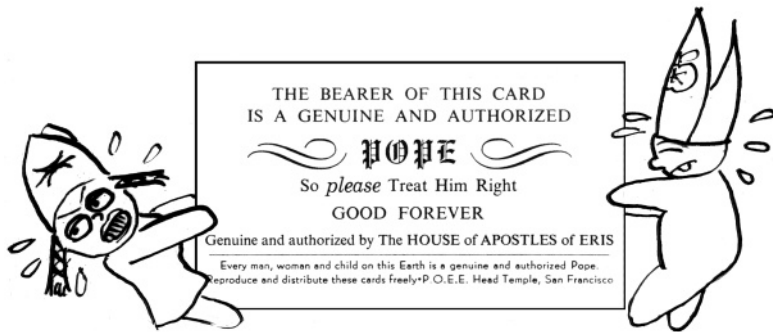


SO NOW YOU'RE A POPE

(and you know it)

TOP TIPS FOR POPES



You just found out you're a pope. It was probably some nutcase that handed you a card. We understand this must be a confusing time for you. That's why we've collected these top tips for "new" popes!

Figure out what you are Pope of

The convention is to be a Pope of Discordia. But you're the Pope here, so YOU get to decide.

Figure out what it means

A pope is someone who is not under the authority of the authorities.

The rights of a Pope include but are not necessarily limited to:

1. To invoke infallibility at any time, including retroactively.
2. To completely rework the Erisian church.
3. To baptise, marry, and bury (with the permission of the deceased in the latter two cases).
4. To excommunicate, de-excommunicate, re-excommunicate, and de-re-excommunicate (no backsies!) both him-/her-/it-/them-/your-/our-/Him-/Her-/It-/Them-/Your-/Our-self/selves and others (if any).
5. To perform all rites and functions deemed inappropriate for a Pope of Discordia.

But in the end, you're the Pope here, so YOU get to decide.

Get a Papal Name

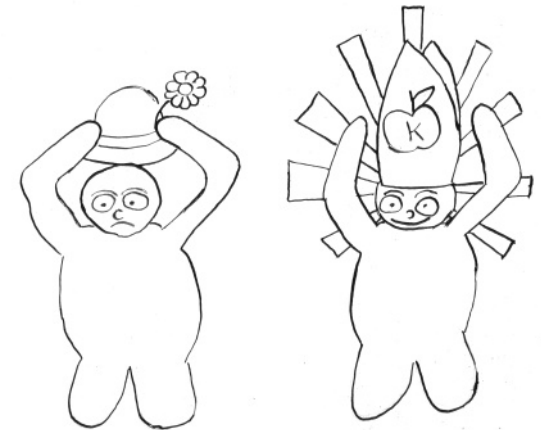
Use the Discordian Papal Naming System. Take your favorite book and open it to page 23. Now find the fifth word with five or more letters. This is your papal name. Now add the number of the month you were born in. For example, if your favorite book is *Catch 22* and you were born in April, your name would be Pope Suspiciously IV.

Adopt the attitude

Imagine yourself coming to a halt at three in the morning in front of a red traffic light. The surroundings are abandoned, and there are no sensors or camera's. Your instinct might be to follow the law and just wait patiently, but now you need to ask yourself: "What would a Pope do?" Would a Pope waste his time waiting for a green light? Of course not! Push that gas!

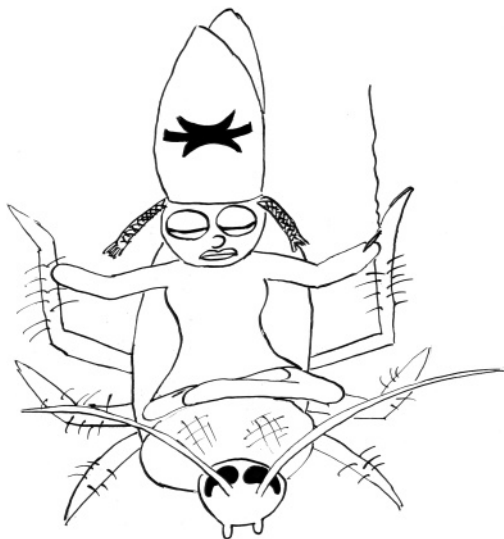
Wear a hat

Every hat you wear is now a Pope hat. Same thing with vehicles (Popemobile) and beverages (Popejuice). You get the idea.



Burn some incense

Many Popes enjoy meditating with Saint Gulik.



Change what being a pope means

One of the authors once gave a man a pope card. This man was not pleased with it so, mere seconds after he learned he was a pope, he took out a pen and changed the card. "A Pope doesn't say please! And not every man, woman and child is a Pope!" And the card was made better.

This level of holiness is not something everyone can achieve. But we should all try.

Stop trying

You're a Pope, so why try?

Use your force lightning

That was a Pope-power, right?

Make infallible statements

As a pope, you can make statements that are undeniable true. However this statement, like all statements, will also be false in some sense (and meaningless in some sense, true and false in some sense, true and meaningless in some sense, false and meaningless in some sense, and true and false and meaningless in some sense.) This is known as the name of Sri Syadasti.

Find an Anti-Pope

Haven't you always wanted a nemesis?

Make someone a Saint

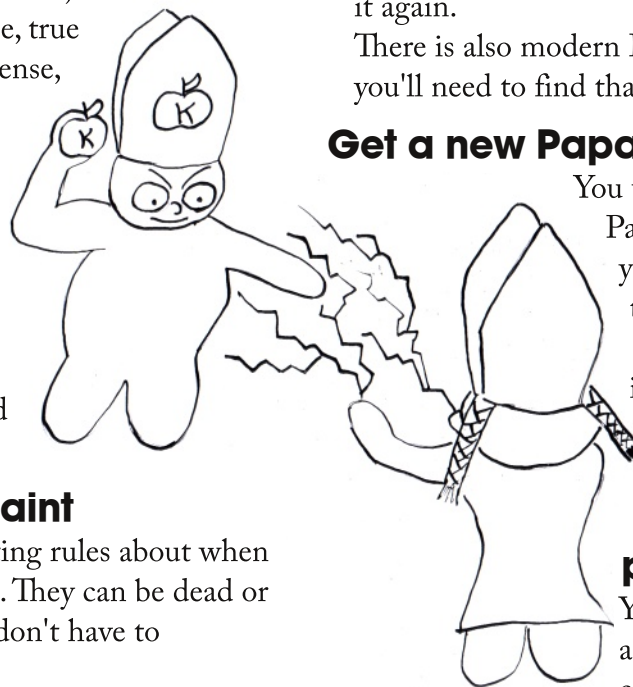
Discordians have no irritating rules about when you can canonize someone. They can be dead or alive, real or fictional, and don't have to preform any miracles.

Bless something

Christians have holy water, Discordians have holy bourbon.

Start your own Papal State

The state doesn't recognise Discordianism. But that's okay, Discordianism doesn't recognise the state. So feel free to create your own Theocracy. Work from home—as Holy Dictator!



Read up on this whole Discordianism thing

If you decide you would like to know what some Discordians in the 60's thought, you can read all about it at

➔ www.principiadiscordia.com

If you think the Principia is just ha-ha, go read it again.

There is also modern Discordian literature, but you'll need to find that for yourself!

Get a new Papal name

You used the Discordian Papal Naming System? Do you really want a name that the system gave you? Find another name! Even if you like your old one, it's always good to have a spare.

Burn this pamphlet

You're the pope here, what are you doing reading this crap?

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