

Inventory of Complicated Spiritual Grief—2.0 (ICSG 2.0)

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Important points to read before completing this questionnaire:

- During bereavement, many people experience struggles, concerns, or doubts regarding spiritual or religious issues.
- The purpose of this scale is to understand how you have been coping spiritually since your loss.
- On the list of items below there are no right or wrong answers. The best answer is the one that most accurately reflects your experience. If a statement does not apply to you or your situation, simply mark N/A (not applicable).
- When items refer to your “spiritual community,” please allow that to represent whatever *spiritual community* means to you. It’s meant to include all spiritually inclined individuals in your social network, for instance, fellow believers, members of your church, spiritually like-minded friends or family, etc.
- Please read each statement with the loss you are currently grieving in mind.
- We want you to respond based on how you actually feel, not how you believe you should feel.
- Please think about your loss of _____, and then read each statement carefully.
- Choose the answer that best describes how you have been feeling about your loss during the past month including today.

<i>Since the death of _____</i>	Not at all true/NA	A little true	Somewhat true	Mostly true	Very definitely true
1. People in my spiritual community don't want me to express my grief much or at all.	0	1	2	3	4
2. I feel it is unfair that God took [LOVED ONE].	0	1	2	3	4
3. My spiritual community appears to care more about their own comfort than my pain.	0	1	2	3	4
4. I struggle with accepting how a good God allows bad things to happen.	0	1	2	3	4
5. My spiritual community places unrealistic expectations on my grieving process (e.g., suggesting I should "get over it").	0	1	2	3	4
6. I feel angry at God.	0	1	2	3	4
7. My grief responses often contradict my spiritual community's spiritual beliefs.	0	1	2	3	4
8. I sometimes feel disappointed by God.	0	1	2	3	4
9. I find that spiritual/religious activities (e.g., prayer, worship, Bible reading) are no longer fulfilling.	0	1	2	3	4

10. People in my spiritual community act as if [LOVED ONE]'s death didn't happen.	0	1	2	3	4
11. It is challenging to find a spiritual leader to discuss difficult spiritual issues with.	0	1	2	3	4
12. I sometimes feel like God is punishing me.	0	1	2	3	4
13. I'm confused as to why God would let this happen.	0	1	2	3	4
14. My spiritual community criticizes my anger toward God.	0	1	2	3	4
15. I am a faithful believer, so I don't understand why God didn't protect me.	0	1	2	3	4
16. My spiritual community thinks I've been grieving for too long.	0	1	2	3	4
17. Since my loss, my spiritual beliefs are overshadowed by the beliefs of my spiritual community.	0	1	2	3	4
18. Sharing my spiritual struggle with my spiritual community seems to complicate our relationship.	0	1	2	3	4
19. I sometimes feel abandoned by God.	0	1	2	3	4
20. My doubts about my spiritual beliefs trouble me.	0	1	2	3	4
21. I have lost my desire to worship	0	1	2	3	4
22. I no longer feel safe and protected by God, knowing that anything can happen to anyone.	0	1	2	3	4
23. My spiritual community might reject me because of the way that my loss has re-shaped my spiritual beliefs.	0	1	2	3	4
24. I feel like I have been robbed of the future God had planned for me.	0	1	2	3	4
25. I go out of my way to avoid spiritual/religious activities (e.g., prayer, worship, Bible reading).	0	1	2	3	4
26. I have walked away from my faith.	0	1	2	3	4
27. I find it difficult to pray.	0	1	2	3	4
28. I have withdrawn from my spiritual community.	0	1	2	3	4
OPEN-ENDED ITEMS					
1 _____ _____	0	1	2	3	4

2. _____ _____ _____	0	1	2	3	4
3 _____ _____ _____	0	1	2	3	4

Note:

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Scoring Instructions:

A total ICSG 2.0 score can be calculated by summing all 28 items and dividing that sum by 28.

Subscales by item #

(calculated by summing the items and dividing by the number of items in parentheses):

Estrangement from Spiritual Community (9): 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23

Insecurity with God (13): 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24

Disruption in Religious Practices (6): 9, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28