

SPECIAL REPORT ON

“Spiritual House Cleaning”



Personal Spiritual Cleansing Edition

‘Hearing from God for Yourself’

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So why should be so concerned about this topic when many people swear that they found their healing for enlightenment through such practices? Please note is NOT a matter of Eastern practices versus Western practices. Some 'Western practices' may be just as idolatrous as their Eastern counterpart!

There is only One authorised, legitimate power source in this universe, Creator God. Any other power source exposes us to another spiritual dimension. This other 'kingdom' has set itself up against God and all He stands for. As a result, this other kingdom is rebellious, demonic and outside God's protective covering. We have worked with many clients who have needed to find release from this demonic power source in order to follow the Lord Jesus.

It is our hope that this material will be of help and bring freedom for you, the reader, as well. We want to thank all the contributors to this Special Report, especially the research work from:

Please remember the purpose of this report if for you to go the Lord for yourself because you can hear God for yourself! What is He saying about these issues for you? This is not a 'witch hunt' but an attempt to help you find a Personal Spiritual Cleansing that will help your growth with the true Lord Jesus Christ.



All the material presented is designed to educate and make you aware of the issues in your walk with your Creator. If you find you need help in any areas within this eBook, seek out competent Prayer Ministry or Christian Counselling.

Completing all the work within this eBook is also no guarantee that you will have that 'perfect walk' either. We will still face the circumstances of life while here on Earth, so watch your expectations.

You could lock yourself away with a great Prayer Ministry team for 6 years and there would still be stuff to work on! That's called 'The Old Nature'. You work on as much or as little as the Lord Jesus tells you to do. If He is Lord in your life, than He is Lord over your healing as well.

Learning to build on 'The Rock' gives us a sure foundation so we aren't swept away with the circumstances of life like building your house on 'The Sand'.

***Thank you for your time and interest.
May God's best be in your life, Daniel and
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SPIRITUAL 'HOUSE-CLEANING'

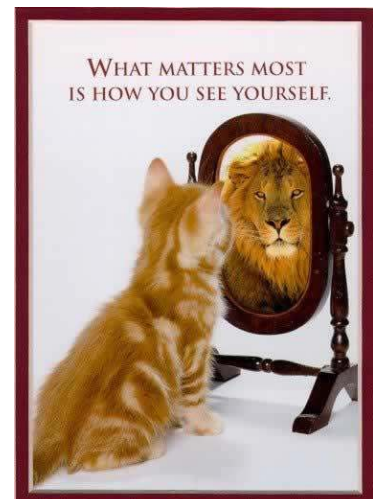
A. When we start into any area, it is important to remember the following:

1. We are not into cleaning ourselves up through self-effort!

We do as little or as much as Jesus tells us! You need some sort of 'aha' to do things His way. Working with the heart is sometimes like the Bottomless Pit; we could work on it forever. We don't bring 'healing' to the old nature nor can we 'cast the demons out' of our emotions.

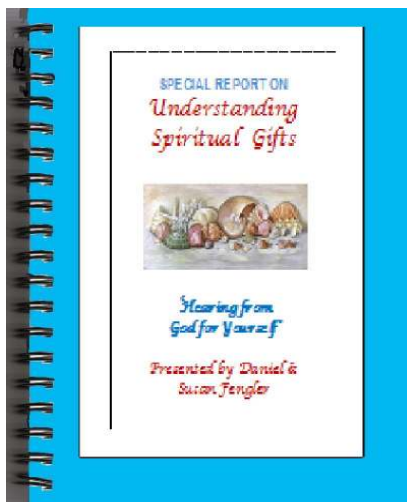
2. We must know our rights in Jesus Christ!

We must know the authority that comes to us from our Commander in Chief! His perfect life, death and resurrection enabled us to enter His Kingdom, with new inheritance gifts and new laws of Grace. As believers we need to know these 'rights' in order to do warfare with the enemy of our souls - Satan.



