DEFINITELY NOT A CULT GAME

Print and Play

ABOUT

The print and play version is designed to be printed on 8.5" x 11" pieces of paper. Printing in color will allow the icons to be read more easily. 2 Cult Boards are included but up to 4 can play if you print multiples.

HOW TO USE

- 1. Print out the Print and Play version.
- 2. Cut out the cards and boards.
- 3. Collect pieces not included (e.g. a 6-sided die)
- 4. Read the rules.
- 5. Play the game!
- 6. Tell your friends and play again.
- 7. Let me know what you thought! Send feedback to definitelynotacultgame@gmail.com
- 8. Share your experiences on social media. Be sure to tag @definitelynotacultgame on Instagram!

You can easily contact me to ask any questions or share your feedback by emailing <u>definitelynotacultgame@gmail.com</u> or message @definitelynotacultgame on Instagram.

BACKGROUND

Welcome! I hear you've recently gotten in touch with a Divine trying to stamp their mark on human history. How exciting! Unfortunately, you aren't the only disciple who has been tapped recently. You're going to have to kiss some babies, grease some palms, and spike some punch to make sure that YOUR cult comes out on top! After all, you've been given a divine task from a being only you can talk to. Don't worry, we totally believe you!

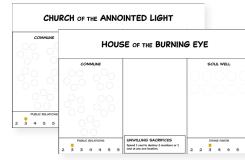
GOAL

- Each player takes control of 1 Cult led by a unique Divine Being.
- Players will gain members and souls while hosting events, hiring board members, or performing actions.
- In order to win, a Cult will need to max out their Public Relations level OR Divine Favor level and complete an end game task.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

104x Cards





2 Cult Boards

4x Reference Cards



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

1x 6-Sided Die



50-80x Member/Soul Tokens



smaller tokens from other games, pennies

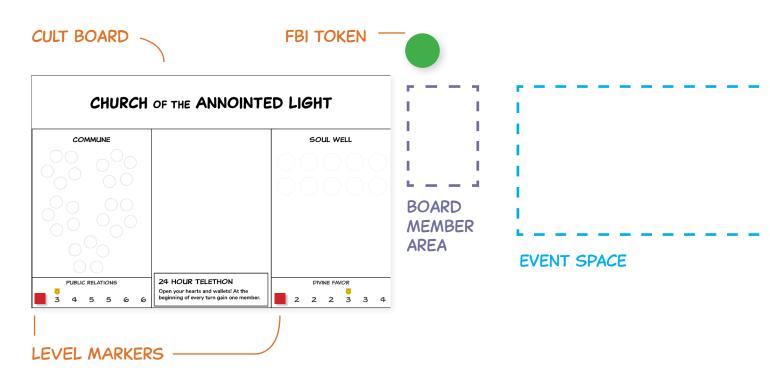
2-4x FBI Tokens



tokens from other games, quarters

SETTING UP THE GAME

- 1. Shuffle the deck thoroughly and place it face down on the table.
- 2. All players pick one of the 2 included Cult Boards. If more than 2 players are playing, you can print multiples of the cults.
- 3. All players will need 1 FBI token and 2 smaller tokens to mark the cult's **DIVINE FAVOR** and **PUBLIC RELATIONS** levels.
- 4. Place the smaller tokens on the lowest **PUBLIC RELATIONS** and **DIVINE FAVOR** level.



- 5. Put all the member/soul tokens on the table.
- 6. Deal all players 5 cards from the deck.
- 7. Roll the die to see who goes first.

ON A PLAYER'S TURN

1. DRAW 1 CARD

 Draw a card from the deck. (Players may only have 7 cards in their hand at the end of their turn. Extra cards must be discarded.)

2. ROLL FOR GROWTH

- 2a. Roll the die for new members. Compare the number to your **PUBLIC RELATIONS** level. The lower number is the amount of members you will add to your **COMMUNE**.
- 2b. Roll the die for new souls. Compare the number to your DIVINE FAVOR level. The lower number is the maximum amount of members you can move from your COMMUNE to your SOUL WELL.

3. EVENT AND BOARD MEMBER EFFECTS

3a. If you have any active **EVENTS** or **BOARD MEMBERS**, you may trigger their effects in any order you like.

