

Abstract

This exploratory study aims at investigating death attitudes among Hong Kong Chinese by factor analyzing some western developed measurements, and finding out the social general beliefs, which have predictions on the death attitudes yielded in this study. Two death attitudes, Death Terror (DT) and Death Blessing (DB) were yielded from the Multidimensional Fear of Death Scale, Death Attitude Profile-Revised and Belief-in-afterlife Scale. Results showed that these two factors could be predicted by some social general beliefs in Social Axiom Survey. It is found that Fate Control, Social Cynicism, Reward for Application and Spirituality altogether predicted DT. Whereas DB was predicted by Spirituality and Social Cynicism altogether. The gender and faculty effect on the attitudes were also investigated. Finally, implications of the study were discussed.