3. Jesus' work on the cross is complete and finished.

Many Christians live defeated lives because they do not know their inheritance in Jesus Christ. Jesus' work is so profound and so total; it is capable of reversing all the destruction we have known for every single person - past, present or future.



4. Accept and use your 'gifts' of inheritance.

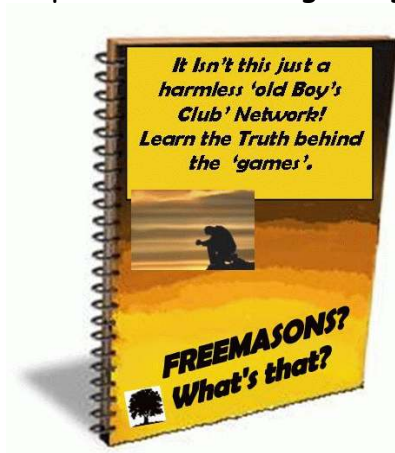
According to Ephesians 1:3, everything about our salvation has already been given to us.

Jesus paid the Price and now we have a treasure trove of free Gifts. See the eBook included with this website!

However, salvation is not the only gift we need to appropriate through deliberate choice. Deliverance, breaking of curses and other gifts must also be unpacked and used. Few things are automatic outside His covenant with Father God!

B. What are the Areas we need to clean up?

Hearing from God is central to our growth and walk with the Lord Jesus. In our time as counselors and our own walk with the Lord Jesus, we have found **three areas that block our hearing from Him**: The Occult (O), Unforgiveness (U) and Trauma (T). Today, we are working through the Occult and Unforgiveness as a way of personal cleansing and growth.



1. Dealing with the Occult

Practical Work: One way to liberate you from the enemy is by working through the Special Report on "**What's Wrong with the Occult?**" You would have read the information on '*Alternative Therapies*' to help you understand why such areas can cause blocks to hearing from God.

Find another person to help you pray through any of the areas, as required. Begin by asking: "*Lord Jesus is there any area of the Occult You want me to work through today?*" If you don't hear an answer, go through the list thoroughly; repent and follow each sin through with cleansing prayer.

If you are not confident how to pray, **use the sample prayer**. Take turns working through the sheet. Remember, part of the aim is to practice listening to the Lord. If Jesus has cleansed you previously of all occult activity, volunteer yourself to be someone's prayer partner.

2. Dealing with the Heart and Unforgiveness

* **Forgiveness is a choice, as well as a process.**

Hopefully, we all have learned the importance of choosing to forgive. However, there are several blockages that stop our heart from experiencing true, deep forgiveness.

* **Accepting the Lordship of Jesus from the Heart.**

A common way that people hear from God is the "still, quiet voice". It is a thought or impression from deep inside them, which they hear as 'words'. Other people see in picture form, which we are practicing today. Today, we are going to explore hearing from God with a picture of a throne.

* **Why do I need to forgive?**

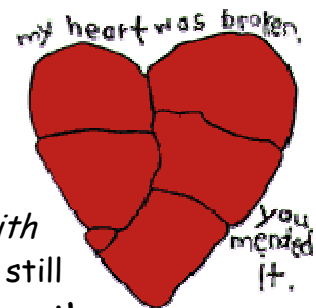
When someone hurts me, I am allowed to get angry, providing I deal with it on the day of hurt (Ephesians 4:26-27). But first, I need to talk to the Lord about how He wants me to deal with this issue: *"Lord Jesus, do I forgive and pardon this person, OR do I respond with the Matthew 18 principle first?"*

If it is the second choice, then I am to go to the person that has hurt me and confront them with how I have been offended (Matthew 18:15). If they receive me, I have 'gained' a brother; if they don't, I go again at a later date with a witness. Finally, if that person still doesn't make it right, I take the matter before the church leadership. After all that, I will still need to forgive them.

As we saw in class, often this anger is a button that has been pushed and I am now in reaction to the person, place or thing. Of course, reactions are another sign of our heart making a judgment.

