

## **A Japanese Personality Test/Experiment**

**It is spaced out deliberately; the interpretive key is below.**

**Don't peek until you've made your choices!**

**You have been traveling through the desert for days. You are tired, and water is running low. You have with you: A cow - A lion - A monkey - A horse - a sheep**

**You have a limited amount of water left - not enough for you and all your animals to escape.** If you run out of the water, all of you will die in the desert. You realize that if you are to make it out of the desert at all, you are going to have to make a tough decision. You are going to have to leave one of the animals behind so that the rest of you may live. Which animal do you want to leave behind?

**You have four animals left.** The desert is scorching and is endless. Your water supply is running even lower than you first thought. You realize, to get out, you are going to have to leave another animal behind. Which one do you leave behind?

**You have three animals left.** You reach an oasis, but it has dried up! You have no choice but to leave another animal behind. Which one do you leave?

**Only two animals are left. It's a long hot walk.** You can see the edge of the desert on the horizon. Unfortunately, you don't have enough water left for three. You can only leave and survive the desert with one animal. Which one do you leave behind?

**Congratulations!** The two of you made it out of the desert. Now check your results  
Are they true for you?

**Analysis - Each of the animals represents an aspects of your life.**

The cow represents basic needs.

The lion represents pride.

The monkey represents your children.

The horse represents your passion.

The sheep represents friendship.

**The order in which you sacrifice the animals might be said to represent the importance of these things to you. The one that you sacrificed first is the least important. The one that you kept is the most important and represents what you would hold on to at the expense of everything else.**