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Α	Schizotypal Paranoid Schizoid	В	Borderline Antisocial Histrionic Narcissistic	C	Dependent Avoidant Obsessive-compulsive Passive Aggressive	
SC	SCHIZOTYPAL		BORDERLINE		DEPENDENT	
Meta Alo	Likes 1 <sup>st</sup> generation family Metaphoric speech Aloof & isolated Magical thinking		Self destructive (self mutilation) Impulsive Erratic emotions Sexual Extreme intensity Always in a crisis		Lack self confidence  **often apparent in their: Posture Voice Mannerisms	
PARANOID		ANTISOCIAL		AVOIDANT		
	Suspicious Cold Humorless		Breaks laws No remorse/guilt Appears friendly on surface		Social withdrawal Awkward & uncomfortable in social situations	
	SCHIZOID		HISTRIONIC		OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE	
	Few friends Loner Indifferent to praise/criticism		Impulsive False emotions Dramatic Inappropriate sexual behavior Center of attention		Perfectionist Preoccupied with: Details Rules Schedules	
		NARCISSISTIC		PASSIVE AGRESSIVE		
			Cant apologize Grandiose Exploit others in an effort to fulfill their own wants/needs Emotions are not erratic		Forceful Stubborn Dependent on others Procrastinates	

## From Loving the Self Absorbed by Dr. Nina Brown.

- 1. Constantly looks to you to meet their needs.
- 2. Expects you to know what he/she expects, desires, and needs without having to ask for it.
- 3. Gets upset when you are perceived to be critical or blaming.
- 4. Expects you to put his/her needs before your own.
- 5. Seeks attention in indirect ways.
- 6. Expects you to openly admire him/her.
- 7. Acts childish, e.g., sulks or pouts.
- 8. Accuses you of being insensitive or uncaring without cause or notice.
- 9. Finds fault with your friends.
- 10. Becomes angry when challenged or confronted.
- 11. Does not seem to recognize your feelings.
- 12. Uses your disclosures to criticize, blame, or discount you.
- 13. Is controlling.
- 14. Lies, distorts, and misleads.
- 15. Is competitive and uses any means to get what is wanted.
- 16. Has a superior attitude.
- 17. Is contemptuous of you and others.
- 18. Is arrogant.
- 19. Is envious of others.
- 20. Demeans and devalues you.
- 21. Is self-centered and self absorbed.
- 22. Has to be the center of attention.
- 23. Manipulates others to win attention.
- 24. Is impulsive and reckless.
- 25. Boasts and brags.
- 26. Is insensitive to your needs.
- 27. Makes fun of others' mistakes or faults.
- 28. Engages in seductive behavior.
- 29. Is vengeful.
- 30. Expects favors, but does not return them.

My relationships are very intense, unstable, and alternate between the extremes of over idealizing and undervaluing people who are important to me.
$\times_{True}$
× <sub>False</sub>
My emotions change very quickly, and I experience intense episodes of sadness, irritability, and anxiety or panic attacks.
My level of anger is often inappropriate, intense, and difficult to control.  X True  X False
Now, or in the past, when upset, I have engaged in recurrent suicidal behaviors, gestures, threats, or self-injurious behavior such as cutting, burning, or hitting myself.    X   True   X   False
I have a significant and persistently unstable image or sense of myself, or of who I am or what I truly believe in.     X   True   X   False
I have very suspicious ideas, and am even paranoid (falsely believe that others are plotting to cause me harm) at times; or I experience episodes under stress when I feel that I, other people, or the situation is somewhat unreal.    X   True   X   False
I engage in two or more self-damaging acts such as excessive spending, unsafe and inappropriate sexual conduct, substance abuse, reckless driving, and binge eating.  True  False
I engage in frantic efforts to avoid real or imagined abandonment by people who are close to me.  True  False
I suffer from chronic feelings of emptiness and boredom. $\times$ True $\times$ False

## The Laundry List - 14 Traits of an Adult Child of an Alcoholic

- 1. We became isolated and afraid of people and authority figures.
- 2. We became approval seekers and lost our identity in the process.
- 3. We are frightened by angry people and any personal criticism.
- 4. We either become alcoholics, marry them or both, or find another compulsive personality such as a workaholic to fulfill our sick abandonment needs.
- 5. We live life from the viewpoint of victims and we are attracted by that weakness in our love and friendship relationships.
- 6. We have an overdeveloped sense of responsibility and it is easier for us to be concerned with others rather than ourselves; this enables us not to look too closely at our own faults, etc.
- 7. We get guilt feelings when we stand up for ourselves instead of giving in to others.
- 8. We became addicted to excitement.
- 9. We confuse love and pity and tend to "love" people we can "pity" and "rescue."
- 10. We have "stuffed" our feelings from our traumatic childhoods and have lost the ability to feel or express our feelings because it hurts so much (Denial).
- 11. We judge ourselves harshly and have a very low sense of self-esteem.
- 12. We are dependent personalities who are terrified of abandonment and will do anything to hold on to a relationship in order not to experience painful abandonment feelings, which we received from living with sick people who were never there emotionally for us.
- 13. Alcoholism is a family disease; and we became para-alcoholics and took on the characteristics of that disease even though we did not pick up the drink.
- 14. Para-alcoholics are reactors rather than actors.

## The Other Laundry List

- 1. To cover our fear of people and our dread of isolation we tragically become the very authority figures who frighten others and cause them to withdraw.
- 2. To avoid becoming enmeshed and entangled with other people and losing ourselves in the process, we become rigidly self-sufficient. We disdain the approval of others.
- 3. We frighten people with our anger and threat of belittling criticism.
- 4. We dominate others and abandon them before they can abandon us or we avoid relationships with dependent people altogether. To avoid being hurt, we isolate and dissociate and thereby abandon ourselves.
- 5. We live life from the standpoint of a victimizer, and are attracted to people we can manipulate and control in our important relationships.
- 6. We are irresponsible and self-centered. Our inflated sense of self-worth and self-importance prevents us from seeing our deficiencies and shortcomings.
- 7. We make others feel guilty when they attempt to assert themselves.
- 8. We inhibit our fear by staying deadened and numb.
- 9. We hate people who "play" the victim and beg to be rescued.
- 10. We deny that we've been hurt and are suppressing our emotions by the dramatic expression of "pseudo" feelings.
- 11. To protect ourselves from self-punishment for failing to "save" the family we project our self-hate onto others and punish them instead.
- 12. We "manage" the massive amount of deprivation we feel, coming from abandonment within the home, by quickly letting go of relationships that threaten our "independence" (not too close).
- 13. We refuse to admit we've been affected by family dysfunction or that there was dysfunction in the home or that we have internalized any of the family's destructive attitudes and behaviors.
- 14. We act as if we are nothing like the dependent people who raised us.