

Informed Consent

Title of the Project: God-image and Romantic Partner Relationships: Emotional Neglect and Adult Women

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Invitation to be Part of a Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. To participate, you must be at least 18 years old, be female, and reside in the United States. Taking part in this research project is voluntary.

Please take time to read this entire form and ask questions before deciding whether to take part in this research.

What is the study about and why is it being done?

The purpose of this research study is to examine the relationship between childhood emotional neglect in adult women, their romantic partner relationships, and the role of the Judeo-Christian God-image as a mediator.

What will happen if you take part in this study?

If you agree to be in this study, I will ask you to do the following:

1. Complete an online survey. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and consists of demographic questions and three other sets of questions.

How could you or others benefit from this study?

Participants should not expect to receive a direct benefit from taking part in this study.

The results from this study have treatment implications for counselors and counseling services. Significant outcomes of this study could include increasing research on the topic, examining therapy treatments for adult women who have experienced emotional neglect, and advocating for children and adult survivors of neglect. Also, the research may advance therapeutic treatments that integrate spirituality into counseling for emotionally neglected women

What risks might you experience from being in this study?

The risks involved in this study are minimal, which means they are equal to the risks you would encounter in everyday life.

How will personal information be protected?

The records of this study will be kept private. Research records will be stored securely, and only the researcher will have access to the records.

- Data will be stored on a password-locked computer and in a locked filing cabinet. The data may be used in future presentations. After three years, all electronic records will be deleted and all physical records will be shredded.

How will you be compensated for being part of the study?

Participants will receive \$1.00 (U.S.) for completing this survey as arranged through Amazon's Mechanical Turk platform. Participants must complete the entire survey to be compensated.

Is study participation voluntary?

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Liberty University. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time prior to submitting the survey without affecting those relationships.

What should you do if you decide to withdraw from the study?

If you choose to withdraw from the study, please exit the survey and close your internet browser. Your responses will not be recorded or included in the study.

Whom do you contact if you have questions or concerns about the study?

The researcher conducting this study is Danette Buchanan. You may contact her at dbuchanan1@liberty.edu. You may also contact the researcher's faculty sponsor, Dr. John Thomas, at jcthomas2@liberty.edu.

Whom do you contact if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher **you are encouraged** to contact the Institutional Review Board, 1971 University Blvd., Green Hall Ste. 2845, Lynchburg, VA 24515 or email at irb@liberty.edu.

Disclaimer: The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is tasked with ensuring that human subjects research will be conducted in an ethical manner as defined and required by federal regulations. The topics covered and viewpoints expressed or alluded to by student and faculty researchers are those of the researchers and do not necessarily reflect the official policies or positions of Liberty University.

Your Consent

Before agreeing to be part of the research, please be sure that you understand what the study is about. You can print a copy of the document for your records. If you have any questions about the study later, you can contact the researcher using the information provided above.