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QUESTIONNAIRE OF A BUDDHIST LAMA TO A NOVICE.

"Should you like to become a buddhist monk, it is necessary that there are no hindring circumstances in your way. If people are hindered by such circumstances and still accept the monastic life, then their piedad will never realize on the spiritual plane, or if even they realize, they will not develop nor grow. Therefore there would not only be any use to yourself, but for me also it would be sinful. Please therefore reply accurately to all my questions:

1. Do you not belong to the followers of heretical teachings?
2. Are you not below the age of 15?
3. Even if you have reached 15 years, are you not so weak that you cannot chase away crows? (viz.maybe you are so weak that you cannot chase away the crows which may come to pick your food).
4. If you can chase away crows, are you not below the age of seven?
5. Are you not a slave?
6. Are you not in debt?
7. Have you received permission from your father and your mother?
8. Are you not in a locality, where your parents would not agree with to your staying?
9. Are you not ill?
10. Have you never inflicted tortures or used ill language against your parents or the priesthood?
11. Have you not secretly aquired other people's belongings or have you not acquired them by wrong means?
12. Are you not an omnipresent being?
13. Are you not a ghostly being?
14. Are you not a hermaphrodite?
15. Are you not a man-wolf?
16. Are you not a speechless animal?
17. Are you not in contact with heretics?
18. Have you not killed your mother?
19. Have you not killed your father?
20. Have you not killed an arkhan?
21. Have you not committed libel against the priesthood?
22. Have you not ill-willingly spilt blood of the body of Buddha?
23. Have you not undercome any of the four humilating temptations and fallen? (these four are: murder, a great lie, theft & adultery).
24. Are you not crippled?
25. Do you not belong to those who only have one fingernail?
26. Have you not been chosen for some duty by the khan or the government?
27. Are you not overgrown with hair?
28. Have you the khan's permission to enter priesthood?
29. Are you not in a place where the khan does not permit you to be?
30. Are you not known in Society as a thief and robber?
31. Have you never been publicly shamed?
32. Are you not a cheat?
33. Are you not an executioner?



34. Do you not belong to a low caste?
35. Do you not belong to the creatures, separated from mankind?
36. Do you not belong to the northern country of evil ones?
37. Have your organs not any of the three deformations?
38. Are you not a woman looking like a man?
39. Have you no outer signs of sin?
40. Have you not been born in some other part of the world and have you not any other outer forms?

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QUESTIONS OF A BUDDHIST LAMA TO A NOVICE WISHING TO ENTER MONKHOOD.  
pp. 145-147.

"In order to confer upon you the teachings of monkhood, it is necessary that you have all the distinctions; of these the first is that you are perfectly clean, and the second - that you are free of all the hindring circumstances. To ascertain the latter, I will now put questions to you and will you please reply to every one of them. Listen, novice! The time has now come that you have to tell the whole truth: I will ask you, and you without hiding anything from me, reply to what is so - yes, and to what is not so - no:

1. Are you a man?
2. Have you all the male organs in full?
3. Have you reached 20 years of age?
4. Are all your monastic garments intact and is your bowl not broken?
5. If you have a father and mother, have you received their permission?
6. Are you not a slave?
7. Are you not a thief?
8. Are you not a seeker for your own advantages?
9. Are you not a mediator in some worldly dispute?
10. Have you not been bribed by someone?
11. Have you not been chosen by the khan for some duty?
12. Have you not caused the khan any trouble?
13. Have you nothing evil in mind against the khan?
14. Have you never yourself done any harm to the khan or induced other people to do him wrong?
15. Are you not know in society as a thief and robber?
16. Are you not a hermaphrodite?
17. Have you not molested or annoyed nuns?
18. Have you not acquired other people's belongings by wrong means?
19. Are you not an omnipresent being?
20. Are you not a ghostly being?
21. Do you not belong to those following the heretical teachings?
22. Have you not killed your father?
23. Have you not killed your mother?
24. Have you not killed an arkhat?
25. Have you not committed libel against the clergy?
26. Have you not ill-willingly spelt the blood of the all-perfect Buddha?
27. Are you not a man-wolf?
28. Are you not a speechless animal?
29. Are you not crippled?

After the novice has replied to this last question in the negative, the



confessioner continues:

30. Should you have debts, large or small, would you be in a position to pay these back, once you have accepted monkhood?
  31. Have you ever before taken up monastic life?
  32. Have you not committed any of the four sins for which a monk is excluded from the community?
  33. Have you ever received initiation as a novice?
  34. Do you lead a virtuous and chaste life?
- To this question the initiated replies definitely: "I live a virtuous and chaste life".
35. What is your name?
  36. What is the name of your teacher; in this present case of necessity you may disclose his name?
  37. Listen, you leading a monastic life, the human body may be subject to the following diseases: (here follows a long list diseases, mostly skin-diseases and other infectious and pernicious illnesses).

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A balin (prayer) to the Dragons and Lords of the World  
sung by the lamas during a festival. (pp.497)

"To-day, in full belief, we direct ourselves to all Spirit-Dragons and bring them praise and sacrifice. To the Lords dwelling in three thousand kingdoms, to the Lords of all provinces and to the dragons, dwelling in Utaishani, the upper land of Mandchuria, in Budala - the kingdom of the Khonshim boddhisattva, in Shamballah - the land of the mysterious tarni, in Tibet, in Kuku-Nor and other places, in the land of the Oirats, in the lake of Sanguin-dalai and other places, in this (here follows the name) mongolian khoshun and especially in this vicinity (the name is again quoted), have we erected this obo and we bring You praise and sacrificem Have pity on us and honor us with your coming".

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