

## A Sermon on Lingo and Manipulation

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for October 25th, 2020 (and beyond)

As many reading this may already know, the HEAL Mission of COPE exposes cults and coercive thought reform practitioners. You may also be aware of my use of the term #TaoFu and believe that to be cult lingo. It is not. The reason it is not is because I've repeatedly clearly explained what I mean by #TaoFu and it is explicitly disclosed in the bylaws available at <https://www.cope.church/bylaws.pdf> . (Specifically #8 of the bylaws.) It is also discussed at <https://www.cope.church/faqs.htm> (Specifically #3, #5, #10, #14 (specifically helpful tip #8), and #20) So, #TaoFu and what I mean by it is explained and I'm happy to explain it or provide those links with citations as shown here upon request.

Lingo is defined by Oxford Languages via Google as "the vocabulary or jargon of a particular subject or group of people." The bylaws for COPE specifically state you do not have to call how I define #TaoFu by #TaoFu. I like calling it #TaoFu and it involves Abstract Aikido for me which you may need to look up too. It's similar to Judo and Jujitsu, but, applied abstractly. The world is full of words and for most of us those words have specific meanings which are practically universally understood so we can effectively communicate ideas with each other without playing endless charades.

That being said, the following quiz will help you know yourself better (I don't need you to send me your answers and there is an answer key that reveals meaning at the end):

1. If you saw a 400 pound adult man hanging off the ledge of a balcony you were in proximity to enough to potentially be of help, what would you do?
  - a. Call for help and tell him to hang on.
  - b. Find nearest rope or cable and hope it holds then go call for help.
  - c. Faint
  - d. Laugh and mock him without helping at all.
2. If you were dining at a restaurant and a person at a table near you asked you to move because they heard your order and are allergic, what would you do?
  - a. Tell them to move and suggest they not eat at restaurants where allergens may be present.
  - b. Tell them to complain about the menu and talk to manager.
  - c. Tell them to fuck off. #WhatCheneySaid.
  - d. Request your order to go and apologize because you didn't know.

3. If you were a guest at someone else's church of a different cultural influence and were coercively discouraged from asking any questions with expectation of a meaningful and sensible answer, what would you do?

- a. I'd say it was a cult and not a church, then walk out.
- b. I'd likely not go anywhere chosen by the someone else again without more research.
- c. I'd assume the leader was really important and that's why there's no questioning them.
- d. I can't see myself ever participating in another church besides COPE or myself.

Before I reveal the answer key to you, understand that I made these questions and answers up as well as attributed the meaning based on what I feel said answers to said questions reveals about any individual. So, without knowing your reasoning behind selecting your answers so I have full context, the meanings below may be meaningless or not applicable to you. I don't mean to disappoint you and do hope you learn more about yourself from the questionnaire and answer key.

#### ANSWER KEY

##### Question #1:

Answer "a" Meaning: You are certainly authoritative in a crisis, but, either recognize your own limitations in not being able to help a 400 pound man physically back to the balcony, or, might be a malignant narcissist if all you do is bark orders without trying to actually help. See it may suggest ignorance of how to help if not directly helping rather than authority in directing others to help. This answer is Hegel inspired.

Answer "b" Meaning: You are a take charge person and willing to help. You are likely very fit in many ways. Physically addressing the immediate emergency to secure the situation until help arrives is heroic. You are a hero.

Answer "c" Meaning: You poor dear unless being sarcastic and then very funny, but, this is a serious quiz that could change your life. Do not play games.

Answer "d" Meaning: This could piss the 400 pound man off so much he finds the strength to pull himself up to the balcony with a desire to punch someone in the face if not too winded and makes it back up. So, it is #TaoFu and we all know it's the asshole answer. So, you are an asshole. It is funny. And, my guess is you were thinking "What kind of 400 pound idiot gets themselves into such a mess?" It's not nice. Know that.

##### Question #2

Answer "a" Meaning: Responding in kind with a touch of impatience and annoyance. So, a little annoyed that someone would assume the right to infringe on your rights as a result

of their individual issue such as allergies. People need to take responsibilities for their own issues and carry at least Benadryl, if not an epipen. (An epipen is an emergency remedy for those with severe allergies.) So, the person with allergies is arguably the malignant narcissist or at least inconsiderate and not treating everyone as equals because of their special interests.

Answer "b" Meaning: I'm guessing if you answered this that you also chose "d" for your first answer. That's cruel from some perspectives to the restaurant staff. That's particularly true if you would then as soon as the allergy-sufferer complains turn to the staff and say "You know, I'm happy with what I ordered and I think you should keep it on the menu which is why I ordered it." You are trying to stir the pot. You are a bit of a trouble-maker.

Answer "c" Meaning: Are you British or Scottish? That's what I thought. Neither? Who said that's not what I meant? And, this is example of #Mindfuckery or manipulation. Even if it is true that you are British or Scottish and chose "c", how in the hell did I get that out of answer "c"? I know. Or, do I? Now, this is a similar answer to answer "a" for this question, but, more blunt and rude with a serious "none of your business" tone. Kind of sexy.

Answer "d" Meaning: You are too nice and likely a co-dependent who has lived with a malignant narcissist at some point in your life. It is my prayer you find my church and this sermon. But, answer "a" is most reasonable and puts the onus on the sensitive party (allergy-sufferer) to self-soothe.

### Question #3

Answer "a" Meaning: Awesome. Peer pressure doesn't impact your choices at all and even if you are an invited guest by someone you otherwise like and respect, you walk away. That's independent. You are independent and a free-thinker.

Answer "b" Meaning: You stay to be polite when you really don't wish to do so. But, you learn from it. So, likely fairly well-adjusted and a little concerned about the one who invited you.

Answer "c" Meaning: You are an idiot. You are a sucker. You are delusional and don't recognize your own equality to the person claiming authority. Or, you are a small child and due to objectively recognized vulnerability just hope to survive the situation and that there are nice, good, people somewhere that let you ask questions and answer them meaningfully.

Answer "d" Meaning: That's so sweet of you to say and I hope you don't mind me saying, I recognize you as an independent church whether you identify as Wycliffite or not.

So, hopefully now you've learned more about me and yourself. But, context really matters and if to #1 you answered "d" and also thought "I'd probably push him first and then laugh and mock", you are evil and not just an asshole.

But, if you liked the meanings given to the answers you chose and now want more of that, get to know yourself. Pick a topic of interest and begin learning all there is to know about it. You can see the world in a grain of sand. See: <https://www.npr.org/sections/13.7/2013/03/27/174647716/how-to-see-the-world-in-a-grain-of-sand> So, you have to study that grain of sand though to see how that actually has any meaning. And, if you don't have time to figure yourself out, no one else can help with that though many make it a fraudulent storefront which can offer anything from soothsaying to human trafficking. I denounce both soothsaying and human trafficking.

If you disliked the meanings given to the answers you chose, did you feel better knowing that I made it up and that I don't actually know you personally (if that's the case) nor did I do this personally in a group setting so I could then call you an idiot if you answered "c" to question #3 in front of others? See, in cults they do this kind of shit and then use peer pressure to get others to conform or break them down until they answer as expected by the "leader". I'm not into that. I respect my own equality enough to recognize yours. That's the Wycliffite Way.

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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