

**Ezidyan Identity-Inventory (EZI)**

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## The Ezidyan Identity-Inventory

**Code/Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School diploma / graduate degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Caste belonging (Mirid, Sheikh, Pir):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthplace of parents':** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Below you will find a number of statements about different areas of life. Please read each statement carefully and indicate how well these apply to you or how much you agree with the statement.

**Important!** Your answer choices range **from 0 to 3** always. The digits mean specifically:  
**0** = "strongly disagree", **1** = "somewhat disagree", **2** = "somewhat agree", **3** = "strongly agree".

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1. I know the history of the Ezidi religion.	①	②	③	④
2. I know Ezidi prayers.	①	②	③	④
3. I know the five basic obligations / precepts of Ezidis.	①	②	③	④
4. Ezid, Tausi Melek and Sheikh Adi are the major holy figures in Ezidism.	①	②	③	④
5. I am a devout Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
6. Ezidism is a sovereign religious.	①	②	③	④
7. I admit being Ezidi	①	②	③	④
8. I enjoy being an Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
9. I was born as an Ezidi and I am going to die as an Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
10. Kurdish (Kurmanji) is the language of the Ezidism.	①	②	③	④
11. Ezidi traditions are important to me.	①	②	③	④
12. Participation in Ezidi holidays is important to me.	①	②	③	④
13. I get power from the Ezidyan religion.	①	②	③	④
14. My prayers are predominantly directed to God (Xwedê).	①	②	③	④
15. I make my own life choices within the Ezidi community.	①	②	③	④
16. I feel supported and protected in the Ezidi community.	①	②	③	④
17. I feel associated with the Ezidi community.	①	②	③	④
18. A regular exchange with other Ezidis is important to me.	①	②	③	④
19. I introduce myself as an Ezidi in conversations.	①	②	③	④
20. Having contact with my Sheikh is important to me.	①	②	③	④
21. Having contact with my Pir is important to me.	①	②	③	④

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22. The pilgrimage "Lalish" is of great importance to me.	①	②	③	④
23. I read up on Ezidis and Ezidism continuously.	①	②	③	④
24. My attitude about life is based on Ezidism.	①	②	③	④
25. The Ezidism gives me answers on the meaning of life and world.	①	②	③	④
26. Ezidism gives me a sense and perspective on life.	①	②	③	④
27. Ezidism means to me having a relationship with God (Xwedê).	①	②	③	④
28. If there is a life after death, then I would like to be born as an Ezidi again.	①	②	③	④
29. The Ezidyan community is good for my health.	①	②	③	④
30. I feel trapped in my religion.	①	②	③	④
31. Sometimes I wish I were not an Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
32. My life as Ezidi is harder than life of Non-Ezidis.	①	②	③	④
33. The Ezidyan religion is unimportant to me.	①	②	③	④
34. I am afraid that others will find out I am Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
35. No one can really explain to me, how the Ezidism has arisen and why I should follow the Ezidism.	①	②	③	④
36. I can not find explanations about the Ezidism believes (e.g. idea of man, life after death, meaning of life).	①	②	③	④
37. I am religious, but I do not feel as though I am an Ezidi.	①	②	③	④
38. I do not believe in the Ezidyan marriage rules.	①	②	③	④
39. To me Ezidism is too strict as a religion.	①	②	③	④
40. The caste system (Sed û Hed) in Ezidism has to be reformed.	①	②	③	④
41. The Ezidyan community has too many rules and constraints.	①	②	③	④
42. I consciously conceal my Ezidish religious affiliations.	①	②	③	④
43. If I could, I would change my religion.	①	②	③	④
44. I'm Ezidi, but I am not religious.	①	②	③	④
45. I perceive the Ezidi community as a burden.	①	②	③	④

**Finally, please answer the following questions.**

46. **What do you like about Ezidism?**
47. **What do you dislike about Ezidism?**
48. **What in your opinion is special about Ezidism? What characterizes Ezidism especially in contrast to other religious communities?**
49. **Imagine, someone would like to convert to Ezidism. Would you allow him to do so, under certain conditions? If yes, what would the conditions be?**
50. **If you had the chance, would you change the Ezidi community or Ezidism? If yes, what would you change and reform about the Ezidi community or about Ezidism?**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

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