

## APPENDIX 5



# A THEOLOGICAL WORLDS INVENTORY

(abbreviated)

*Instructions:* In each of these questions, place a 1 in the box beside the phrase or word that best completes the sentence for you. Then place a 2 in the box that expresses best your second preference. Trust your first inclination.

## LIFE

- Life for me is a:
  - Mysterious pilgrimage
  - Basic right
  - Quest for self-fulfillment
  - Rebirth
  - Courageous act
- To have meaning, life entails:
  - Unveiling the mystery
  - Winning a victory
  - Being whole
  - Removing guilt
  - Living faithfully one's duty

- Which set of worst/best describes the dynamic of living?
  - Separation/reunion
  - Conflict/vindication
  - Emptiness/fulfillment
  - Condemnation/forgiveness
  - Suffering/endurance

## THE HUMAN CONDITION

- I experience the negative human condition most often as:
  - Feeling alienated
  - Being treated unjustly
  - Being rendered invisible
  - Feeling guilty
  - Experiencing pain
- Words describing how it feels to experience this condition are these:
  - Wanderer-orphan-stranger
  - Enslaved-oppressed
  - Self-doubting-impotent-aching
  - Selfish-devilish
  - Wounded-victim-undone

## SIN

- Sin is:
  - Closing one's eyes to the Mystery
  - Compromising too soon
  - Misdirected good
  - A condition defining us even before we act badly
  - Part of life's struggles
- Often the effects of sin are:
  - Separation

- Indifference
- Unrealized potential
- Perversity
- Weakening

## REDEMPTION

8. Conversion is from:

- Alienation to homecoming
- Oppression to liberation
- Nothingness to self-~~identity~~ *actualization*
- Guilt to pardon
- Suffering to integrity

9. Redemption for me comes from experiencing Jesus as:

- Illuminator
- Liberator
- Nurturer
- Savior
- Comrade

10. The gospel invites me to:

- Lose myself in God
- Give myself for a cause
- Learn to love myself
- Deny myself for others
- Remain faithful to the end

11. Freedom means:

- Going home
- No one being hungry
- Losing self-doubt in becoming who I am
- A chance to start over
- To outlast

12. Faith is trusting in:

- The Mystery
- The future
- Myself
- A new beginning
- The inevitable

13. What tends to give me hope:

- Experiences that hint at the meaning of the whole
- Changes in this world that will make it better
- Support that encourages me to become who I am
- Trust in God's gracious forgiveness
- Divine companionship to see it through together

14. An image that appeals to me is:

- The ocean
- Tomorrow
- A room of my own
- Spring housecleaning
- A day off

15. I tend to view death as:

- Opening to another world
- A foe to be resisted
- Part of life's rhythm
- Something I deserve
- A reality to be faced steadfastly

16. An ideal Christian would be a:

- Mystic
- Visionary (*vision for future on earth*)
- Saint

