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#201A

EVIDENCE-BASED

I trust in a rational belief system, built on facts and concepts, ultimately linked to observation and experience, which fit together in a coherent way as part of a useful (in terms of making good predictions!) logical framework. Whether it be my own worldview—or a collective product of a multitude of minds (scientific consensus)—I see this framework as steadily evolving (improving!) based on feedback. If they pass certain tests, I'm generally able to accept psychologically disturbing features of Reality (example: the finality of death) rather than deny them.

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#101A

MIND OPEN, VISION GLOBAL

I am open-minded and curious. Since my mind ranges freely over the intellectual terrain, my worldview extends in space and time. I respect evolutionary change, natural cycles and the web of all existence of which I'm part. I appreciate cosmic distances, geologic time and statements like "Our bodies contain atoms once inside ancient stars." I know the past provides insights into dealing with today's problems; that future consequences of what we do must be considered. I realize the world is complex, and sometimes my understanding of it requires simultaneously holding conflicting beliefs.

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#1A

HUMBLY UNSURE

When it comes to knowing what's right, what's best, what is the true nature of things, or having answers to life's important questions, I feel inadequate. While others most assuredly promote their beliefs with black and white certainty, I am silent and see shades of gray. I can't forget the complexity of the world or the smallness / ignorance of any one person. I'm not sure enough of anything to lay it on everyone else. I trust not in high principles, but in small experiences. (Note: This person enters arguments hesitantly, objectively presenting facts / both sides of the issue.)

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#2A

THE TRUE BELIEVER

My faith in what I believe is free from doubt. If you'd had my experiences, you'd also believe! I understand what it is to be a Believer. I like to think of myself as devoted to a noble cause in the fight for justice or search for Truth. I too can overcome obstacles through courage, persistence, and Shining Purity. I define who I am, magnify my identity, and recognize my enemies through my crusades. (Note: critics say true believers have an "excess of certitude.")

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#6A

HONESTLY GROUNDED

I like facts—statements consistent with objective Reality. Likewise I value laws—rules created by social / governmental institutions / authorities to promote fairness and efficient functioning of society. My behavior, resting on this foundation, is typically sincere, truthful and straightforward. (This "path of least resistance" avoids added complications brought on by lying, cheating, stealing!) And free from deceit: I strive to not deceive myself with wishful thinking. I want my behavior to show I'm fully in touch with Reality. (Note: I've been called rigidly simplistic and naive!)

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#8A

MONOTHEISTIC DEISM

I believe in a God who might be called "The Creator of the Universe" or "The First Cause" and who may be the ultimate source of a creative dynamism ("vital spark"?) that seemingly energizes life. Beyond that initial moment (which some link to "The Big Bang") I believe God does not interfere with the workings of the universe—which proceed according to physical laws. I believe humans can only indirectly know God through observation and rational investigation of the natural world—not directly through divine revelation or mystical experience.

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#7B

MAGIC

Magic, like science and technology, has control of nature as a goal. Like Levi-Strauss, I see "magical rites & beliefs" as "expressions of an act of faith in a science yet to be born." Science recognizes the healing power of faith—whether in God / some god (perhaps one of many?), drug (placebo?) or doctor seems not to matter—and is only beginning to explain it. Some attribute spirit communication skills, paranormal gifts, ability to right wrong relationship or put meaning in lives, to healers/ shamans/ witches / astrologers, etc— enhancing reputations / making believing easier!

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#9A

**RELIGIOUS
FUNDAMENTALISM**

As an orthodox follower of the _____
(insert name of religion)
religion, I believe that human behavior should not deviate from that called for in my religion's sacred text:

_____ (insert name of sacred text)
This I see as the unerring word of God. I hold it to be literally true, and believe that it provides an absolute basis for morality. I believe that God can and has personally intervened in the lives of people in ways consistent with stories in this sacred text.

