?

- 1) Agree
- 2) Disagree

Q38. What do you think about the statement "someone who makes an offering to a temple or Buddhist organization will be blessed more than the amount of the offering"? Do you agree or disagree?

- 1) Agree
- 2) Disagree

⇒ Interviewer: For those who believe in Buddhism stop here and go to Q47.

Interviewer: Only ask Q37 - 42 to those who answered that their religion was 2) 'protestantism' or 3) 'Catholicism'

Q39. Are you currently giving tithe?

- 1) Yes, I am ⇒ Go to Q41
- 2) No, I am not ⇒ Go to Q40

Q40. Then, have you ever offered a tithe?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

Q41. What do you think about the statement "someone who does not tithe is not a true believer"? Do you agree or disagree?

- 1) Agree
- 2) Disagree

Q42. What do you think about the statement "someone who makes an offering to a protestant/catholic church will be blessed more than the amount of the offering"? Do you agree or disagree?

- 1) Agree
- 2) Disagree

⇒ Interviewer: For those whose religion is protestant/catholic/Buddhist please stop here and go to Q47

Interviewer: Only ask Q43 - Q46 to those who answered 5) 'Do not have a religion/Do not believe in religion' to Q24

Q43. Have you ever believed in a religion in the past? (If so. What was the religion?)

- 1) Buddhism
- 2) Protestantism
- 3) Catholicism
- 4) Other (Specify: _____)
- 5) Never believed in a religion ⇒ Go to Q45

Q44. Then, for how long have you believed in that religion?

- 1) Less than a year
- 2) 2 years
- 3) 3 years
- 4) 4-5 years
- 5) 6-10 years
- 6) More than 11 years

Q45. What is the reason for not believing in a religion now?

[Interview: Never read out the examples]

- 1) Due to distrust and disappointment
- 2) Because I believe myself
- 3) Because I don't have time or the peace of mind for it
- 4) Not interested
- 5) Opposition by family and those around me
- 6) Because I lack courage and feel burdened
- 7) Other (specify: _____)

Q46. Irrespective of the fact that you do not believe in a religion, what religion do you have the most favorable impression of?

- 1) Buddhism
- 2) Protestantism
- 3) Catholicism
- 4) Other (Specify: _____)
- 5) None

Interviewer: Everyone should answer

Q47. Are you married?

[Interviewer: Read out the examples]

- 1) Single
- 2) Married
- 3) Divorced/ separated
- 4) Widowed

Q48. The following are regarding the religion of your family. What religion dose (did. your father believe in? And your mother?
(Only if married) And your spouse?

	Father	Mother	Spouse
a. Buddhism	1	1	1
b. Protestantism	2	2	2
c. Catholicism	3	3	3
d. Other (Specify: _____)	(_____)	(_____)	(_____)
e. Do not have a religion (do not believe)	5	5	5

Q49. Irrespective of whether or not you believe in a religion, do you believe the following exist?

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to E and get an answer for each]

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. An absolute being/ God	1	2	9
b. Paradise/ heaven	1	2	9
c. A soul after death	1	2	9
d. Miracle	1	2	9
e. Devil/Satan	1	2	9

Q50. Please write down one thing you would like to suggest to each of the following religions or have rectified. (free-answer)

[Interviewer: Ask each question in order from A to C and get an answer for each]

A. Buddhism _____

B. Protestantism _____

C. Catholicism _____

※ Questions for data classification

D1. What is your occupation?

- 1) Agriculture/fishery/livestock
- 2) Self-employed
- 3) Sales/ service
- 4) Skilled worker
- 5) General labor
- 6) Clerical/technical
- 7) Management/administration
- 8) Professional/freelance
- 9) Homemaker
10. Student
- 11) Unemployed
- 12) Other (specify: _____)

D2. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

- 1) Elementary school graduate or lower
- 2) Middle school graduate
- 3) High school graduate
- 4) Attending college or higher

D3. Do you own your home? If not, is it rented or leased on a deposit basis?

- 1) Own home
- 2) Lease on a deposit basis
- 3) Rent

D4. What is the total average monthly income of all household members currently living together? Please state the monthly average including all savings, income from leasing real estate, interests etc.

- 1) Less than 490,000 won
- 2) 500,000 - 990,000 won
- 3) 1,000,000 - 1,490,000 won
- 4) 1,500,000 - 1,990,000 won
- 5) 2,000,000 - 2,490,000 won
- 6) 2,500,000 - 2,990,000 won
- 7) 3,000,000 - 3,990,000 won
- 8) 4,000,000 - 4,990,000 won
- 9) More than 5,000,000 won