

## The Advanced Bonewits' Cult Danger Evaluation Frame (*version 2.6*)

Factors:		Low										High									
1	Internal Control: Amount of internal political and social power exercised by leader(s) over members; lack of clearly defined organizational rights for members.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
2	External Control: Amount of external political and social influence desired or obtained; emphasis on directing members' external political and social behavior.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
3	Wisdom/Knowledge Claimed by leader(s): Amount of infallibility declared or implied about decisions or doctrinal/scriptural interpretations; number and degree of unverified and/or unverifiable credentials claimed.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
4	Wisdom/Knowledge Credited to leader(s) by members: Amount of trust in decisions or doctrinal/scriptural interpretations made by leader(s); amount of hostility by members towards internal or external critics and/or towards verification efforts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
5	Dogma: Rigidity of reality concepts taught; amount of doctrinal inflexibility or "fundamentalism;" hostility towards relativism and situationalism.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
6	Recruiting: Emphasis put on attracting new members; amount of proselytizing; requirement for all members to bring in new ones.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
7	Front Groups: Number of subsidiary groups using different names from that of main group, especially when connections are hidden.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
8	Wealth: Amount of money and/or property desired or obtained by group; emphasis on members' donations; economic lifestyle of leader(s) compared to ordinary members.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
9	Sexual Manipulation of members by leader(s) of <i>non-tantric groups</i> : Amount of control exercised over sexuality of members in terms of sexual orientation, behavior, and/or choice of partners.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
10	Sexual Favoritism: Advancement or preferential treatment dependent upon sexual activity with the leader(s) of non-tantric groups.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
11	Censorship: Amount of control over members' access to outside opinions on group, its doctrines or leader(s).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
12	Isolation: Amount of effort to keep members from communicating with non-members, including family, friends and lovers.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
13	Dropout Control: Intensity of efforts directed at preventing or returning dropouts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
14	Violence: Amount of approval when used by or for the group, its doctrines or leader(s).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
15	Paranoia: Amount of fear concerning real or imagined enemies; exaggeration of perceived power of opponents; prevalence of conspiracy theories.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
16	Grimness: Amount of disapproval concerning jokes about the group, its doctrines or its leader(s).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
17	Surrender of Will: Amount of emphasis on members not having to be responsible for personal decisions; degree of individual disempowerment created by the group, its doctrines or its leader(s).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
18	Hypocrisy: amount of approval for actions which the group officially considers immoral or unethical, when done by or for the group, its doctrines or leader(s); willingness to violate the group's declared principles for political, psychological, social, economic, military, or other gain.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_