* **Do any heart work as required**

1. Trying to make our "wounded" heart forgive 'with our head' doesn't work, because our heart may still 'feel' wronged and angry. We need to **address the**



heart's need to be 'heard' and express our hurt and anger in healthy ways - before asking your heart to forgive someone.

2. The other major blockage, to forgiving from the heart, is pride and judgment. The heart thinks it has a 'right' to be angry or keep resentment.
3. If I hang onto unforgiveness, I will live out the consequences. Remember Matthew 6:14-15, Father God 'retains' my trespasses until I learn to release and forgive. Otherwise, I may come under demonic bondage like the 'tormenters' in the story of the two servants, Matthew 18:21-35. These can be very liberating or dangerous facts.

*** So how do we really forgive in a practical way?**

Get together with your prayer partner.

1. **First ask Jesus where He wants you to start:**

"Lord, who do You want me to forgive today?" You might already know someone you have judgment, unforgiveness or bitterness toward. He may give you a list; so which person does He want you to start with? Work through any heart issues to gain emotional release.

2. Allow the feelings of hate, resentment, etc for that person to come to the surface from their hidden places. It is okay to lay aside your "Christian control" and allow these feelings to surface. God knows they are there already. It's YOU recognising them that YOU get free. If you find it hard to get in contact with your emotions, one suggestion is to look for the 'room' in your heart with that person's name on the door. Another alternative is to see them sitting on an empty chair. What does your heart want to say to them?
3. It is important to verbalise your feelings by saying words such as *"I am angry at you 'Fred' for"* aloud. Another alternative is to write an 'open heart' therapy letter to 'Fred'.

We are encouraged by God to share our feelings, i.e. speaking truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). This can be to the person who has hurt you (if it is safe to do so) or to a friend, a counsellor or to God Himself.

4. After dealing with your feelings, choose to forgive that person with an act of your will. Take your judgment off them. Say things out loud like: *"I choose to forgive you 'Fred'. I release you to be who God wants you to be. I set you free. I take my judgment off you."* Continue this process until your heart releases the emotions that are holding you back.

Repent and ask God to you for keeping the unforgiveness in your heart (1 John 1:9). Receive His forgiveness and forgive yourself too. Self-judgment is still being judgmental. (1 Corinthians 4:3-5)

5. If you are still struggling with unforgiveness, ask Jesus if you have a spirit of unforgiveness. Again, you may need deliverance. **However, most forgiveness blockages have to do with the emotional expression that your heart needs, before forgiveness is released.**
6. Ask the Lord to restore to you anything that the enemy has 'stolen' from you, because of your unforgiveness toward that person.
7. If you get stuck, you can use the set prayer below:

Prayer for Forgiveness

Begin by helping your heart to come into agreement with the following prayer: "Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. You know the path I have walked and the people that have knowingly or unknowingly hurt me. I choose by an act of my will and with permission of my heart to release them into Your hands for Your justice and mercy. I release my judgement on them and set them free to be who You want them to be. I set myself free to be who You want me to be. I choose to forgive and release them in Your name Jesus. I take that forgiveness and chose to forgive myself. Please restore to me what the enemy has taken as the result of this unforgiveness in my heart. Thank You, Jesus."

C. Many objects have spiritual symbolism

* Objects can seal covenants

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E. Facing Pride and Judgment.

The Old nature we inherited from Adam and Eve, plus our own family of origin stuff, teaches us to be independent. We need to accept other's help and God's help. Otherwise, this throws us into self-effort to achieve what God want to help us do. Often it is pride that stops us from allowing Jesus to be Lord of our lives. It could be that we think that we don't need His help, or that we are 'good' enough in ourselves.

Pride is also the basis of judgment. We made the judgement of "This is right" or "This is wrong." Our heart is judgmental in order for us to hang on to unforgiveness. We might think this way: *"I have a right to be angry, look at what they did to me"*. Again, this is part of the old nature, the self-life that a loving Father expects us to deal with.