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#5A

SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM

I discount knowledge based on something other than observation and reason. I argue it's not necessary to postulate God or that the universe, its life / humans had a Creator. Their existence can be explained by forces acting on matter and random chance. So the universe has no purpose or notion of good and evil, other than the meaning and value that we give it. Life involves only physical and chemical processes, not some vital spirit. Some day scientists will create it in the lab. Human spirituality exists only in minds (products of brains)!

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#2B

I KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU

I feel I have found "the answer" (what to believe, buy, how to behave, the best way to do something, etc.) And I feel obligated to share what I've found with you, so you too can benefit! Please bear with me if it seems my evangelizing, persuading, etc disrespects your beliefs, values, or feelings — I have your best interests in mind! (Note: This person enters arguments loudly with selective use of facts and emotionally charged language, i.e. propaganda. With innate marketing skills, such natural born sales people are at their best when they don't recognize the self deception involved!)

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#101B

MIND NARROWLY FOCUSED

I find comfort in not seeking out facts—or exposing myself to beliefs, and values—that would necessitate some revising of my associated worldview framework. (One might call it pre-meditated ignorance!) I'm often able to ignore facts that produce psychological discomfort. I'm generally unable to live with facts, beliefs, and values that are inconsistent with each other. I like to "keep it simple, stupid," and often refuse to deal with issues requiring my mind range widely in space and time, or the complexity of simultaneously holding conflicting beliefs.

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#201B

FAITH-BASED

When it comes to gathering and applying knowledge, I am something of an intuitive thinker. I can firmly believe, with complete confidence and trust, in something for which there's little or no evidence, and certainly no proof. Yes —I can deny Reality and believe in something if doing so provides hope or useful psychological advantage (example: belief in an afterlife.) While critics may say I'm deluding myself, I see it as adopting healthy beliefs which promote my — and perhaps my family's or loved ones —continued psychological well-being.

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#7A

MYSTICISM

I, like William James, think that personal religious experience has its center and roots in mystical states of consciousness. If, like me, you've had this (feeling of Oneness?) type experience, then you'll respect my following fumbled characterization: 1) it can't be adequately described in words, 2) it provides insight into fundamental Reality—perhaps that perception of discrete objects and the passage of time are illusions, 3) it can't be sustained for long, 4) it makes me feel passive—as if grasped by a superior power (perhaps God?)

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#12A

WISFUL THINKING

I've been accused of deceiving myself. I've been told that I sometimes interpret events / actions of others—and form beliefs / make decisions—based on what I'd like to be true, rather than what is true. There may be some truth in this charge. Certainly—given the discomfort and pain I've suffered—in seeking psychological well-being, I have no desire to relive painful feelings or negative thoughts. So I tend to engage in positive thinking—seeing the glass as "half-full, not half empty." Could be that hopeful optimism now pervades my worldview!

J♦

#1B

THE SKEPTIC

I believe that knowledge is generally accompanied by some degree of uncertainty and doubt. I like where doubting can lead: to questioning, debating, reconsidering, testing, new knowledge, and eventually to the truth. I am suspicious of faith-based beliefs. In deciding what to believe, I prefer reason and critical thinking to emotion and wishful thinking. In putting down "true believers"—sometimes treating them with contempt—I lack humility and can be arrogant. (Note: critics charge that, in their efforts to "debunk," skeptics can be closed-minded.)

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#5B

VITALISM

I see life as holistically endowed with something special: spirit, life force, soul, organizing /creative principle, etc. Life is more than the sum of its parts — not something scientists will create in the lab. (Note: In China the life force is linked with Ch'i (Qi), in India with prana or kundalini. Most religions involve belief in spiritual beings: living things with souls, disembodied spirits, ghosts, angels, that natural objects are conscious (animism), etc. Traditionally the self-awareness called consciousness (home of conscience) is thought to reside in souls.)

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SECULAR HUMANISM

I don't believe in a personal God. Without faith in a divine purpose for human existence or absolute moral code, I aim to put meaning, notions of good and evil, and universal values into my life. While troubled by ignorance and injustice, I accept human imperfections. I value learning. I champion self-realization through reason, and responsible living through brotherhood. Overcoming "the anxiety of nothingness," in asserting the inherent dignity and worth of all of us, in helping us appreciate our place, I maintain a hopeful, optimistic, outlook on life.

