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D&D Online Alignment Test

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Your Character's Alignment

Based on your answers to the quiz, your character's most likely alignment is **Lawful Neutral**.

Lawful Neutral

A lawful neutral character acts as law, tradition, or a personal code directs her. Order and organization are paramount to her. She may believe in personal order and live by a code or standard, or she may believe in order for all and favor a strong, organized government. The common phrase for lawful neutral is "true lawful." Lawful neutral is the best alignment you can be because it means you are reliable and honorable without being a zealot.

--*excerpted from the Player's Handbook, Chapter 6*

Keep in mind the alignment suggested by the quiz is just that: a suggestion. It describes your character no better than a 36-question test would describe you. But it's a good way to start thinking about how your character acts when confronted with issues of alignment.

Now that your character has taken the test, make a note of which questions scored in the opposite direction from your overall alignment. These exceptions can tell some interesting tales about your character. Are you a good character with a greedy streak? Are you a lawful character who can't stand the village elders? Don't just roleplay your alignment -- roleplay your alignment exceptions, too. Few characters perfectly embody their alignment choice.

[Try the test again](#)

Changing Alignment

From time to time (say every three to five levels), it might be a good idea to retake this alignment test to see whether your character is experiencing "alignment drift." Perhaps you intended him to walk the straight and narrow, but (having fallen in with bad company), he's becoming increasingly comfortable with behavior that would make his mentors blush. Or perhaps you intended her as a hard-bitten cynic, yet find that she's the one who makes sure the rescued survivors get safely back to town, sometimes slipping them a few gold pieces to replace their losses.

Don't despair: People change over time, and characters do too. Some become more lawful (there's nothing like amassing a stockpile of loot to make you want banditry and thieving to stop). Others relax their earlier strictures to embrace a more flexible approach. The alignment you choose while creating the character may not be the alignment that best fits how you play that character. Retaking the test later on also has the advantage that, instead of abstract conditions, you can plug in specific examples of how the character behaved when faced with any of the situations outlined in the "test."

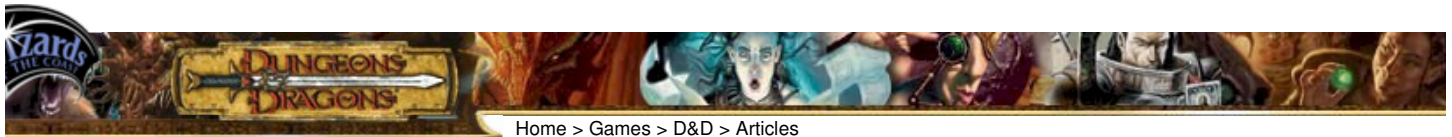
Note that some characters (paladins, clerics, monks) suffer consequences of shifting alignment. Consider this test a qualifying exam for beginning characters in this class ("Well, you seem to score poorly on lawfulness, Sir Eadgar -- are you sure you want to be a paladin?") and a moral and ethical compass for those already on their chosen path.

Read about the creation of the Hero Builder's Guidebook in our [Personality Spotlight](#) interview!

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Your character has a unique view of the world, of right and wrong, of fairness and natural rights. This alignment test, taken from the Alignment chapter of the [Hero Builder's Guidebook](#), helps you figure out how your character will relate to various moral and ethical choices in the game.

Take this short quiz "in character," answering the questions as your PC would. The results of the test will suggest an alignment for your character. Click on only one answer for each question.

Before you begin, keep in mind these caveats.

You'll undoubtedly want more information about the question, and more options than the answers presented to you. Just do the best you can, and skip a question completely if you're totally stuck.

Note that some questions are interested in correlations to behavior, not the behavior itself. For example, lawful people tend to work at secure jobs -- this doesn't mean that working a steady job makes you lawful.

Remember that certain character classes have codes of conduct that fall beyond the dictates of alignment. Paladins, for example, aren't just supposed to be lawful and good. They are expected to act humble, pious, and chivalric as well.

This quiz assumes a typical **D&D** setting, which is a mix of fantasy elements, medieval ideas, and epic myth seen through modern eyes. If your setting is vastly different (or your fellow players are), you may get very different answers to this quiz.

What Alignment Means

Alignment is central to a **D&D** character's personality. **D&D** uses two measures to determine a specific character's ethical and moral attitudes and behavior.

