

Here's Why Some People Are More Religious Than Others

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When it comes to predicting the kind of people most likely to be religious, brainiac scientists used to be everyone's last guess. The more educated a person was, the thinking went, the more likely they were to question the supernatural.

But the supposed divide between science and religion—in which religion was seen as the less-educated person's "science" of choice—has ironically been subject to little scientific debate, until recently.

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David Rand, who leads Yale University's Human Cooperation Laboratory and studies decision-making, was one of the first to suggest that intuition and deliberation were key to a person's religiosity in a paper he co-wrote in 2011.

In the paper, Rand and his colleagues used the Cognitive Reflection Test, which measured a person's levels of intuition or deliberation by how they answered questions. Intuitive answers were compelling but often not correct.

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