

# ENNEAGRAM FACT SHEET

## INTRODUCTION

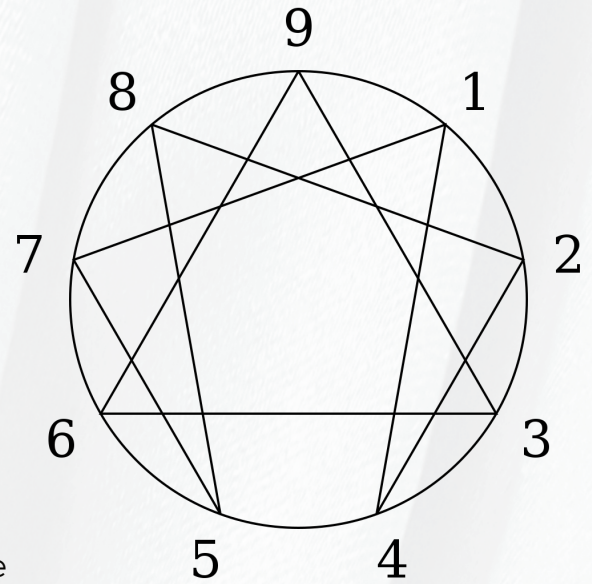
The Enneagram is commonly presented as a personality test, with proponents touting its ability to reveal one's "dominant sin," "true self/false self," and provide greater insight into users personality and motivations. It should be noted, however, that different Enneagram instructors have differing explanations of how the system operates, and while there may be some overlap in their teachings, there is no consensus on the mechanics or implementation of the system. Regardless, all these various claims greatly contradict the original intentions of the Enneagram creators.

## SCIENTIFIC REALITY

The majority of psychologists who specialize in the study of personality are in agreement that the Enneagram does not live up to its claims and would not endorse it for any purpose.

- The Director of the University of Oregon's Personality and Social Dynamics Lab said "The Enneagram doesn't originate in validated scientific theory. There is a complete absence of evidence that it is valid or reliable."
- The director of the Personality Development and Success Lab at the University of Houston said regarding the Enneagram, "There's no validity."
- Luke Smillie, Director of Personality Processes Lab at the University of Melbourne, "Frankly, the Enneagram is probably at the top of the list of tests I would not recommend."

This is because the Enneagram "tests" all rely on self reporting which is never reliable, and always biased, as well as the fact that the Enneagram has zero legitimate peer review testing or research.



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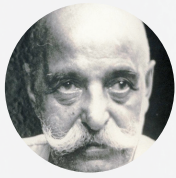
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Oscar Ichazo



George Gurdjieff



Claudio Naranjo

# SPIRITUAL REALITY

While Gurdjieff claims that he got the symbol from the Sufis (which is at odds with Catholicism in its own right), Gurdjieff created, taught, and popularized what we recognize as the Enneagram today. It should be noted, however, that *no where in his writing, teaching, or creating of the Enneagram was mentioned that it to be used for personality assessment*. Instead, Gurdjieff taught that the **Enneagram was a means to acquire occult knowledge** and divination, also noting that only he knew the original meaning and use of the Enneagram. Other notable beliefs, practices, and characteristics of Gurdjieff:

*Students noted he had uncontrollable rage, "unsavory and impure" and was a serial manipulator, known to have affairs with many of his female students leading to many illegitimate children which he then abandoned, he acquired notoriety as the man who killed Katherine Mansfield, wrote a book called "Beelzebub's tales" which he taught could answer any question anyone could ever have and that it should be read as a prayer, believed in pantheism (a heresy), practiced Buddhism, sufism, witchcraft, and other various occult activities.*

Oscar Ichazo took the Enneagram one step deeper into the occult. After learning of the Enneagram from Gurdjieff, Ichazo added his own beliefs and practices into the picture. These are some of them:

*Running a school of the occult, practiced shamanism, hindu occultism and zen, he claimed that he had been to heaven and hell, and outright rejected the Catholic Church because what the church teaches contradicted what he "experienced". He claimed that he knew more than Christ, practiced seances, studied every occult practice currently known, and claimed he spoke to "the prince of the archangels" (while high on mescaline) who told him the real meaning of the Enneagram.*

Still, we have no mention of personality, but now "egos", in fact, video can be found where the some of these men are speaking in rage regarding people using it in the public, and using it as a personality typing system, and other esoteric and non christian beliefs. The personality typing came in with Naranjo, who is on video admitting that he came up with the numbers and their meanings while practicing "Spirit Writing" a form of divination also condemned by the Church as demonic. Naranjo was also involved in all the practices mentioned above.

**It is clear that every aspect from the creation to the teaching of the Enneagram was stepped in the demonic, and has been twisted into something used by popular culture. So what does the Church have to say?**

*USCCB drafted a document in response to the Enneagram saying: "In conclusion, those who are looking for an aid for personal and psychological development should be aware that Enneagram teaching lacks a scientific foundation for its assertion and that the Enneagram is of questionable value as a scientific tool for the understanding of human psychology. Moreover, Christians who are looking for an aid for spiritual growth should be aware that the Enneagram has its origins in a non-Christian worldview and remains connected to a complex of philosophical and religious ideas that do not accord with Christian belief" The Church warns against the supposed numerological theory involved in the modern version of the Enneagram saying "For a christian to subscribe to such numerology (editor's note - as the Enneagram teaches) would be to fall into a form of superstition.*

**Pope John Paul the 2nd warned that "It is in conflict with all that is essentially Christian."**

**Exorcists have warned:**

*So effective has the Enneagram Method become in strangling genuine Catholic faith, that it is now considered by some as the most lethal threat to date in the campaign being waged to liquidate orthodox Catholic belief among the faithful.*

*Two characteristics of the Enneagram Method comprise moral teachings that are irreconcilable with the basic moral teachings of Catholics in particular and Christians in general. The basic presumption presented to the mind by the Enneagram Method is that each individual is self-perfectible, morally speaking, within that individual's personality type. This presumption is in reality a late revival of an ancient heresy known as Pelagianism. It is at odds with the basic Christian teaching that we absolutely depend on the action of divine grace for all moral perfection.*

**This is only the tip of the iceberg. Renounce and remove the Enneagram from your life, not only is it not a personality typing system, it was never created to be one, and cannot be shoehorned into one.**