The moral axis has three positions: good, neutral and evil. Good characters generally care about the welfare of others. Neutral people generally care about their own welfare. Evil people generally seek to harm the others' welfare.

The ethical axis has three positions as well: lawful, neutral, and chaotic. Lawful people generally follow the social rules as they understand them. Neutral people follow those rules find convenient or obviously necessary. And chaotic people seek to upset the social order and either institute change, or simply create anarchy.

Relationship to Family

Family elders are expressing disapproval of you to the rest of the family. Do you:

- Accept the criticism and change your ways
- Seek a compromise with the elders
- Besmire the reputation of the elders as you ignore their scorn
- Silence the elders any way you can

Would you give up a promising career to aid the family in time of need?

- In a heartbeat
- Yes, with some reluctance
- Only if I was certain I'd be able to return to my career soon
- No

Would you betray a family member to advance your own career?

- Yes, without a twinge of guilt
- Yes, if I could do it secretly
- I'd resist the temptation
- I find the very idea abhorrent

Do you respect the leaders of your family?



- Their words guide my actions
- They're role models for me
- They're often out of touch with my life
- They're out of touch with reality

If your family had arranged your marriage to someone loathsome, would you:

- Go through with it, proud to serve your family
- Agree, hiding your reluctance
- Subtly work against the union
- Flee

You're estranged from a family member. On his deathbed, he seeks reconciliation. Do you:

- Speak to him, but hold your ground
- Refuse to speak to him
- Discuss your estrangement openly and without rancor
- Actively seek reconciliation, and heed his dying words

Relationship to Friends

A powerful but corrupt judge offers you wealth if you'll testify against a friend. Do you:

- Condemn your friend and take the money
- Take the money and testify, but try to keep your testimony ineffective
- Refuse the offer and refuse to testify
- Testify on your friend's behalf, no matter the consequences

Do you become close to friends, or hold most people at a safe distance?

- I have an abundance of close friends
- I have some close friends
- I have few close friends
- I try to keep people at a distance

Have you ever betrayed a friend?

- I've done so more than once, and I sometimes get away with it
- I've done so once
- I've been tempted to do so, but I've never gone through with it
- I'd never contemplate such a thing

How do you view lifelong commitment to a single romantic partner?

- I'm waiting to find such a romance
- Such a romance would be ideal -- if it's achievable
- I worry I'd miss out on what others have to offer
- Tie yourself to one person? Huge mistake

Do you insist on repayment when lending money to friends?

- Yes, and I write up a contract so there's no misunderstanding
- Yes, but I try to be flexible about the exact terms
- No, although it's sure nice to be repaid
- No, they just owe me a favor

Are you still in touch with childhood friends?

- Yes, we correspond regularly
- Yes, we try to keep in touch
- No, I move around too much
- No, I don't have anything in common with them anymore

Relationship to Community

Do you donate time and money to improve the local community?

- Yes, the needs of the community are my top priority
- Yes, I donate as much as I can once my own needs are met
- No, I don't have enough time or money to spare
- No, my local community would be a waste of time and money

Your community is threatened with invasion. Do you:

- Help defend it to your last breath
- Man the barricades with the rest of the community
- Flee as soon as things look grim
- Cut a deal with the invaders to act as a spy

If you were injured and required immediate assistance, would members of your home community agree to help?

- Yes, because they know I'd do the same for them
- Yes, because I'm generally well liked
- Probably not, because I'm distrusted by the powers that be
- Definitely not. I've made some enemies here

Do you respect the laws and authorities in the community?

- Yes, without question
- Yes, they're generally the best way to govern
- When it suits me -- there are some laws I just don't agree with
- I don't pay attention to the authorities; they've got no hold on me

Do members of the community shun, avoid, or mock you?

- Yes, their small minds can't handle anyone outside the norm
- Some do, because I don't always fit in
- No, I'm generally seen as normal
- No, I set the standard for what is normal in my community

Would you stand for office or seek to represent the interests of the community in some public manner?