God does not accept this reasoning. Ask Jesus this question (with your prayer partner present to help): *"Lord Jesus, do I have a pride problem?"* If He says yes, deal with it. If you need deliverance you can ask your prayer partner to pray with you. If you both don't know how to do this, we will be practicing deliverance next workshop.

Next, ask Jesus: *"Am I critical and/or judgmental?"* Again repent and pray it through.

Spend a few minutes allowing the Holy Spirit to show you any area of pride or judgment that He wants you to deal with today. You could use the 'Measuring Stick' picture to see the levels of self-judgements and personal expectation.

F. Godly or ungodly 'soul ties'.

Sometimes, we might have what is call 'Soul ties' with another person or thing that make forgiveness hard of finish. This refers to a strong bond in the realm of the spirit, emotions, will, heart or mind. It involves a joining of hearts, ideas, views, as well as emotional unions.

This knitting together can either bring tremendous Godly blessing, such as in marriage, or can bring ungodly influences into our life, that allows manipulation and control. Some soul ties are loose attachments, but others are so strong as to bring enslavement (2 Corinthians 11:20).

An ungodly soul tie starts to form when we allow someone or something to control our emotions. Remember one corollary of the 'Law of Sowing and Reaping' is: **"Whatever I'm emotionally bound to will control me"**. One person put it this way, even stronger: **"Only an idol can hurt me!"** What does this mean? Why/when would an idol represent unforgiveness?

When this 'connection' hurts or controls us, often we respond with judgement and unforgiveness or unreal expectations from that judgment, thus further locking the soul tie into more layers of bondage. We can then become trapped in a situation where we are co-dependent with that person.

1. Examples of Soul Ties.

A good Biblical example is the soul tie between Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 18:1). Others examples are in Genesis 34:1-3, Genesis 44:30, 2 Kings 5:26, 1 Chronicles 12:17, 2 Samuel 6:16.

2. Some signs of Soul Ties.

An obsessive preoccupation with another, tendencies of being domineering or controlling in a relationship, (The contrary is to be passive or apathetic towards the other.)

Signs of an ungodly ties: An inability to truly forgive from the heart, another person's voice playing over and over in the mind like a tape recorder, an inability to bring a relationship under Godly order and control of the Holy Spirit, unbreakable patterns of anger, blame and accusations in a relationship, fear of or intimidation by the other, thus preventing speaking truth to them.

3. How do these soul ties develop?

A soul tie forms when our hearts are unprotected or 'open', or we submit our will, mind or body to another person. Some vulnerabilities:

- a. All sexual relationships outside of marriage (1 Corinthians 6:18).
- b. An emotional attachment, where we give 'part of our heart' to that person.
- c. Any person, thing or situation we look to as our 'source of life', comfort, security or belonging, outside God. All these areas come under the heading of idolatry.

4. Dealing with Soul Ties.

Remember, not all soul ties are bad or ungodly. God wants us to be emotionally bound to our spouse or children in healthy ways. Of course this makes us vulnerable to their control. That is what 'boundaries' are for.



If we are in bondage to an un-Godly soul tie, we can repent and cut the soul tie with the authority God has given us over spiritual things. Confess any ungodly soul tie to your prayer partner and break its power. If you are not sure how to do this, you can use the set prayer below.

We need to guard our hearts in particular (Prov. 4:23), so we don't get attached to someone God doesn't want us to be connected to. If we have 'given away' our heart (to someone that is not our family) we can 'retrieve' it back through prayer. You can do this with your prayer partner now.

5. Prayer for Breaking Soul Ties.

"Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you in the Name of Jesus Christ and confess the sin of idolatry in my heart through taking into my heart a situation, a person or a thing that has no right to be there. I ask Your forgiveness. I receive Your forgiveness, I forgive myself and all involved.

In the authority that is given to me in the Name of Jesus, I break every soul ties (or specific ones that the Lord has shown you) that has lodged in my heart that exists between myself and

I renounce and evict out of my heart all emotional bondage and command my emotions and affections to come back into me. I specifically say to every demonic power that has taken advantage of that link: "You now have no right in me and must leave." I now take back in the spirit anything that has been stolen from me and ask a blessing on _____.

