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## Shared Meanings Questionnaire

We want you to think about how well you and your partner have been able to create a sense of shared meaning in your lives together. We think that when people become committed to one another they create a new culture, and some relationships also involve the union of two very different cultures. But even if two people are coming from the same regional, cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, they will have been raised in two very different families, and their merging involves the creation of a new culture.

Read each statement and place a check mark in the appropriate TRUE or FALSE box.

Your Rituals	True	False
Reunions at the end of each day in our home are generally special times in my day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During weekends, we do a lot of things together that we enjoy and value.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I really look forward to and enjoy our vacations and the travel we do together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When we do errands together, we generally have a good time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have ways of becoming renewed and refreshed when we are burned out or fatigued.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Roles	True	False
We share many similar values in our roles as lovers and partners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner and I have compatible views about the role of work in one's life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner and I have similar philosophies about balancing work and family life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner supports what I would see as my basic mission in life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner shares my views on the importance of family and kin (sisters, brothers, moms, dads) in our life together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Goals	True	False
If I were to look back on my life in very old age, I think I would see that our paths in life had meshed very well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner values my own accomplishments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My partner honors my own very personal goals, unrelated to my relationship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have very similar financial goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our hopes and aspirations, as individuals and together, for our children, for our life in general, and for our old age are quite compatible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Symbols	True	False
We see eye-to-eye about what "home" means.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have similar views about the role of sex in our lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have similar views about the role of love and affection in our lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have similar values about the importance and meaning of money in our lives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have similar values about "autonomy" and "independence."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>