RESULTS

Dependency

Member adopts a childlike dependency on the group.

Personality Disorders

Depression, disorientation, anxiety, stress, neurotic, psychotic and even suicidal tendencies may result.

Logic Deterioration

Member loses ability to think clearly and critically. A decrease in intellectual capacity. Member is not able to see how the group has manipulated him or her. Logical contradictions in group doctrine have little or no impact on member.

Broken Relationships

Family and friends are cast aside.

Exploitation

Member is exploited financially, physically and/or mentally. May be manipulated into giving all possessions to group, leaving school or job to put in long hours selling roup literature or other items, providing low cost manual labour for group etc.

"When you meet the friendliest people you have ever known, who introduce you to the most loving group of people you've ever encountered, and you find the leader to be the most inspired, caring, compassionate and understanding person you've ever met, and then you learn that the cause of the group is something you never dared hope could be accomplished, and all of this sounds too good to be true it probably is too good to be true? Don't give up your education, your hopes and ambitions, to follow a rainbow".

....JEANNE MILLS

Former member of the People's Temple and subsequent victim of assassination a year following the November 18, 1978 Jonestown suicides/murders of 911 adults and children.

WHY do Group Members:

- · Gladly give up family, friends, school and careers?
- See their strange new lifestyle and behaviour as being normal?
- Fail to recognise manipulation by the group leaders?
- Seem unaffected by proof of lies and contradictions in group doctrine?
- Desperately avoid anything critical of the group?

BECAUSE

THEY LACK THE ONLY TOOL ONE CAN USE TO GRASP REALITY AND TEST TRUTH

A FREE MIND!

For further information on the subject of Mind Control Consult:

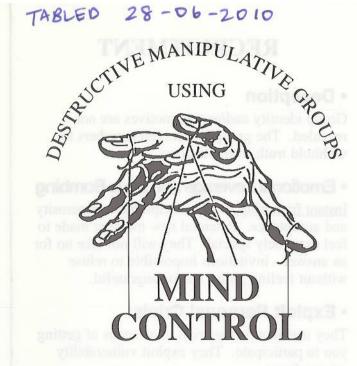
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- Waco Texas
- Sun Myang Moon (Moonies)
- ·Hare Krishna

Everybody knows that groups like these have all but vanished - or have they? Those that seemingly disappeared were replaced by dozens of new ones. They are more plentiful and destructive today than ever before. They are also more subtle, richer and often surrounded with respectability.

Who are they? How do they get normal, intelligent people to give up their free will and drop out of the mainstream of life? And, most importantly, how can you and your family recognise and avoid them?

You could try to memorise the names of the 3000 groups known to use Mind Control ... or you could learn to recognise the approach they all use. Once you learn to recognise the tactics of mind control, you will have at your command the very best weapon for combating it: an informed and free mind.

RECRUITMENT

Deception

Group identity and/or true motives are not revealed. The group leaders tell members to withhold truth from outsiders.

Emotional Leverage and Love Bombing

<u>Instant friendship</u>, extreme helpfulness, generosity and acceptance. Potential new member made to feel extremely special. They will not take no for an answer - invitations impossible to refuse without feeling guilty and/or ungrateful.

Exploit Personal Crisis

They use an existing crisis as a means of getting you to participate. They exploit vulnerability arising from:

- Loneliness
- Grief
- Depression
- Stress
- Guilt

Crisis Creation

They employ tactics designed to create or deepen confusion, fear, guilt or doubt ie "you aren't serving God the way He intended". Question areas of faith never before examined or explored and attack other faiths specifically.

All The Answers

Provide simple answers to the confusion they, themselves create. Apply pressure to start studying with them or attending a retreat or Bible Study group.

<u>Underlined tactics</u> are sure indicators of Mind Control use.

PROGRAMMING

Intense Study

Focus is on groups doctrine and writings. Bible, if used at all, is referred to one verse at a time to "prove" group teachings. New members are quickly sent out to teach (win new converts).

Guilt and Fear

Group dwells on members "sinful nature" (may use public confession). Guilt and fear arising from "failing God" are magnified to manipulate new member.

Schedule Control & Fatigue

Study and service become mandatory. New member becomes too busy to question. Family, friends, hobbies, "squeezed out" isolating the new member.

Group Pressure

"Love", generosity, encouragement are used to lower defenses, create guilt. New members feel an ever increasing sense of obligation and debt.

Attack Independent Thought

Thinking is discouraged as prideful, blind acceptance encouraged.

Divine Commission

Group leaders claim "New Light" *(new revelation) from God, within last 200 years, in which all but their group are rejected by God.

Absolutism

They insist on total unquestioning obedience and submission to group leadership, both actions AND thoughts.

Totalism

"Us against them" thinking. Strengthens group identity. Everyone outside group lumped under one label.

* Divine Principle, 1973, pp 0-109 The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

RETENTION

Opposer Warnings

Converts are conditioned to expect attempts by friends to warn them about the group.
Attempts drive convert deeper into group.

Information Control

Group controls what convert may read or hear. They discourage (forbid) contact with ex-members or anything critical of the group. May say it is the same as pornography.

Isolation, Separation & Alienation

Group becomes substitute family. Member encouraged to drop worldly (non-member) friends. Also may be asked to change careers, quit school, give up sports etc

Coercion

Disobedience, including minor disagreement with group doctrine, may result in expulsion and shunning.

Phobias

The idea is planted that anyone who leaves goes into a life of depravity and sin, lose their sanity, dies etc

Striving For The Unreachable

Group membership and service is essential for salvation. "Work your way into God's favour".

WHO IS VULNERABLE?

ANYONE WHO THINKS THEY
ARE NOT!