Lord Jesus, I give my entire being to You - spirit, soul and body. I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit that I may be totally Yours. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

Father God's plan was for Jesus' life, death and resurrection to restore your peace and harmony with Father God. Forgiveness sets the relationship right between all others, God and us. Daily forgiveness is the only way we can walk the path of abundant life promised us by Jesus. Your healing may depend on it.

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6. Cleaning your house Spiritually.

1. Objects can bring defilement into our homes

As we continue our growth in Jesus, another area to investigate is what we have in our homes that would bring 'defilement' into our lives. We are warned by God in Deuteronomy 7:26 "Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be put set aside for destruction." Again in Ephesians 4:22, "Do not give the devil a foothold." Certain things we allow into our homes can open the door to the enemy to assault us.

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Part Two: HEALING AND RESTORATION

From time to time, we have presented Saturday, Healing and Restoration Workshops. Our goals: We want this to be a time of teaching, of sharing and for ministry. Our topics include exploring your own heart issues, our emotional and personal strongholds, inherited curses, soul ties, inner healing and any other areas.



Since Freemason strong-holds are very common, we have included a prayer to work through. We are sent to the nations with the message of Jesus. By getting issues settled with God, we can do just that!

A. Emotions and Perceptions

1. The Brain Wiring Test:

Find the handouts on 'The Brain Wiring Test' and the end of this eBook.

What was your score? What was your partner's score? What does that mean? What did you learn about yourself or the other? How does this impact on male/female relations or on rational versus intuitive relationships?



2. Feelings, Faith or Facts?

On your paper, draw a small train with only two carriages and one engine. Put labels on each part: Faith, Facts, Feelings. When this order is out of balance, what happens? What happens when each of the parts are in control:

When feelings are in control

When the facts are in control

When faith is in control

Identify two situations in your life that are causing you anxiety, fear or concern.

Fill in the chart for each of them (redraw chart on other paper if necessary):

The 'Facts'	Your 'Feelings'	'Faith' says
1.		
2.		

"The condition of our heart is not determined by the degree of suffering or persecution we are called to undergo. It is more determined by the way we respond to the circumstances we find around us. Our response to suffering shapes our character and determines our psychological and spiritual health."



B. Examples of Prayers for Release and Restoration:

Use these prayers only if you feel stuck. Do not use these prayers in a superstitious way. There is nothing magical about them. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us in our prayers. The detail is not as important as the substance (God hears and understands the prayers of Afghans as well as babies!).

1. Repentance for blocking off emotions:

"Father God, I am sorry that I have chosen to block off my emotions. I am sorry I have not allowed myself to feel, because I didn't trust that You and I could handle the event. I have at times buried them, ignored them or given control to others, I now choose to stop ignoring my emotions and I ask You, Lord, to help me to start to accept and understand my emotions. In Jesus' Name, Amen"

2. Prayer for Generational Curses:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God. You lived a sinless life. You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. By dying on the cross, You were make a curse for me that I might be redeemed from every curse and receive Your blessings.

"I trust You now for mercy and forgiveness. I commit myself from now on by Your grace to follow and obey You. I ask You to forgive and blot out any sins committed by me or by my ancestors that exposed me to a curse. (At this point, name any specific sins of which you are aware that have ties you to the previous generations.)"

"I choose to forgive any harm or wrongs done to me by my ancestors. I choose to continue to work on forgiving them as You show me. I forgive them, as I would have God forgive me. (If you have been convicted of specific people you need to forgive, name them now.)"

"I renounce all contact with the occult and satanic things, practices and secret societies. If I have any contact with objects that link me to these things, I promise to destroy them. (Name any specific practices and/or secret societies with which you were involved.) With the authority You have given me as a child of God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, I break any curse over my life (If convicted by the Holy Spirit, specially name the curse.) I ask You Lord Jesus to restore to me anything that the enemy has robbed from me because of the curses over my life."

