

Title: How Religious Importance Relates to Meaning Presence

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INTRODUCTION

- There has been a significant amount of data collected pertaining to general religiosity in correlation to meaning
- There is not much emphasis on the importance of **practicing** of one's faith in **correspondence with meaning**
- Whilst one can believe in a deity or afterlife, **the belief itself might not solidify one's perceived meaning**
- There are two different types of meaning: meaning presence and meaning search.
- It is **hypothesized** that a greater sense of importance of practicing religion will increase the meaning in life presence.

METHODS

- Survey with U.S. national sample (N = 255)
 - Measured strength of religious belief
 - Measured two forms of meaning in life
- 59.4% men, 38.7% women
- 35.9% identified as Christian
- 39.2% identified as having no religion

RESULTS

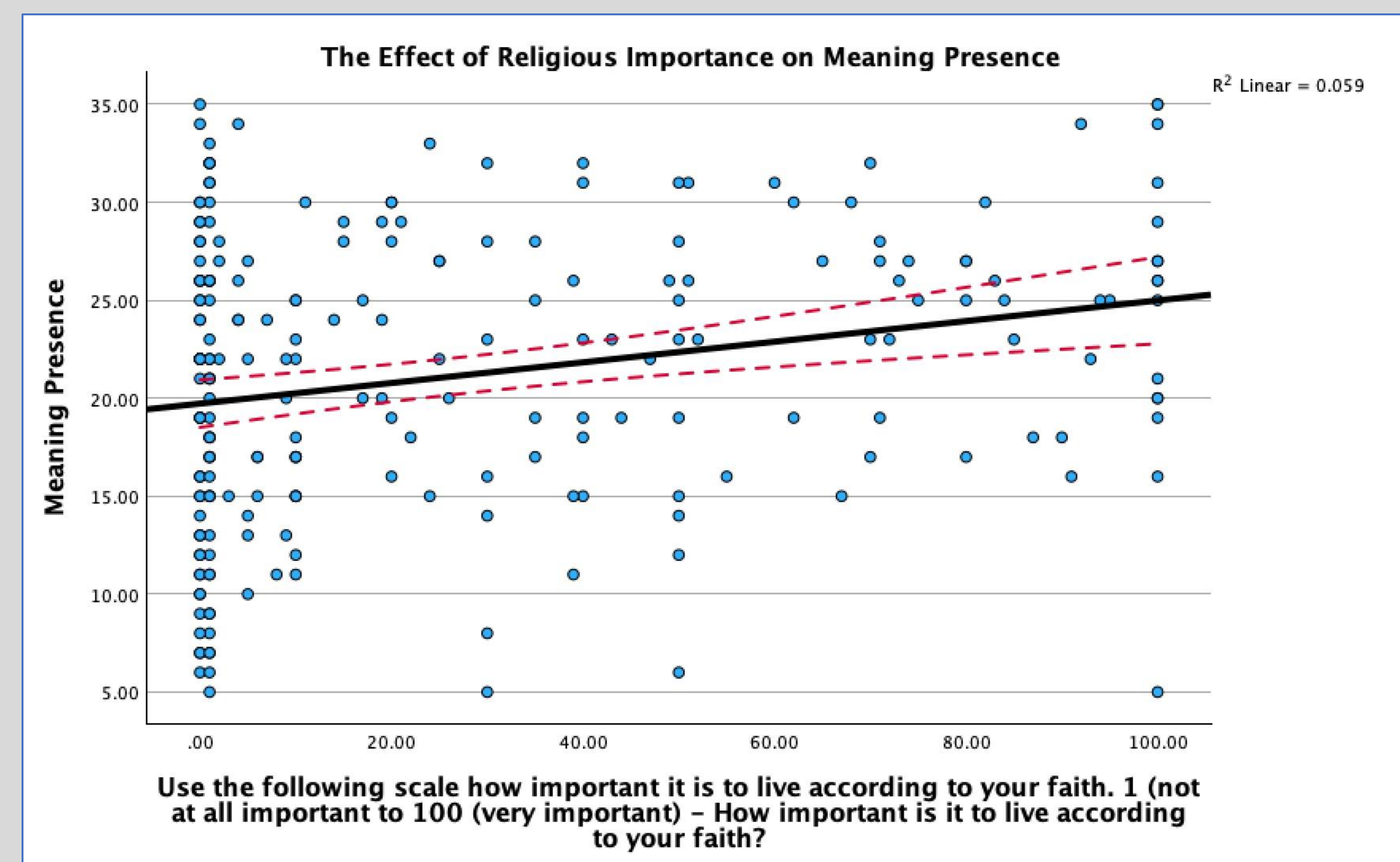
- These results supported the hypothesis; displayed a positive correlation between religious importance on meaning presence.
- There was no correlation between religious importance and meaning search.
- Meaning Presence: standardized $\beta = .242$
- Meaning Search: standardized $\beta = .107$

