

LEGION (II)

There are persons who are trying to steal my thoughts and ideas.
—The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory

NOTE: *Legion (II)* is a response to my poem *Legion*, which formerly appeared on this site. That original poem was composed by rearranging and recontextualizing the true/false questions of the *Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory* as if they were declarative confessional statements from a lyric subject — part of a poetic monologue rather than a forensic instrument. Although the 1942 *Inventory* has been widely discredited and is no longer published, distributed or supported, the corporation that licenses the exam feels that *Legion* violates copyright. On the contrary, *Legion* is almost certainly a “fair use” of its source text (as protected by Title 17, §107 of the *United States Code*); however, it has been removed from this site as a courtesy. As Ursula K. Le Guin wrote: “there are no right answers to wrong questions.” Or, as Susan Sontag put it: “the only interesting answers are those that destroy the questions.”

True. True, yes: *buoy, aureole, eutrapalia*. No. Probably not. No. No, on both counts. No. Yes. Don't know. False. Certainly not. No. True. False. No, never. No. Yes. No. Not really. Sure. No. Isn't that the definition of *love*? True. False. True. False. True. Yeah, I guess I do. Maybe. No. False. False. That's putting it a little strongly. Probably true. Yes. I must admit that *I must admit* that. Yes. Yes. How would I know? No. Sure. No. No. No. Not really, though that would be fine. Yes. No. No. On rare occasion. No. Yes. No. No. No. No. Someone did. I hope so. No. No. No. Not really. True. Yes. I wouldn't put it that way. No. No. No. Yes. Yes. No. Yes. Yes. Yes. True. I guess. I doubt it. No. No. No (no). No. No. No. Um, probably. False. True. Maybe. No. I wouldn't call that *an artist*. Not seriously. No. No, I'd kill them. No. Not really. No. Depends. No. True. No. No. No. No. No. Uh, I think that's a *no*. Certainly not. Sure. No. Of course. Yeah. *My people*? No. No. I wouldn't say that. Sometimes. True. Yes. No. Uh, yeah. No. No. Never. Probably. No, I don't even know what *drop-the-handkerchief* is. No. No. Absolutely not. I guess. Nah. No. Not really. No. Yes. No. No. Yeah, actually. Yes, definitely. Yes. Not really. Probably not. No. No. Negative. Yes, lately. Recently, yes. No. Yes. No. Not since I was a kid. No. True. Depends. Depends. I don't know. I wouldn't say that. I don't think so. *Dread* is probably too strong. No, but that sounds good, actually. Maybe, depends. No, doesn't matter. I don't think so. No. Sure. No. No. No, I'm not. No. No. No. No. True. Yes, lately. No, I wouldn't say that. No. No, though I often do. Yes. Yes, always. No. Yeah, I guess. Uh, no, I think. Well, within reason. True. False. Probably as a kid. Uh, no. No. No. Of course not — do you think I'm crazy? No, I don't think so. No, more often. Uh, probably. Yes, very much. Yes. Of course. No, I think I can. Um, ok. Maybe. No. No. Uh.... no. No. True. Yes, thankfully. No. No, just the opposite. No, it does. No. No. No, I don't think so. No. Uh, maybe — I doubt it. No. I don't think so. No, didn't you ask this already? I guess. True. Yes. Uh, yeah. Uh, probably. No. Uh, no, I wouldn't say that. Not really. No. Not especially. No. No. Sometimes. No. No. No, I do. No. Uh, sometimes, yes. No, not if you put it that way. Sometimes. Uh, I don't think so. Yes. No. No. No, that would be insane. Uh, maybe a little worse.

No. Yes. No, though that sounds nice. No. No. No. No. Uh, sure, I guess. True. False. False. False. True. False, some fear. False. Not really. False. True. False. Yeah, at times. False. Probably not. True, now that I think about it. False (I'm not bothered). True. Don't know. Uh, true. No. I wouldn't say that. Yes, still is. Yes, still do. Yes, still is. Yes, still do. True. No. No. Uh, no. I wouldn't say *great*.... No, I think I am. Nah. No. True. False. False. Uh, sure. False. False. Yeah, it was pretty good. No. To be honest, not really. Um, maybe. True. True. No. True. No. True. Not especially. No. True. False. False. False. False. False. False. Not especially. Uh, not really. False. No. Um, no. I guess that's true. Not really. Uh, no. No. False. No, but what a convoluted question! Of course not, that would be crazy. Not really. Uh, no. Yeah. True. False. True. Uh, false. No. Some of it. True. No. No. Uh, true. I wouldn't call that *an artist*. Uh, maybe. Uh, I don't know. I doubt it. Not always. False. True. No. Uh, no; that's kind of creepy. False; that's hard. True. False. True. Huh? False. False. True. Uh, false. I guess sometimes. Maybe. Probably. Uh, what *sins*? I don't think so. No, I don't mind. That would be true. False. False. Uh, probably not. Not especially. True. False; I think you asked that already. Uh, false. False; I think it's better. False. Uh, once. True. True, thank heavens. False. Uh, true. False. Uh, false. True. False. False. True. False; that's insane. Uh, sure. False. Uh, false. False. False; that would make me nervous. False. False. False. True, actually. False. False. Sure, I guess. False. Not really. Certainly not. Uh, sure, but not especially. No, false. No, false. Uh, no — depends. False. True, now that you mention it. False. False. False. False. No, false. I suppose. True. Not particularly. Uh, could happen. False, well, maybe *sometimes*. False. False. False. False (why would they be watching me?). No, not really. True. Probably true. Uh, probably. I wouldn't say so. False. True. Depends. Absolutely not. True. False. False. Uh, false I guess. False; I think we've done that one already. False. False. That's probably true. Huh? True. True. True. True. True. Uh, maybe — probably not. False. Uh, sure. Uh, no. True. Probably. False. Isn't that the definition of *culture*? True, to be honest. I don't think so. False. False. Uh, maybe — not sure what that means. Sure. I guess. I hope not! True. False, well, maybe; I don't

know. That's probably true. Uh, true. True. Isn't that necessarily so? Well, yeah, but not especially. True. True. Not really. Maybe? Uh, no; but isn't that what this test is supposed to discover? False. False. False. False. False. False. False. False. False. False. False; do you think I'm crazy? True. True. True. True. False. True. True. False. False. False; these are getting easier. False. Uh, I wouldn't say *unusually*. True. False. True. False. False. False. True. False. Uh, depends. False. False. False. True, though it's not a big deal. False. True. False. False. Sure. Not really. Uh, true I guess. Not really. No. Well, yeah. Not recently. False. True. False. False. True. True. False. False. False. True. Uh, sure. False. True. False. True. Yes, sure. I don't think so. False, I guess. True. That's probably true. True. No, that sounds scary. False. Uh, probably. False. False. False. Uh, depends. True. False. False. False. Sure, true. Uh, sure, yeah. Probably. False. Uh, sure. False. False. False (uh, *what sins?*). False. False. False. False.