

Need for Mystery Items

These are the current items from October 2011. These items have good fit in a CFA analysis and have high reliability (AS = .81, PM = .75). Factor correlations range from around .3 in student samples up to .4 in community samples. Anti-science is generally significantly higher in women than men, no differences have been found between Euros and Asians in structure or means.

Anti-Science Subscale

1. There are some things that humans should not try to understand.
2. There are things in this world too complicated to happen on their own.
3. Reports of so-called 'death experiences' don't prove there is an afterlife.
4. I prefer spiritual explanations for things rather than scientific ones.
5. If someone told me they had a spiritual vision I would doubt it.
6. I believe there is something beyond this vegetable universe.
7. I am comfortable with the idea that the world is just atoms and molecules.
8. I trust my intuition more than scientific evidence.
9. I follow my instincts, even if I don't understand them.

- Pro-Magic Subscale

1. I sometimes think that inanimate things are fighting against me (e.g., computers, cars).
2. I never think of objects as having a personality.
3. Objects sometimes move around on their own.
4. I check my horoscope regularly.
5. Some people can predict the future.
6. I tend to believe in certain conspiracy theories.

7. I sometimes get a shiver thinking about mysterious things.
8. When I'm on my own, I sometimes get magical feelings.