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INTROIT

Do you remember those sweetly idealistic days, when you honestly believed that science could bring on a better world? You recall the carefree time before cynicism shattered your utopian ideal. Or are you a young and earnest fan, still waiting to mature into cynicism?

If you can answer 'yes' to any of these (don't bother saying 'no', the questions are loaded), then this is for you! Your opportunity to forward science and help realise your ideals, lost or otherwise.

Seriously though, if anyone could be bothered to fill in these attitude questionnaires, it might do a bit of good. I make no pretence for them to be particularly profound or erudite, but once standardised they do give some interesting correlations between the various factors being estimated, and these correlations can give some guidance for further investigations on a more detailed level.

I'll keep anyone informed of results, if there are any replies from this source. OMPA is very good in being a fairly representative random sample (or so I hope), with certain biases which I hope are representative of the kind of person this bias hints at.

BRITISH replies are prestamped and addressed and just need a staple. American fans can either send them to me and I'll refund any expense or send them to Ethel with their magazines. She will very kindly forward them to me.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age	Sex	Occupation
Years At School		Political Affiliation
Church Affiliation		City of Residence
County/State		

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GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE

If you agree with a statement, place an "X" in column A. If you disagree, place an "X" in column D. If for any reason you cannot agree or disagree with any statement, place an "X" in column UN. (uncert. or no opin. express)

	A	D	UN
1) Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.	-	-	-
2) No weakness or difficulty can hold us back if we have enough power.	-	-	-
3) Science has its place, but there are many important things that can never be understood by the human mind.	-	-	-
4) Human nature being what it is, there will always be war and conflict.	-	-	-
5) Every person should have complete faith in some supernatural power whose decisions he obeys without question.	-	-	-
6) When a person has a problem or worry, it is best for him not to think about it, but to keep busy with more cheerful things.	-	-	-
7) A person who has bad manners, habits, and breeding can hardly expect to get along with decent people.	-	-	-
8) What youth needs most is strict discipline, rugged determination, and the will to work and fight for family and country.	-	-	-
9) Some people are born with an urge to jump from high places.	-	-	-
10) Nowadays when so many different kinds of people move around and mix together so much, a person has to protect himself especially carefully against catching an infection or disease from them.	-	-	-
11) An insult to our honour should always be punished.	-	-	-
12) Young people sometimes get rebellious ideas, but as they grow up they ought to get over them and settle down.	-	-	-
13) What this country needs most, more than law and political programmes, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their faith.	-	-	-
14) Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children deserve more than mere imprisonment; such criminals ought to be publicly whipped, or worse.	-	-	-

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I5) People can be divided into two distinct classes: the weak and the strong.	-	-	-
I6) There is hardly anything lower than a person who does not feel a great love, gratitude, and respect for his parents.	-	-	-
I7) Some day it will probably be shown that astrology can explain a lot of things.	-	-	-
I8) Nowadays more and more people are prying into matters that should remain personal and private.	-	-	-
I9) Wars and social troubles may someday be ended by an earthquake or flood that will destroy the whole world.	-	-	-
20) The wild sex life of the old Greeks and Romans was tame compared to some of the goings on in this country, even in places where people might least expect it.	-	-	-
21) If people would talk less and work more, everybody would be better off.	-	-	-
22) Most people don't realize how much of our lives are controlled by plots hatched in secret places.	-	-	-
23) Homosexuals are hardly better than criminals and ought to be severely punished.	-	-	-
24) The businessman and the manufacturer are much more important than the artist and the professor.	-	-	-
25) No sane, normal, decent person could ever think of hurting a close relative or friend.	-	-	-
26) Familiarity breeds contempt.	-	-	-
27) Nobody ever learned anything really important except through suffering.	-	-	-
28) Most of our social problems would be solved if we could somehow get rid of the immoral, crooked, and feeble-minded people.	-	-	-

PUBLIC OPINION QUESTIONNAIRE

DIRECTIONS: Indicate your response by placing an "X" in the column opposite each question. UN designates uncertainty.

