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PROPOSITIONS

Propositions related to subject of the thesis:

1. Lower environmental apathy and acceptability for harming animals relate to intrinsic religious orientation and the belief that ethical action will always lead to positive consequences.
2. Higher environmental apathy and acceptability for harming animals consistently relate to extrinsic religious orientation.
3. Extrinsic religious orientation involves seeking group membership in a religious community for various social motives, potentially placing religious teachings secondary.
4. Individuals with strong extrinsic social religious orientation may be influenced to prioritize the environment if they observe similar concern among their religious counterparts.
5. Intrinsic and extrinsic religious orientations are distinct. High intrinsic commitment to faith can coexist with strong extrinsic motives for social gains.
6. Through careful message framing, religious teaching can foster higher concerns for the natural environment and lower acceptability for harming animals.
7. In communities that still hold religion important, religious orientation and narrative are influential factors to foster environmental and animal welfare concerns.

Propositions related to impact of the thesis:

8. For secular communities, realizing religion's role in shaping judgment of their religious neighbors is more relevant than ever.

Propositions related to the doctoral's candidate discipline:

9. Strategic partnerships involve cooperating across diverse communities with varying rules, cultures, traditions, beliefs, and ideologies. Effective communication involves aligning messages with the interests and concerns of the other party, increasing the likelihood of gaining their approval.
10. You can sway a thousand men by appealing to their prejudices quicker than you can convince one man by logic. -Robert A. Heinlein (2014, p.53)
11. With or without unique privileges or opportunities, in-group membership to a social institutions shapes our social identity.