Table 1

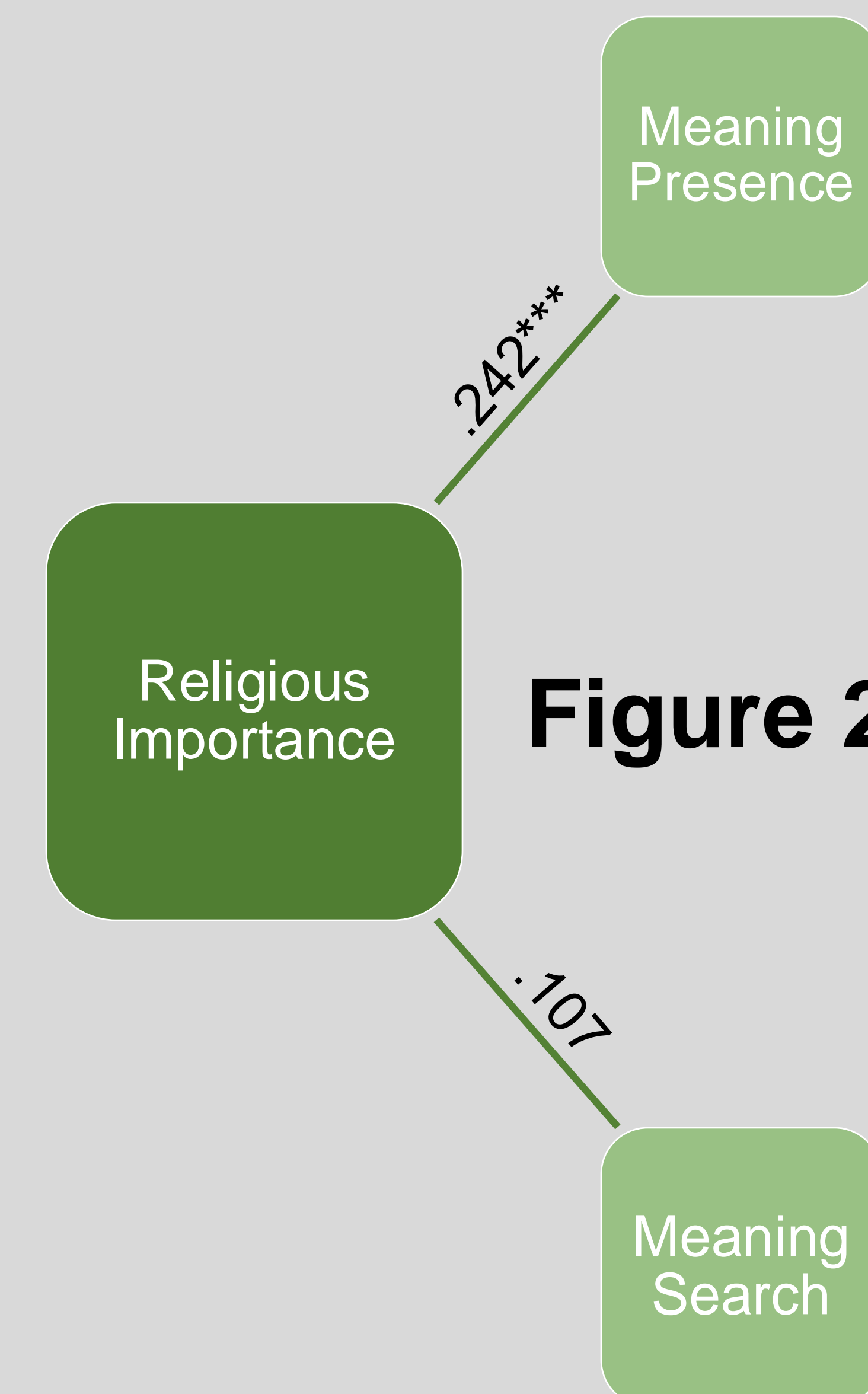
	Mean (Standard Deviation)	2	3
Religious Importance	28.044 (33.610)	.242***	.107
Meaning in Life Presence	20.702 (7.332)	--	-.019
Meaning in Life Search	23.196 (7.310)	--	--