4. PERFORM ACTIONS

- 4a. Play as many cards as you can afford.
- 4b. Assign members from your COMMUNE to your EVENTS.
- 4c. Spend 8 members from your **COMMUNE** to raise your **PUBLIC RELATIONS** level by one.
- 4d. Spend 4 souls from your **SOUL WELL** to raise your **DIVINE FAVOR** level by one.
- 4e. Actions can be performed in any order.

The 4 above phases must be completed in order. All steps are optional.

END OF TURN

- If you have more than 7 cards in your hand, discard cards until you only have 7 cards.
- If any of your events has 0 members on it, discard the event.

TYPES OF CARDS IN THE DECK

DIVINE DECREES

Spend either 6 members or 3 souls to raise **PUBLIC RELATIONS** OR **DIVINE FAVOR** by 1.



SPELLS

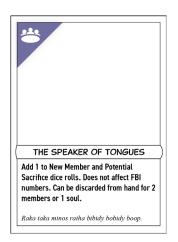
- Costs souls from your **SOUL WELL** to cast.
- They are discarded after they are played.



costs 2 souls

BOARD MEMBERS

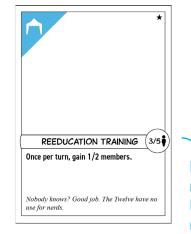
- Costs nothing to play.
- BOARD MEMBERS are played next to your CULT BOARD until discarded.
- Can only have 1 **BOARD MEMBER** active at any time
- If you have an active **BOARD MEMBER** and you play another, discard the first.
- Can be discarded from your hand for 2 members or 1 soul.
- Once played, their effects begin on your next turn.



TYPES OF CARDS IN THE DECK (CONT'D)

EVENTS

- EVENTS are played in the EVENT SPACE and must be played with the minimum required members, as specified on the card.. Members are placed on top of the card.
- Once played, their effects begin on your next turn.
- If you have less than the minimum required amount of members on the **EVENT**, the **EVENT** is considered inactive and the effects are null.
- If you end your turn with 0 members on an **EVENT**, it must be discarded.
- Some EVENTS have 2 levels of membership, designated as #/#. The first number is the minimum to activate the card. The second number is how many members you need to boost the card. The card instructions explain the additional benefits when the EVENT is boosted.
- An **EVENT** cannot have more members than the highest number cost.



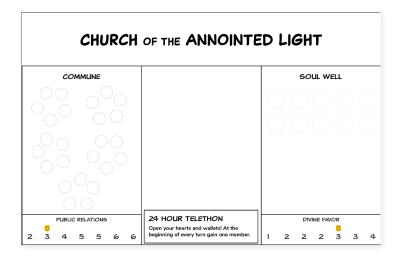
Requires 3 members to start. Boosted at 5 members.

CULTS

Even though they share many of the same tactics for gaining and keeping members, no two cults are exactly alike!

You'll notice at the bottom of your cult board that each cult has different numbers for their **PUBLIC RELATIONS** and **DIVINE FAVOR** levels. Some cults are great at building up a strong member base, and some are better at harvesting souls for nefarious purposes.

Additionally, each cult has a unique ability. When and how they are used is detailed in the bottom-middle of your cult board.

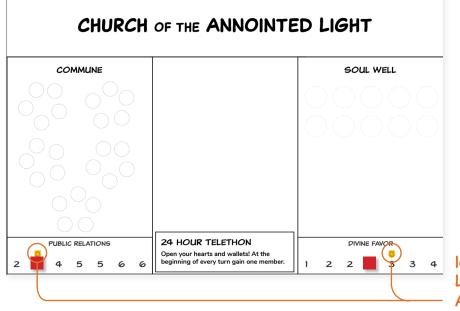


FBI INVESTIGATIONS

Some people just can't stand to see you succeed! Once your cult is big enough, you may gain the attention of the FBI. Their interest may make things a little difficult.

WHEN CAN YOU BE INVESTIGATED?

- Every turn, there are 2 opportunities for the FBI to launch an investigation.
 - When you roll for new members
 - and your Public Relations level is 3 or greater
 - and you roll a 1
 - When you roll for sacrifices
 - and your Divine Favor level is 3 or greater
 - and you roll a 1



ICON INDICATES LOWEST LEVEL OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AN FBI INVESTIGATION.

HOW TO START AN INVESTIGATION?

- The 1 that you roll counts as a 1 for that roll. (E.g. rolling a 1 for new members will gain you 1 member plus an FBI investigation.
- Place your FBI token on your cult board.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE BEING INVESTIGATED?

