

## ReadMe TNRL datafiles

This file is the anonymized SPSS-datafile belonging to two experimental studies reported in the publication ‘‘They Never Really Leave Us’’: Transcendent Narratives of Loss Resonate with the Experience of Severe Grief’ (Das & Peters, 2022). We deleted references to dates, locations, and open-ended responses to personal questions (e.g., information about the person they lost) from these datafiles.

The variable and data labels are (mostly) in Dutch. Below is a chronological description of the variables per study. Please consult *Supplementary data in the publication (open access)* for a translated description of the experimental materials, the measures and the correlation table of Study 1.

### TNRL\_Study1\_2021

1-24: Control items measuring Spirituality, consisting of the subscales Connectedness, Hope Transcendent, and Experiences of Sense and Meaning (from Unterrainer et al., 2012).

25-34: Identification with the story protagonist items (adapted from: Cohen, 2001)

35: happy affect item

36: sad affect item

37-47: Transportation into the story world items (Green & Brock, 2000)

48-52: Appreciation of the story items (5 items, from Oliver & Bartsch, 2010)

53: Did you lose a loved one during this life?

54: How old was this person when they died?

55-57: Grief severity items

58-63: Loss acceptance items

64-69: Depression items (adaptation from Van Marwijk et al., 2003)

70-75: Religious/spiritual upbringing items

76: Gender

77: Age

78: Education (highest completed)

79: Narrative condition (1=transcendent, 2=control)

80: Connectedness scale (Unterrainer et al., 2012); mean score

81: Hope Transcendent scale (Unterrainer et al., 2012); mean score

82: of Sense and Meaning-scale (Unterrainer et al., 2012); mean score

83: Spirituality scale: mean score across three subscales (80-82)

84: Religious/spiritual upbringing scale; mean score

85: filter: selection of participants who had experienced loss

86: Transportation scale (Green & Brock, 2000); mean score

87: Mixed affect; lowest score of happy and sad affect.

88: Identification (adapted from Cohen, 2001); mean score

89: Depression scale (Van Marwijk et al., 2003); mean score

90: Grief severity scale (mean score)

91: Grief severity, log transformed

92: Loss acceptance scale; mean score

93: Appreciation of the story scale; mean score

### TNRL2021\_Study2

- 1: Time since loss
- 2-14: TRIG-Present items (Futterman et al., 2010)
- 15-17: Grief severity items (from Study 1)
- 18-43: Connectedness items (Janicke & Oliver, 2017)
- 44-50: Elevation items
- 51: Age
- 52: Gender
- 53: Education
- 54: Spirituality item
- 55: Narrative condition (0=control, 1=butterfly, 2=sunbeam)
- 56: Narrative condition (0=control, 1=transcendent)
- 57: TRIG scale; composite measure
- 58: Grief severity scale; composite measure
- 59: Connectedness scale; composite measure
- 60: Elevation scale; composite measure
- 61: TRIG subscale: emotional response
- 62: TRIG subscale: thoughts
- 63: TRIG subscale: difficulty in accepting the loss

**Reference:**

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