

St. Joseph's Parish Council Questionnaire

Name: _____

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Age: _____

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1. Who are your best friends in and out of the church?
2. Who are you jealous of?
3. What do you think about heaven, reincarnation?
4. When and why have you thought about suicide?
5. What do you think about living and working in the Mission Field?
6. What fears do you think you need to overcome?
7. What are your greatest weaknesses?
8. What does the word God mean to you?
9. What are your greatest strengths?
10. Why are you a member of this church?
11. What are your greatest temptations?
12. Who is Father: do you see him as Saviour, Creator, or both?
13. What are your sexual feelings and attractions to the pastor?
14. List your three closest relatives and give their addresses and relation to you.
15. Are you on good terms with your natural family?
16. What are your hostilities to the pastor?
17. What do you think about apostolic living?
18. Do you see our heavenly father as creator?
19. Tell about any feelings of guilt you have and what the guilt is about.
20. Do you believe in life after death? If so, in what form?
21. What do you think about the church discipline?
22. What criticisms do you have of the church and/or leadership?
23. What are the main teachings of the church?
24. When and why did you last think about leaving the church? What kept you from leaving?
25. What is your main or only purpose for living?
26. How was the world created?
27. What are your fears of the heavenly father?
28. What do you think about immortal life?
29. What are your hostilities to the pastor?
30. What are the best things about this church?

- ① I don't feel like I have any best friends, in or out of the church.
- ② I no longer recognize any feelings of jealousy as I have come to feel very secure in your trust of me.
- ③ I don't believe in heaven, just higher states of evolution achieved through growth in many lifetimes.
- ④ I feel like I want very much to die but have never seriously considered taking my life without it serving a principle. One reason why I've haven't thought seriously about ~~committing~~ committing suicide is that I've never believed it would solve anything for myself.
- ⑤ I wouldn't mind it in the interior though I know my skills are better utilized here.
- ⑥ I fear having to represent the cause in a vital situation e.g., to the media or to an official who needs to have a good image of us, particularly when I have to talk spontaneously without having prepared or memorized what needs to be conveyed, ^{or perhaps} in response to some question. After listening to your comments on torture tonight (5/21/75), this ~~is~~ doesn't concern me very much anymore.
- ⑦ My greatest weakness lies in not having the courage to push myself more than I do; in other words, to work harder and longer. I am also weak in providing father with all of details of various information I give him. I am weak in my thinking process because I don't force myself to look at every angle of a situation (such as when negotiating business deals).
- ⑧ I think the word "God" has lost ^{any} ~~its~~ meaning for me, because I've heard it used so many different ways. Since I believe there is no God, I guess I associate it with nothing most of the time.

- ⑨ None, except a fairly strong will to do what Father has shown me to do; i.e., willingness to apply his example, demonstrated in a countless number of situations, to my own experience. I no longer experience feelings of hostility toward him when he calls with what seems to me to be a lot of work. I feel I've become much stronger in this regard.
- ⑩ I am a member because I believe that one way or another, it's inevitable that I evolve into a socialist and I want to get where I'm going as fast as possible. Also, my illusions were broken in the early going and I just didn't want to live my life one way (i.e., in Capitalism) knowing there was a better and higher way. This may probably has a lot to do with competitive achievement.
- ⑪ I am tempted by food and by sleep, particularly when I get frustrated ~~with~~ with my work.
- ⑫ Father is the kindest most courageous human being that ever was. He exists only for others and everything he does ~~is to do~~ for the purpose of meeting some unselfish need. I believe he gets nothing but pain out of life. He is here to save us from Capitalism, and thus I see him as a savior, though I don't like the term because of its religious connotations.
- ⑬ My attraction to the pastor is one based on a desire to be physically close, as a son to his father, in order to feel secure. It's a desire to be held with the warmth and compassion that only father can give.
- ⑭ Mr. + Mrs J.C. Prokes (parents) ② Jim Prokes (brother)
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- ⑮ Mr. + Mrs Wm. Dietrich (Aunt + Uncle)
 Mrs Thomas Prokes + Son (Grandmother + Uncle)
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 Modesto, Calif.

- (15) I am on very good terms with my natural family, though I don't see them very often.
- (16) I am hostile when government meetings seem to go on and on, and the subjects being discussed don't seem worth the time. However, I have been increasingly less bothered by this, and probably because I do understand the necessity of it in terms of discipline.
- (17) apostolic living I believe is the only way everyone's needs can be met in any society and if, thus, the only hope for the world's poor and destitute.
- (18) No, I don't see him as the creator, if there is one.
- (19) I feel guilty about not always using ~~my~~ the Cause's time to the best advantage.
- (20) I believe in life after death but I wish I didn't because I think ~~that~~ it can be a pleasurable existence and look forward to it. ~~That~~ ~~which~~ must mean I'm too narcissistic ~~in that I want~~ to experience something that makes me feel good. However, if I had to choose between living indefinitely in my present state or going into oblivion, I would choose the latter. I don't look forward to anything anymore and father is ~~the~~ the only love is pretty much the only thing that motivates me. I wish I could be put at some menial job and not get any personal attention from father and have to exist this way indefinitely, to see if I could continue producing well without the security of his attention.
- (21) absolutely essential. (church discipline)
- (22) I see little, if any, enlightened motivation on the part of leadership, including father, of course, I feel we all drain him and pull on him when we know better. I feel guilty about criticizing others when I know I ~~am~~ lack so much myself and that my only enlightenment comes from being given the privilege of close contact with the office.

(23) The main teachings are that society must be transformed from ~~being based~~ ^{being based} on competition to ~~be~~ being based on cooperation. This, because anytime you have competition, there's always a loser and in this society the losers, basically, are minority people, as they are most easily identifiable due to their color, dialect, appearance, ~~the~~ background, etc.

In order to have cooperation, the people must own the resources so that class distinction, hence inequality, is eliminated. It is a society where wealth is distributed equally among all the people, because all the people own the wealth. Thus, people are not exploited to gain advantage and maximize profit because it's not a profit-motivated system -- it's a system based on sharing which means everyone works according to their ability and everyone receives according to their needs. In capitalism, people are taught survival of the fittest, so each person looks out for himself and those who are less fit for whatever reason, wind up poor, sick and/or destitute. In socialism each person looks out for the needs of others and when this is done, no one is left wanting or in need of food, clothing, shelter, health care. In socialism, the people relate to each other ~~as~~ as equals.

(24) I have never seriously entertained the thought of leaving the Church.

(25) To hopefully be of some help in ~~being~~ establishing a new order, though I'm not absolutely sure I would continue to go on in life if I didn't believe I was trapped, with no real way out. I feel fairly confident that I would go on, though, even if I threw my back on ~~at that~~ Father and all he's done for me to make me a better person.

(26) I can't begin to imagine how the world was created. But I do know I could get rid of a lot of hostilities if I found someone who is responsible.

(27) I think I'm only afraid of his disapproval.

(28) It ultimately sounds boring. I see no use for it.

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(30) Its leader and all that he represents; the unity of the people in their opposition to the evils of Capitalism; the provisions for ^{all} the peoples needs; when so many had been deprived and messed up by the system. As father put, this is the best place in the world because "it's the only place with meaning and purpose, and the only place where we are loved (by Father).