Thank You Jesus!"

3. Closing Prayers for your Partner:

"Thank You, Lord, for what You have done for _____ today. Thank You for answered prayer! Please seal and fill _____ with Your Holy Spirit for Your peace, Your strength (or whatever the Lord has been showing you). In Jesus' Name, we cut off any disturbing reactions or demonic influences that would seek to trouble or oppress us. Please restore to us anything that the enemy has stolen by our deception, blindness or ignorance. We ask You to continue to teach us and help us celebrate Your victory in our Life's journey. We praise You and proclaim that You are Lord over all. Refresh us with Your loving presence! Amen."

May Father God's richest blessing rest on you and your family!

Helpful Resources:

1. Hughes, Selwyn. *Every Day with Jesus*, January-February, 2005 Edition, February 4th, Publisher and place unknown.

THE BRAIN WIRING TEST

This worksheet is designed to show you the proportion of male or female brain structure associated with your thinking and behaviour. This is to help you see your preferences of values, behaviours, style and choices.

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, as each gender is unique and has their own strengths and weaknesses. We are designed by God to work together to use these strengths and weaknesses as a team.

**Circle the statement that is most likely to be true for you,
most of the time:**

- 1. When it comes to reading a map or street directory you:**
 - a) have difficulty and often ask for help,
 - b) turn it around to face the direction you are going,
 - c) have no difficulty reading maps or street directories.

- 2. You are cooking a complicated meal with the radio playing and a friend phones.**
Do you:
 - a) leave the radio on and continue cooking while talking on the phone,
 - b) turn the radio off, talk and keep on cooking,
 - c) say you will call them back as soon as you have finished cooking.

- 3. Friends are coming to visit and ask for directions to your new house, you:**
 - a) draw a map with clear directions and send it to them,
 - b) ask what landmarks they know, then try to explain how to get there,
 - c) explain verbally how to get there, such as: "Take the freeway to Geelong, turn off at the Lara intersection and go left. Go to the second traffic light".

- 4. When explaining an idea or concept, are you more likely to:**
 - a) use a pencil, paper, body language and gestures,
 - b) explain it verbally using body language and gestures,
 - c) explain verbally using words that are clear and concise.

- 5. When coming home from a great movie, you prefer to:**
 - a) picture scenes from the movie in your mind,
 - b) talk about the scenes and what was said,
 - c) quote mainly what was said in the movie.

- 6. In a movie theatre, you usually prefer to sit:**
 - a) at the right of the theatre,
 - b) anywhere, you do not mind where, or you let your partner decide,
 - c) to the left of the theatre.

- 7. A friend has something mechanical that won't work. You would:**
 - a) sympathise and discuss how they feel about it,
 - b) recommend someone reliable who can fix it,

c) figure out how it works and attempt to fix it for them.

8. You're in an unfamiliar place and someone asks you where North is. You:

- a) confess you do not know,
- b) guess where it is after a bit of thought,
- c) point towards North without much difficulty.

9. You must reverse into a car space, but it is tight. You would:

- a) rather try to find another space,
- b) carefully attempt to back into it,
- c) reverse into it without any difficulty.

10. You are watching TV when the phone rings. You would:

- a) answer the phone with the TV on,
- b) turn the TV down and then answer it,
- c) turn the TV off, tell others to be quiet and then answer it.

11. You have just heard a new song that you really like. Usually you:

- a) can sing some of the song afterwards without difficulty,
- b) can sing some of it afterwards if it's a really simple song,
- c) find it hard to remember how the song sounded but you might recall some of the words.

12. You are best at predicting outcomes by:

- a) using intuition,
- b) making a decision based on both the available information and a 'gut feeling',
- c) collecting and using facts, statistics and data.

13. If you have misplaced your keys, would you:

- a) do something else until the answer comes to you,
- b) do something else, but try to remember where you put them,
- c) mentally retrace your steps until you remember where you left them?