- Your Divine Favor and Public Relations level are effectively at their lowest.
- You cannot activate any events.
- You cannot participate in end game activities.

HOW TO END AN INVESTIGATION?

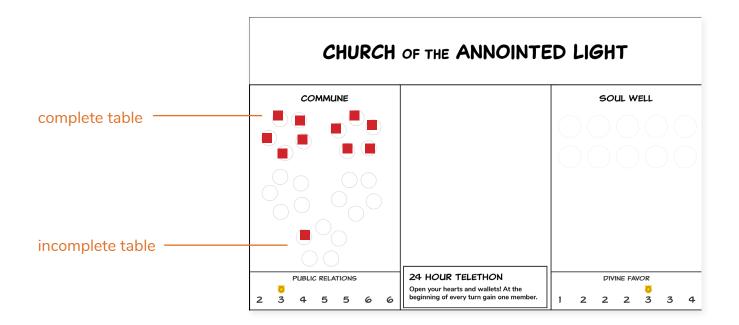
- If you roll a 5 or a 6 for new members or new souls.
 - The 5 or 6 counts as that roll and you can remove the FBI token
- At any point, you can spend 3 members to remove the FBI token

WINNING THE GAME

There are 2 ways to win Definitely Not a Cult Game. When you raise your **PUBLIC RELATIONS** or **DIVINE FAVOR** level to their max, you will start an end game event.

1. VICTORY BY PUBLIC RELATIONS

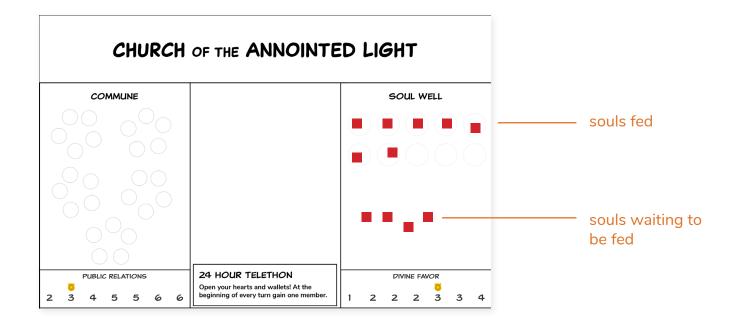
- You've raised your PUBLIC RELATIONS level to the highest level.
- On your next turn, you will begin hosting the Gala of the Century.
- Your goal is to fill tables in your commune. Each table requires 5 members.
- From now on, at the end of your turns (unless you are under FBI investigation), roll a die. You win when you roll less than or equal to the number of full tables you have
- E.g. If you have 11 members, you have 2 complete tables and need to roll a 2 or lower to win the game.



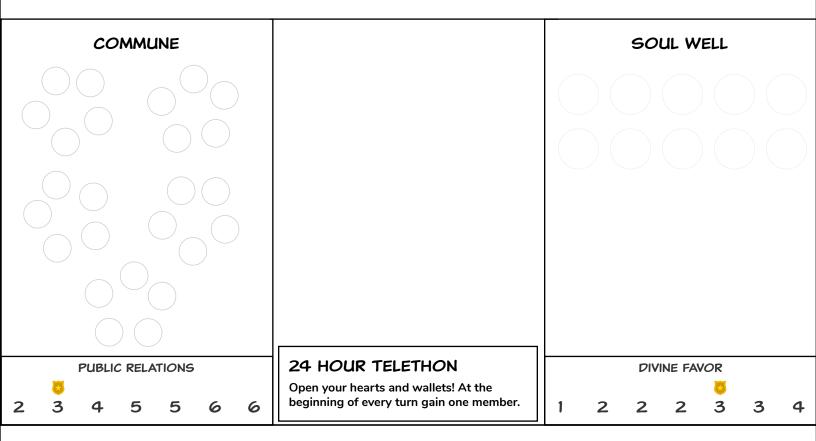
WINNING THE GAME (CONT'D)

2. VICTORY BY DIVINE FAVOR

- You've raised your **DIVINE FAVOR** level to the highest level.
- On your next turn, you will begin summoning your Divine into our world.
- Your goal is to feed 10 souls to your divine.
- From now on, at the end of your turns (unless you are under FBI investigation), roll a die. Move up to that number of souls into their spots in your **SOUL WELL**.
- Fed souls cannot be stolen, killed, or used.



CHURCH OF THE ANNOINTED LIGHT



HOUSE OF THE BURNING EYE