*** = $p < .001$

Figure 1

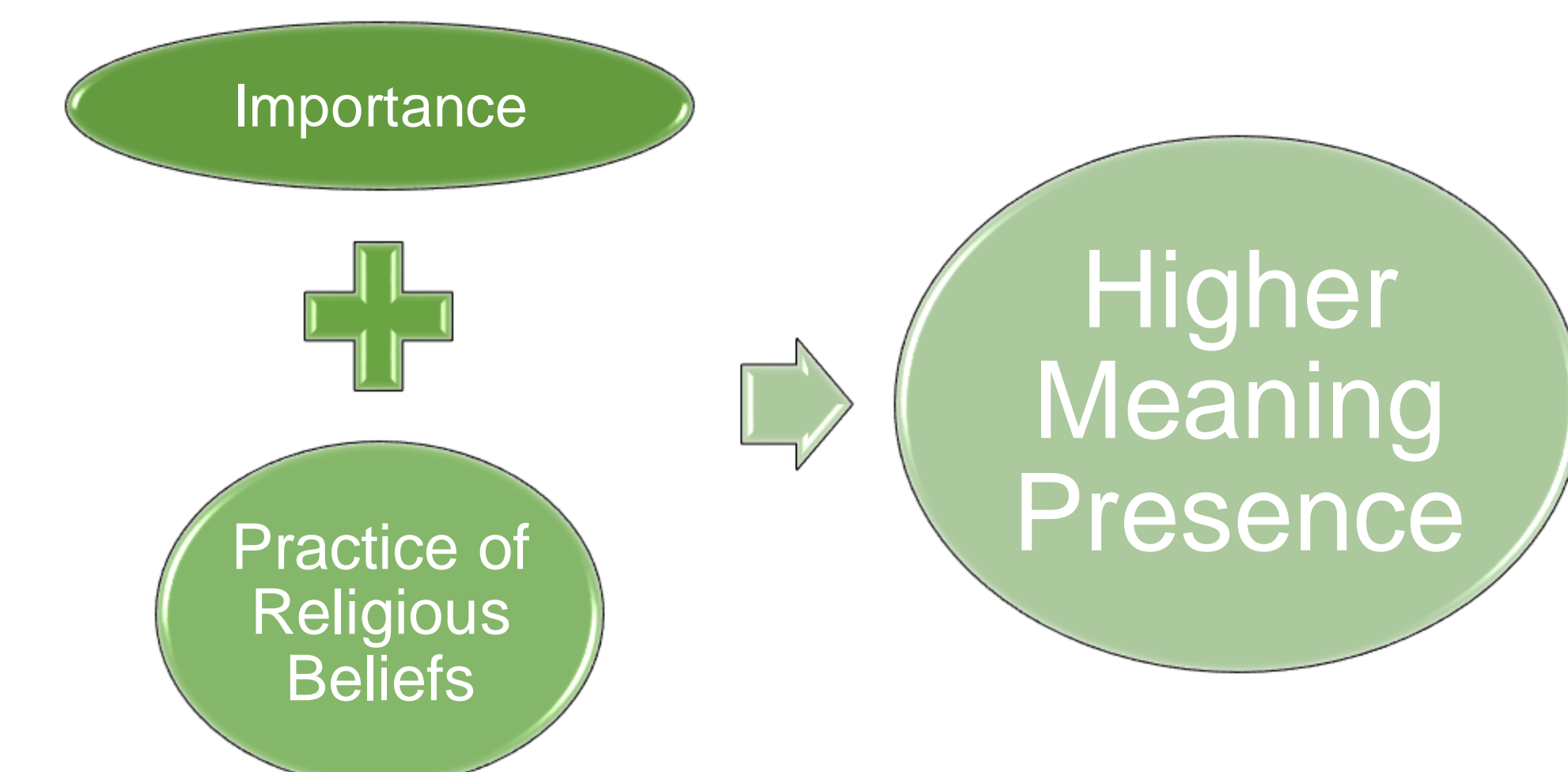


$y = 19.724 + .053x$



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- People who experience a higher religious importance experience a greater meaning in life.
- Whilst the data suggest that there is a positive correlation between religious importance and meaning search, it is not significant.



QUESTIONS

- What is the difference between Meaning Presence and Meaning Search?
- Why is it important to look at the correlation with both Meaning Presence and Meaning Search and Religious Importance?
- How is "Religious Importance" defined in relation to the data set?

According to the results, a higher emphasis of religious importance related to an elevated sense of meaning in life.