14. You hear the distant sound of sirens from a hotel room. You:

- a) can point straight to where it is coming from,
- b) could probably point to it if you concentrate,
- c) could not identify where it is coming from.

15. You go to a social meeting and are introduced to seven or eight new people. By the next day, you:

- a) can easily picture their faces in your mind,
- b) would remember a few of their faces,
- c) would be more likely to remember their names than faces.

16. You want to go to the country for your holiday but your partner wants to go to a beach resort. To convince them your idea is better, do you:

- a) tell them sweetly how you feel,
- b) tell them if they go to the country, you will be grateful and will be happy to go to the beach next time,
- c) use the facts: the country resort is cheaper, closer and well organised for sporting and leisure activities.

17. When planning your day's activities, you usually:

- a) write a list so you can see what needs to be done,
- b) think of the things you need to do,
- c) picture in your mind the people you will see, places you will visit and the things you will be doing.

18. A friend has a personal problem and has come to discuss it with you. You:

- a) are sympathetic and understanding,
- b) say that problems are never as bad as they seem and explain why,
- c) give suggestions or rational advice on how to resolve the problem.

19. Two friends from different marriages are having a secret affair. How likely are you to spot the relationship?

- a) you could spot it very early,
- b) you would pick it up at least half the time,
- c) you would probably miss it.

20. As you see it, what is life all about?

- a) having friends and living in harmony with those around you,
- b) being friendly to others while maintaining your personal independence,
- c) achieving worthwhile goals, earning others' respect and winning prestige and advancement.

21. Given the choice, you would prefer to work:

- a) in a team where people are compatible,
- b) around others but maintaining your own space,
- c) by yourself.

22. The books you prefer to read are:

- a) novels and fiction,
- b) magazines and newspapers,
- c) non-fiction, autobiographies.

23. When you go shopping, you tend to:

- a) often buy on impulse, particularly the specials,
- b) have a general plan, but take it as it comes,
- c) read the labels, compare the costs and then selectively buy.

24. You prefer to go to bed, wake up and eat breakfast:

- a) whenever you feel like it,
- b) on a basic schedule but you are flexible,
- c) about the same time every day.

25. You have started a new job and have met lots of new people on the staff. One of them phones you when you are at home. Would you:

- a) find it easy to recognise their voice,
- b) recognise it about half the time,
- c) have difficulty identifying the voice.

26. What upsets you most when arguing with someone?

- a) their silence or lack of response,
- b) when they won't see your point of view,
- c) their probing or challenging questions and comments.

27. In school, how did you feel about spelling tests and writing essays?

- a) you found them both fairly easy,
- b) you were generally OK with one but not the other,
- c) you were not very good at either.

28. When it comes to dancing or jazz routines, you:

- a) can 'feel' the music once you have learned the steps,
- b) can do some exercises or dances but get lost with others,
- c) have difficulty keeping time or rhythm.

29. How good are you at identifying and mimicking animal sounds?

- a) not very good,
- b) reasonable,
- c) very good.

30. At the end of a long day, you usually prefer to

- a) talk with friends or family about your day,
- b) listen to others talk about their day,
- c) read a paper, watch TV and not talk.

HOW TO SCORE THIS WORKSHEET

First add up all the a) answers, all the b) answers and all of the c) answers. Use the following table to help keep track:

FOR MALES:

Number of a) _____ x 15 points each = _____

Number of b) _____ x 5 points each = _____

Number of c) _____ x (-5) points each = _____

TOTAL POINTS: _____

FOR FEMALES:

