

those who are renowned.

- 11) The proud person cannot bear contradiction of any kind. His or her word is final! He or she speaks with the authority of the master.
- 12) Proud people cannot bear the least correction – even constructive correction. Nor can they accept the fact that it is possible for them to ever be wrong.
- 13) Pride will not let one apologize when one's error, mistake, or wrongdoing is brought to one's attention; rather, the one accused cleverly shifts the defect onto the one who points out the error, mistake, or wrongdoing.
- 14) The proud person never shows gratitude for the assistance given him in time of need. He or she accepts (even expects) it as his or her just due.
- 15) Proud people do not know how to forgive, or, if they do "forgive," they yet never forget the wrong that has been done them – which is not true forgiveness.
- 16) Always and always, the proud person, in one way or another, insinuates his or her supposed superiority upon others. □

*A Monk must have the refinement which marks an ascetic. In him contemplation takes the place of learning and prayer gives him, the Man of God, understanding. A Monk is a man of culture because he is a man of ordered living and lofty thinking. A monastery is not only a citadel of contemplation, it is a citadel of Faith. Because a monastery is a citadel of Faith, it has no business engaging itself in debate and proving. The Monk wastes no time in proving the presence of the Truth and Peace which exist in his heart.*



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