

The Geniture Surveyance

Links to this website pops up on social media of all sorts with remarkable frequency. It resembles a fairly standard online quiz, “What kind of [Oddball Thing] are you?” edition. People who take the test are asked a set of ten apparently-unrelated questions, then they’re told that they’re most like a Labrador Retriever or whatnot. The questions change, and the results, but there are about six or seven similar tests that all come from the same website.

This test is sheer *torture* for secret mages. It’s not that the Geniture Surveyance is actively dangerous -- well, actually, it is actively dangerous. The ‘questions’ are actually subtly-crafted ritual elements that, when fully answered, provide an accurate magical description of the person taking them. This description is absolutely suitable for targeted curses, mind control spells, maledictions, scrying, and any other form of intrusive spell use (it also is useful for healing magic, but people don’t generally worry about things like **that**). Worst, with this particular form of magical profile a competent mage can most assuredly use it to get the target’s mundane identity and information.

Who set this up? Nobody knows. Who's using the profiles? Nobody knows. What are they using the profiles know? Nobody knows. How do these mages feel about mages who aren't affiliated with them? Nobody knows. What happens when you research this situation too thoroughly? Nobody knows -- and that's the 'nobody knows' that you get when people who are researching the situation tend to stop returning people's calls after a while.

And you wondered why secret mages in modern Western culture are furtive, paranoid, and determinedly non-digital!

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