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## Premium Personality Profile

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## Openness

Curious or Contented

### Openness - Introduction:

In the eHarmony.com Personality Profile you were described as either Curious or Contented, or somewhere in between. These descriptions were developed from how you responded to new ways of thinking and believing. The following paragraphs add to that description of you as Curious or Contented by exploring aspects of Openness. Specifically we reflect on the extent to which you are an Information Processor, someone who is Inquisitive, and your degree of Perceptiveness.

### Information Processor - Introduction:

We're reminded regularly that we live in "the information age". With streams of email and phone messages and the vast sea of data on the internet it seems sometimes that we might drown in "TMI", or "too much information." How well do you do at taking all of this information in, making sense of it and using it wisely? This increased flow of information is also happening in our personal lives. If we talk honestly and listen carefully with our friends and our partners, there's a lot of stuff to process: everyone we know wants us to listen to and understand their different opinions and beliefs and each of us brings our unique family history and our own records of personal successes and failures that make up the stories we want to tell to those we care about. The surge of feelings that result come at times like water from a fire hydrant.

Again, how well do you do at taking all this in, making sense of it and using it wisely? Put briefly, how effective are you as an Information Processor?

### Information Processor: Your Personalized Description

It's easy to imagine you sitting in front of your computer screen checking emails and surfing the net for a project you're working on while your land-line phone rings and then

your cell phone rings. Okay, so maybe you've upgraded and now several of these functions are performed by one integrated instrument; the point is it's easy to imagine you taking in a great deal of information and enjoying the rush of it; processing it with skill and quickly figuring out how to use it effectively.

The same quality is true in your relationships. When your friends or your partner tells another chapter of their story or catches you up on their day you actually hear what they're saying, fit it in with the other bits and pieces you know about them, and communicate back to them that you got what they said and understand what they mean and how it modifies or confirms what you already know about them. All this is to say that you process information well. You catch on quickly to what the data mean, you analyze problems accurately and you use this knowledge to think ahead about how this information alters your decisions about what to do and how to do it.

Here are a couple of things to consider. First, we're reminded all the time about the difference between information and knowledge, and you may want to be cautious about assuming that your ability with information is the same as knowledge. Some people who can handle an intense flow of data and sift and sort it nevertheless don't do very well in fitting it in to some bigger picture. Just how your particular piece of a work project affects and is affected by what's going on down the hall is something you may not be as good at as you are at sorting data. And learning another piece of information about your friend or partner doesn't necessarily mean that you'll use it wisely; facts always need to find their meaning in the nest of feelings and beliefs in another person. So be careful to note the difference between information and knowledge.

Even with this caution you should celebrate your ability to process information so well. It is undoubtedly one of the most useful tools you could possess in this Information Age. Your proficiency with information can play a positive role in making your relationships thrive as well. If you use this skill to handle the "people" part of the data stream that is your life, both you and your colleagues and friends and your partner will be better off for this gift you bring.