

APPENDIX 5



A THEOLOGICAL WORLDS INVENTORY

(abbreviated)

Instructions: In each of these questions, place a 1 in the box beside the phrase or word that best completes the sentence for you. Then place a 2 in the box that expresses best your second preference. Trust your first inclination.

LIFE

- Life for me is a:
 - Mysterious pilgrimage
 - Basic right
 - Quest for self-fulfillment
 - Rebirth
 - Courageous act
- To have meaning, life entails:
 - Unveiling the mystery
 - Winning a victory
 - Being whole
 - Removing guilt
 - Living faithfully one's duty

- Which set of worst/best describes the dynamic of living?
 - Separation/reunion
 - Conflict/vindication
 - Emptiness/fulfillment
 - Condemnation/forgiveness
 - Suffering/endurance

THE HUMAN CONDITION

- I experience the negative human condition most often as:
 - Feeling alienated
 - Being treated unjustly
 - Being rendered invisible
 - Feeling guilty
 - Experiencing pain
- Words describing how it feels to experience this condition are these:
 - Wanderer-orphan-stranger
 - Enslaved-oppressed
 - Self-doubting-impotent-aching
 - Selfish-devilish
 - Wounded-victim-undone

SIN

- Sin is:
 - Closing one's eyes to the Mystery
 - Compromising too soon
 - Misdirected good
 - A condition defining us even before we act badly
 - Part of life's struggles
- Often the effects of sin are:
 - Separation

- Indifference
- Unrealized potential
- Perversity
- Weakening

REDEMPTION

8. Conversion is from:

- Alienation to homecoming
- Oppression to liberation
- Nothingness to self-~~identity~~ *actualization*
- Guilt to pardon
- Suffering to integrity

9. Redemption for me comes from experiencing Jesus as:

- Illuminator
- Liberator
- Nurturer
- Savior
- Comrade

10. The gospel invites me to:

- Lose myself in God
- Give myself for a cause
- Learn to love myself
- Deny myself for others
- Remain faithful to the end

11. Freedom means:

- Going home
- No one being hungry
- Losing self-doubt in becoming who I am
- A chance to start over
- To outlast

12. Faith is trusting in:

- The Mystery
- The future
- Myself
- A new beginning
- The inevitable

13. What tends to give me hope:

- Experiences that hint at the meaning of the whole
- Changes in this world that will make it better
- Support that encourages me to become who I am
- Trust in God's gracious forgiveness
- Divine companionship to see it through together

14. An image that appeals to me is:

- The ocean
- Tomorrow
- A room of my own
- Spring housecleaning
- A day off

15. I tend to view death as:

- Opening to another world
- A foe to be resisted
- Part of life's rhythm
- Something I deserve
- A reality to be faced steadfastly

16. An ideal Christian would be a:

- Mystic
- Visionary (*vision for future on earth*)
- Saint

Witness Martyr

17. Christian existence centers in:

 Spiritual oneness A common cause Focused growth New birth Strength to persevere

DOCTRINE

18. God is the one who:

 Brings deeper harmony Takes sides Lures forth possibilities Atones for us Experiences our hurts and needs with us

19. God is the one who:

 Draws us into union Promises a new heaven and earth Adopts us as family Forgives us personally Identifies with us

20. Who is Jesus?

 Disclosure of what we have not recognized Foretaste of what is promised to be The definitive human word about who God is God's definitive word about who we are Our suffering companion

21. Jesus is best understood as:

 Illuminator-evoker Pioneer-prophet Threshold-model Savior-Lord Friend-sympathizer

22. I am drawn by picturing Jesus as:

 Alone with God in the mountains in prayer Casting out the money changers With the woman at the well Overcoming temptation in the desert Agonizing in Gethsemane

23. Who is Christ?

 Revealer Messiah (*political ruler of God's people*) Teacher-example Redeemer Suffering Servant

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