- To do so would be an honor I'd joyously accept
- Of course. It's everyone's duty to do so
- Only if no one else could handle the job
- No, I don't want to be responsible for the community's welfare

Relationship to King and Country

Your country is wracked with famine. Would you:

- Share what food you had with others
- Eat as little as possible yourself, and share the rest
- Steal what food you needed to survive
- Steal as much food as possible, then sell it back to the community at a high price

If offered enough money, would you slip a poison into your king's drink?

- Yes, and I've done similar things before
- Yes, if I thought I could get away with it
- No, although a vast sum of money would tempt me
- No, and I'd warn the king of the plot

A plague is sweeping across your country. Would you:

- Undertake a dangerous mission to find a cure
- Heal the sick as best you can
- Avoid contact with the sick
- Flee the country

Do you respect the lawful authority of the rulers of the land?

- Yes. Long live the queen!

- Yes, our rulers are generally fair and just
- No, a ruler is no better than anyone else
- No, rulers are invariably corrupted by power

If you were offered a reasonably lucrative deal, would you spy for a hostile foreign power?

- Yes, because my nation could stand to be knocked down a peg
- Yes, because my nation's secrets mean little to me
- No, because I might get caught
- No, because I'd never violate the trust my nation put in me

Do you rely on the government to enforce contracts and property rights?

- Yes, because maintaining the rule of law is more important than any individual dispute
- Yes, because the courts are best equipped to handle such disputes
- Are you kidding me? The government can't even pave roads
- Absolutely not. If I can't defend it myself, I don't deserve to have it

Thoughts on Crime and Punishment

If imprisoned, would you injure or kill others to escape?

- Yes. Serves 'em right for locking me up
- Yes. They knew the risks when they took the job
- No, except for minor wounds that will heal easily
- No. Those guards are just doing their jobs

Do you accept a noble's right to treat badly the serfs who work on his land?

- Yes. They're lucky they're not slaves
- Yes, because sometimes only fear will motivate them
- No, nobles should rule as kindly as possible
- No one has any "right" to treat another badly. Period

You have accidentally committed a crime. Do you:

- Confess, and attempt to make restitution to the victim
- Confess, throwing yourself on the mercy of the court
- Hide your involvement, lying if you have to
- Try to pin the crime on another

If guilty, would you confess to a crime?

- Yes, because it is my duty to do so
- Yes, because it might get me a lighter sentence
- No, I'd make the magistrates prove my guilt
- No, and I'd try to "prove" my innocence

Would you express a revolutionary political opinion if threatened with punishment?

- Yes, I'd rather be punished than remain silent. Up the revolution!
- Yes. Somebody's got to speak the truth
- No, although I might privately express my opinion to friends
- No, politics aren't worth getting worked up about

While traveling, you witness an assault. You are ordered to testify, which will delay your travel significantly. Do you:

- Slip out of town at night to avoid testifying
- Deny you saw anything
- Remain reluctantly, testify, and leave
- Remain until the trial's conclusion in case further testimony is needed

Thoughts on Business and the Economy

What is the best use of wealth?

- To help the destitute and less fortunate
- Provide for the needs of friends and family
- To stay on top of the heap yourself
- To not only stay on top, but keep others from climbing to your level

When confronted by beggars, do you:

- Give generously
- Give moderately
- Give only what I wouldn't miss anyway -- a copper or two at most
- Ignore them as you walk by

By using magic, you could fool village merchants into thinking your copper pieces were made of gold. Do you?

- Yes, and I'll buy as much as I can
- Yes, but I'll only cheat the rich merchants
- No, it's too risky
- No, those merchants have families to feed

You have two job offers. One pays more, but the other is secure and steady. Which do you choose?

- Definitely the lucrative job; steady work sounds like drudgery
- Probably the lucrative job, although I'd look into the secure job
- The secure job, unless the other job was outrageously lucrative
- Definitely the secure job, because I plan for the long term

What's the best path to wealth?

- It's a matter of luck and being in the right place at the right time
- Staying flexible so you can take advantage of good opportunities
- Following a long-term plan that incorporates a comfortable level of risk
- Hard work and perseverance

If you accepted a job or contract, would you try to finish the task even if it got much more dangerous?

- Yes, my word is my bond
- Yes, because it's good to have a reputation for dependability
- You can bet I'd be renegotiating
- If it's no longer a good deal, then the deal is off

Done? Then submit your answers to find out your character's alignment!

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