

Skeptiko - What I Know

We all have different beliefs about... well, everything. And no matter how sure you are about your beliefs there are others who think you're the crazy one. I've flubbed a lot interviews assuming I knew someone's beliefs when I didn't.

I've put together this questionnaire as way of sharing beliefs: mine... yours... and others thought leaders I've talked to.

Feel free to skip around and answer as many questions as you like.

Check all that apply.

Science? (check all that apply)

- Yes... duh... progress... iPhones and stuff
- No... duh... myth of progress... nuclear annihilation and stuff
- ...a method not a position statement
- Extraordinary claims, require extraordinary proof
- You get what you pay for
- Inextricably linked to scientific materialism
- Other:



Consciousness? (check all that apply)

- Yes... I'm in here... the only thing we know for sure
- Mind is an epiphenomenon of brain activity
- "Consciousness is an illusion" -- Daniel Dennett
- "Consciousness is probably nothing" -- Neil deGrasse Tyson
- "...a social construct" -- Sam Harris
- "[if God is dead] The only philosophical question is suicide" -- Albert Camus
- Consciousness is fundamental
- We are "in" consciousness
- Do you mean the hard problem of consciousness?
- Do you mean the "easy" problem of consciousness?
- Other:

Skepticism? (check all that apply)

- Skepticism is a part of science
- Skepticism implies meta-knowledge and his counter to science
- Don't be so open-minded that your head falls out
- Inquiry to perpetuate doubt is a good thing
- Don't be a chump
- Other:



Spirituality? (check all that apply)

- Yes... who am I... why am I here?
- No... I am a biological robot in a meaningless universe... deal with it!
- Maybe... I'm agnostic... no, really, I'm really really agnostic
- IDKIDC
- It only matters if you believe it
- That's not a question!
- Evidence suggests extended realms of consciousness exist and interact with us
- Other:

Extended consciousness? (check all that apply)

- What?
- Angels and demons are balony
- Astral travel, out of body experience, shamanic journeying... it's balony
- After-death communication, dream yoga, ET telepathy... it's balony
- It's not balony, but it's not what you think
- We're trying to learn more about this
- We're discouraging anyone from learning more about this
- Other:



Evil? (check all that apply)

- A social construct
- I know it when I see it
- Satanic stuff
- Stannic panic stuff
- Who am I to judge
- "Do what thou wilt"
- See, the Bible
- There is a moral imperative, do good not evil
- God can't be all powerful and all good
- Create better than the creator gods
- Other:

Conspiracy Theory? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- The term "conspiracy theory" is a conspiracy
- "Large-scale conspiracies would quickly reveal themselves"
- "What do all men with power want... more power" -- The Oracle, Matrix
- "more dangerous than ever" -- Washington Post
- It's not what you think
- Usually the best starting point
- Other:



Religion? (check all that apply)

- Good for social cohesion
- The highest expression of humanity
- A path to transcendency
- An unnecessary intermediary
- Cultish or at least leaning on cultish principles
- Works for me and hundreds of millions of others
- Religious people should coexist (but mine is really best)
- Scientology is a cult
- Other:

Christianity? (check all that apply)

- Woven into the fabric of Western civilization
- The path to transcendency
- What Jesus told us
- What Jesus told me
- Cultish or at least leaning on cultish principles
- A few bad apples
- Institutionalized abuse
- The highest expression of humanity
- Other:



Near-Death Experience? (check all that apply)

- It's science
- It's not science yet, but it could be
- It could never be scientific... just stories
- Highly suggestive of consciousness beyond death
- "Near" death means they weren't dead
- Can be explained by brain activity we're unable to measure
- Why I answered "yes" to the spirituality question
- Other:

Yoga? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- World? What world?
- It's not going to work out
- Everything is gonna be ok
- I'm not flexible
- breath and release
- Other:



We're living in a simulation (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- Simulation of what (infinite regress)?
- "If they can they will"
- If so, it's still "me" experiencing it
- Other:

UFO/ET? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- UFO maybe, ET no
- Yes, because the New York Times said so
- Those videos can be faked
- Yes, but it's not what people think
- We live in a big place
- Other:



Flat Earth? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- Spherically neutral
- Elon Musk: Why is there no Flat Mars Society?
- Suspicious... I mean, why is everyone talking about it like it's a real thing?
- Other:

Pizzagate? (check all that apply)

- Conspiracy theories are dangerous
- Conspiracy theories about conspiracy theories are dangerous
- What is "pizzagate"?
- A political PSYOP
- Occult practices by high-ranking government officials
- Other:

Cancel Culture? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- Google/YouTube, Facebook and Twitter have the right...
- The fourth estate has fallen
- I long for the good old days demonetization and shadow banning
- Other:



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