	YES	NO	UN
1) Do you think there is a real danger that nuclear weapons will ever be used against the US/ Britain?	-	-	-
2) Do you think it is possible to defend yourself effectively against nuclear weapons?	-	-	-
3) Do you think the US/UK should continue developing and testing nuclear weapons?	-	-	-
4) Do you think that nuclear weapons should be placed under international control?	-	-	-
5) Do you think that our children should be educated toward military and civilian defenses against war?	-	-	-
6) Do you think that our children should be educated toward accepting and understanding the peoples and governments of other nations?	-	-	-
7) The US has spent 1 billion on civil defense during the last ten years. Would you like to see some of this money being spent on health, education and welfare instead? What % of it? _____	-	-	-
8) Do you think it is likely that preparations for war become provocations for war?	-	-	-
9) Do you think that, if Russia had had the bomb before us, it would have been used against us?	-	-	-
10) Do you believe that nuclear war is probable in the next five years?	-	-	-
11) Do you believe that the Russians really want to disarm?	-	-	-
12) Do you believe that Pres. Kennedy really wants to disarm?	-	-	-
13) Do you believe that Congress really wants to disarm?	-	-	-
14) Do you believe that the Pentagon really wants to disarm?	-	-	-
15) Do you believe that the Atomic Energy Commission really wants to disarm?	-	-	-
16) Do you think the Russians are afraid of us?	-	-	-
17) Do you believe that the Russian leaders are more belligerent than the Russian people?	-	-	-

- 18) Do you believe the American leaders are more belligerent than the American people. - - -
- 19) Would you favour efforts on our part to reduce tensions that involved some risk of having to trust Russian peaceful intentions? - - -
- 20) Do you think there are any serious alternatives to our policy of deterrence, to which our leaders have not given enough attention? - - -
- 21) Do you believe that one person can do something to bring about world peace? - - -
- 22) Do you think we should fight the Communists now? - - -
- 23) Are you willing for the Communist Party to have access to the ballot in the US? - - -
- 24) Are you willing for Red China to be admitted to UN? - - -
- 25) Do you think the US should withdraw from the UN? - - -
- 26) Do you favour the US buying UN bonds? - - -
- 27) Is there any free enterprise in Russia? - - -
- 28) Do you think that Capitalism and Communism can coexist? - - -
- 29) Would you like your children to be educated in the philosophy and techniques of non-violence, such as Gandhi used in India? - - -

Name and Address (OPTIONAL) _____

No. of years of military service _____ When _____

Please list here any military or pacifistic organisations to which you now belong:

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

If you agree with a statement, place an "X" in Column A. If you disagree, place an "X" in column D. If for any reason you cannot agree or disagree with a statement, place an "X" in Column UN (uncertain or no opinion expressed).

	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>UN</u>
1) The work of the Church could be just as effectively done by schools and social services.	-	-	-
2) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	-	-	-
3) I believe that men working together and thinking together can build a just society without supernatural help.	-	-	-
4) The writings of Plato, Aristotle, Dante and Shakespeare are as much inspired as are the writings of Moses and Paul.	-	-	-
5) All miracles in the Bible are true.	-	-	-
6) In general, I consider church (or synagogue) attendance a waste of time.	-	-	-
7) Belief that in the end God's purposes will be achieved tends to destroy man's sense of social responsibility.	-	-	-
8) God is the great companion who shares with us the travail and tragedy of life.	-	-	-
9) Jesus was conceived in the Virgin in a manner different from human beings.	-	-	-
10) The revelation of God's word in the Holy Scriptures is man's ultimate authority.	-	-	-
11) The attempt to believe in a supernatural being is a sign of a person's failure to accept responsibility for his own life.	-	-	-
12) I believe in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.	-	-	-
13) The chief end of man is the glorify God and enjoy him forever.	-	-	-
14) I believe hell is a form of existence in a future life.	-	-	-
15) The four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John contain some legendary material.	-	-	-
16) We live in a universe indifferent to human values.	-	-	-
17) We were made for fellowship with God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him.	-	-	-

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| 18) Man is saved by the free gift of God's grace. | - | - | - |
| 19) The biblical writers were endowed with a divine wisdom which enabled them to foretell specific events in the distant future. | - | - | - |
| 20) The fall of man in the story of the Garden of Eden is a myth symbolising the problem of good and evil in the world. | - | - | - |
| 21) Man is ultimately responsible to God. | - | - | - |
| 22) God is only a symbol of man's ideals. | - | - | - |
| 23) Jesus walked on the water and raised the dead. | - | - | - |
| 24) The biblical story of creation is probably (may be) based on one of the early Babylonian myths. | - | - | - |
| 25) If I believe that any part of the Bible were unreliable, I would no longer have confidence in its moral and spiritual teachings. | - | - | - |

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