

Faith Styles Pre-Reading Check-List. Read the header of each column and then circle all the descriptions that apply to your own style of faith. When you are done, add up the circled items in each row and write the number at the end of the row.

How do you Imagine the Divine?	What is the nature of one's relationship with the Divine?	How does one construct meaning in the world?	What are the accepted sources of spiritual wisdom?	How is spiritual growth assessed?	Practices honored?	#
Sovereign of universe.	Hierarchical, as a child in a Divine family.	By discerning and acting out of the Divine will.	Scripture and tradition.	The extent to which one submits one's own will to the Divine's.	Prayer, studying scripture, corporate worship.	
Spiritual force animating all of nature.	Pantheistic, there is no distinction between creation and the Divine.	By protecting the biosphere and all creatures, and promoting greater consciousness.	Spiritual wisdom of every tradition, in one's own experience, and in the body.	The degree to which one can see through the illusion of separateness and realize one's unity with all being.	Prayer, meditation, ritual, sacred reading, art, exercise, being in nature, and activism.	
Life itself.	Unity with all life.	By compassionate action on behalf of life.	The natural world, the scientific method.	By one's commitment to biological sustainability, the protection of existing life forms, including one's self.	Activism, being in nature, reading and study (especially the sciences).	
Friend, lover, co- worker.	Familial and idiosyncratic.	"Showing mercy, doing justice, walking humbly".	Scripture, tradition, reason and experience.	The degree to which one is able to be authentically oneself.	Myriad contemplative practices, being in nature, social activism.	
Unknowable Mystery.	Intellectual pursuit and philanthropic service.	From scratch, and idiosyncratically.	Largely personal experience and reason.	Level of existential anxiety and philanthropy.	Being in nature, activism, prayer and meditation.	
Angry judge.	Estrangement.	Only in negative terms.	Scripture and tradition, but cannot appropriate their benefits.	By degree of estrangement.	No positive practices.	