



Open Minded Path: Acolyte Assessment

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Instructions

Section 1 consists of a series of short answer, multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions, each which has a single correct answer (or a list of terms). Section 2 has all open-ended questions which should be answered in 200-500 words, depending on the question. The Elder Council must review and approve your assessment, which can be emailed to openmindedpath@gmail.com. Once approved, you will be issued a certificate of membership in the Open Minded Path lineage.

There is no time frame on this assessment. Complete it as slowly as necessary, get feedback from others as needed, look things up, and spend time reflecting on the Creed to ensure this lineage is a good fit. This quiz must be completed by anyone seeking to become an Open Minded Leader, even those who are petitioning for Leadership status straight away (complete this, and then the Leader Assessment as well). Good luck, have fun, and blessed be!

Section 1: Short Answer & Multiple Choice

1. When was the Open Minded Path founded?
2. Which of the following statements is **not** in the Creed?
 - A. We believe in compromise
 - B. We believe our divinity is our own
 - C. We believe in compassion for all beings
 - D. We believe that working with others is a worthwhile endeavor
 - E. None of these are in the Creed
 - F. All of these are in the Creed
3. Which of the following statements is in the Creed?
 - A. We hold no grudges, we hold no biases
 - B. All are welcome within our ranks
 - C. We do not discriminate based on religion, magical discipline, or any mundane
 - D. It is only through gaining knowledge of ourselves that we can build a personal relationship with the divine.
 - E. None of these are in the Creed
 - F. All of these are in the Creed
4. Which of the following is **not** in the Creed?
 - A. We promise to stand in circle under the leadership of the OMLs
 - B. We believe in compromise
 - C. We believe in sharing knowledge freely
 - D. We are one family, bonded in a spiritual oath to keep secret the details of each other's and all our lineage's doings and sayings



- E. None of these are in the Creed
 - F. All of these are in the Creed
5. Which of the following statements is in the Creed?
- A. This pact is one of servitude and commitment
 - B. The only requirements are to act and speak in accordance with the above, to respect others within the lineage at all times, and to participate in the Crossroads and always with an open mind
 - C. We are seekers of knowledge and discourse
 - D. The only requirements are to be respectful of the OMLs, and the other lineage members, and to actively participate in the Crossroads
 - E. None of these are in the Creed
 - F. All of these are in the Creed
6. Invocation means to bring energy in, while evocation means to send energy out, generally speaking. True or false.
7. The power-wisdom dichotomy essentially describes the relationship with:
- A. seeking influence versus freedom from influence
 - B. trusting the will of the universe (fate or divinity, etc.) to have your best interests at heart, versus trusting and acting on your own will
 - C. practicing moving objects versus meditating
 - D. 1 and 2 together
 - E. 2 and 3 together
 - F. 1 and 3 together
 - G. All of the above
 - H. None of the above
8. Only certain paths lead to enlightenment. True or false.
9. Match the following terms with their definitions:
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| A. Fae | E. Gnomes | I. Spirit/inner animal |
| B. Demon | F. Silphs | J. Spirit journey |
| C. Salamanders | G. Spirits | K. Astral trip/travel |
| D. Undines | H. Angels | L. Lucid dream |

_____ the consciousness of chaos, the other side of the coin with divinity. Beings who spread destruction and disarray (with a fine line between this and chaos deities)

_____ the collective unconscious, or the consciousness of the dead, beings who exist outside of time and space, often appearing in the form of memories and visions

_____ a trip of the mind which involves stepping outside of oneself and seeing the bigger picture, or traveling to another place in time and space altogether

_____ the guardians of the watchtower of the north, including creatures which align with earth, mythical and mundane alike (e.g. dwarves, brownies, elves)



___ a trip of the mind to a made-up location, even one which resembles a real location, wherein full awareness of reality is maintained while the vision occurs (often during sleep)

___ the consciousness of the elements, guardians of the cardinal directions, and metaphysical or mythical creatures of nature

___ the guardians of the watchtower of the south, including all creatures which align with fire, mythical and mundane alike (e.g. snakes, dragons, lizards)

___ someone's totem creature, one they identify with and which comes to them in visions to bring guidance and wisdom

___ the guardians of the watchtower of the west, including all creatures which align with water, mythical and mundane alike (e.g. mermaids, dolphins, whales)

___ the guardians of the watchtower of the east, including creatures which align with air, mythical and mundane alike (e.g. faeries, sprites, birds)

___ guardians and protectors of various forms, some being lesser deities, some being the souls of deceased loved ones

___ a trip of the mind, often with symbols of boats or tunnels, which involves traveling deep into oneself to discover hidden meaning and wisdom

Section 2: Open Ended Questions

Attach answers on external sheets of paper and write somewhere between 200 – 500 words if possible.

1. What is your spiritual name and why (or if you don't have one, why not)? Note that your name should never change; it should represent the true you, the timeless aspects of you, or your soul.
2. Name 5 spiritual paths that people could choose to walk, and the benefits and pitfalls of each. (4 of any, plus 1 your own).
3. Choose a form of divination (including dream interpretation of either yours or another's dream). Write the question asked or dream here, and if applicable, record the spread or cast (using a picture or graphical representation). Then describe what the spread, cast, or vision is saying.
4. Describe your thoughts on divinity, whether or not you relate to divine energy and what this relationship looks like.
5. What does meditation mean to you, and what kinds do you prefer?
6. What is an altered state of mind, and what are 3 ways anyone could use to achieve such a state?
7. What are the benefits of initiation ceremonies and bestowed titles? Do you plan to use titles along your path, and if so, which ones?



8. Give 3 examples each of invocations and evocations.
9. A train is moving full speed down a track towards a group of rowdy teenagers, who haven't noticed the danger. You aren't sure if the train has noticed them or can stop in time. There is a switch before you to change the tracks, but there are many tracks the train could take, and there is a chance the switch will send the train towards a small girl, who also is oblivious to this somehow silent train. Would you flip the switch? Why or why not?
10. Same as question 9, but this time, you know for a fact that the train cannot stop. Does this change your answer? What if you know for a fact that the switch sends the train towards the small girl?