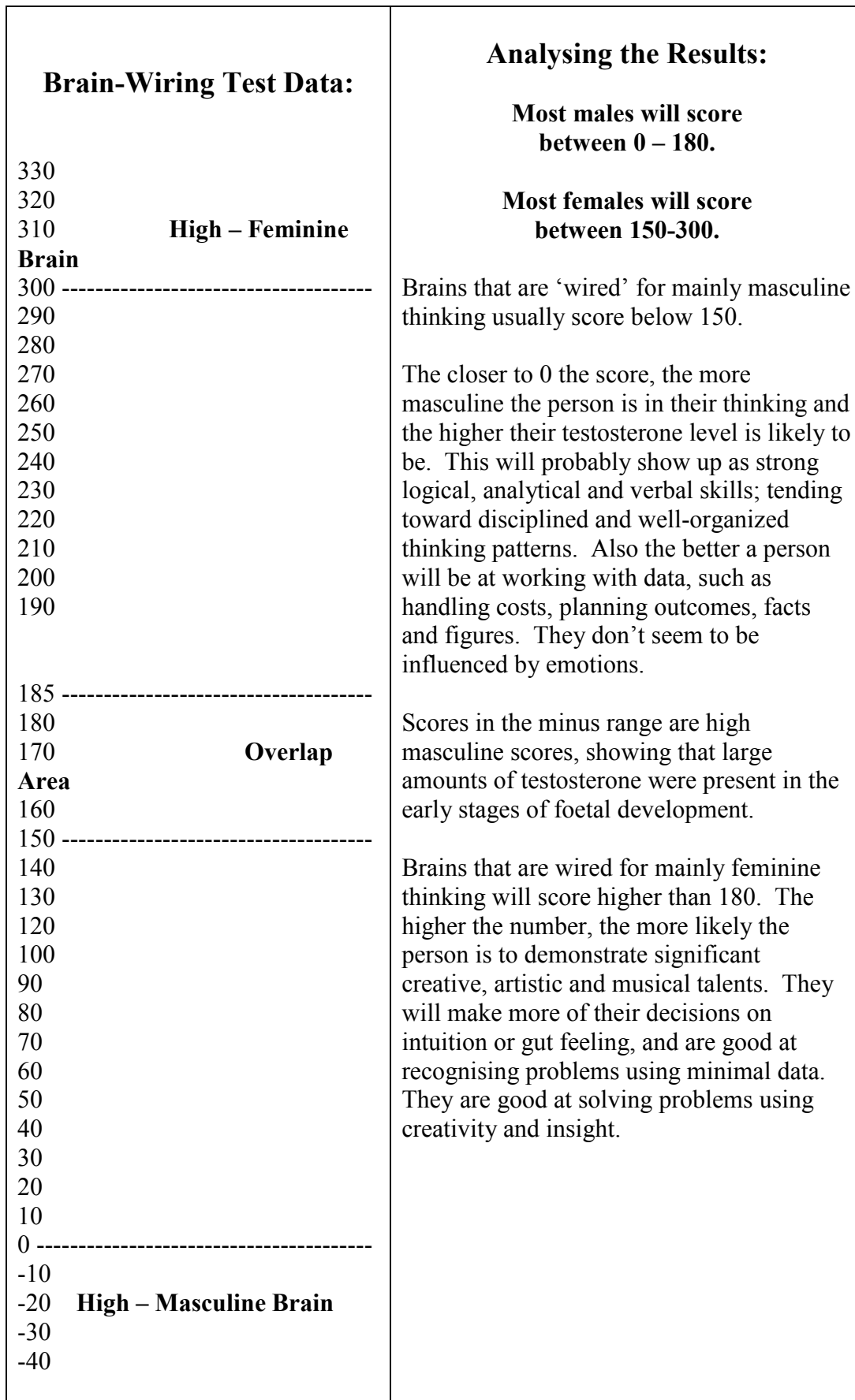
Number of a) _____ x 10 points each = _____

Number of b) _____ x 5 points each = _____

Number of c) _____ x (-5) points each = _____

TOTAL POINTS: _____

For any questions where the answers don't accurately reflect your life or you left them blank, award yourself 5 points.



THE OVERLAP

Scores between 150 and 180, show compatibility of thought for both sexes, they have 'a foot in both camps'. These people do not show a bias for either of the gender thinking modes and usually demonstrate flexibility in thinking that can be a significant advantage to any groups who are going through a problem-solving process. They have the predisposition to make friends with both men and women.

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