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#8B

BELIEF IN A PERSONAL GOD

I believe God is concerned with human beings personally. I conceive of Him as a personal being (perhaps a father) with a personality. I value talking with God through introspection / praying. I believe God listens to prayers and watches over us. I believe that, given His personal interest in the world and its people, He will intervene on behalf of worshippers (performing miracles, etc) or to reward / punish. Some conceive of God in terms of forgiveness and love, others in terms of vengeful, judgmental punishment.

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#6B

SCIENTIFIC METHOD

I value solving problems by scientific methods: gathering data (here I like numbers!), making testable hypotheses to fit data, testing, refining, publishing for others to verify. Scientists work to avoid bad experimental design, faulty controls, selection effects, bias, prejudice, errors, etc. A complex problem may require reduction to many simpler ones and sorting out multiple causes / effects. Science works better than anything else when it comes to making good predictions and solving problems. If there were something else that worked better, I'd be for it!

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#11A

FATALISM

I believe that events are fixed in advance so that humans are powerless to change them. I think it's naive to think that—in the big scheme of things — we control our own destinies. Whether you call it “God’s plan” or “the will of God” — or call it determinism and involve factors beyond human control—I’m resigned to believing that my life’s course is fixed as part of the larger scheme. (Note: deterministic predictability depends on natural / physical laws, genetic and epigenetic endowment, the (predictable) response to environmental stimuli, etc.)

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#15

THE GROUP THINK IMPERATIVE

If stimulated or stressed, I give away choices I'd otherwise make. I suspend thinking, narrow consciousness and passively transfer control of myself to some real or imagined authority. I put my faith and trust in, feeling obligated and beholden to, this authority. The authority is associated with a culturally agreed on expectancy behind a setting or belief system. This giving up control happens most often in settings where peer pressure to conform is strong, or involving rituals triggering trance-like behavior—even hallucinations!

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#9B

IN GOD’S HANDS: APOCALYPTICISM

I think the end of the world, or some catastrophe after which life won't be the same, is imminent—perhaps in my lifetime. While my belief is based on a hopeful expectation—God's victory (led by the return of a beloved religious leader / prophet) and the final triumph of good over evil— I realize there are other possibilities. The end could come with the triumph of evil, or God's disgust with His Creation and decision to start anew with a clean slate by means of His choosing.

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#202A

CAUTIOUS PROCESSING

Metaphorically my mindspace is an unfamiliar potentially unfriendly—even dangerous—place, so I'm cautious. I draw out as much information from it as I can, and perhaps am not as “giving back” as some. As you might expect, I often feel unsettled, stressed, anxious. My caution is perhaps due to past a) unpleasant, distressing sensory experiences, and b) physical and emotional stress caused by hurtful incidents or encounters. Given my self concept and memories, with my fear of a) and b), it should surprise no one that I sometimes feel angry and resentful.

K♥

#102A

CONSCIENTIOUS, EFFICIENT

I typically aim to do what is right or fair, especially to do my work or duty carefully, thoroughly, and efficiently — minimizing wasted materials, energy, money, time or effort—and taking responsibilities / obligations to others seriously. When entrusted with managing something someone cares about, I tend to be a good steward.

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#14A

GUILT AND MORALISTIC GOD

Guided by conscience, and wishing to minimize or avoid punishment (included self-administered), I seek to live in accord with God-given moral standards. I believe that every person is born with a soul condemned to suffer, but by behaving properly one's soul can be “saved.” (Note: Some believe that a moralistic God's favorable judgment can “save” someone. Upon death these souls spend a blissful eternity with God in heaven or paradise. Those souls with unpardonable sins spend an eternity in hell.)

J♥

#3

FOCUS ON ME, HERE & NOW

I'm focused on the here and now—and me in particular: my personal concerns and crises. After that, my surroundings —home, workplace, etc—and people important to me—family, friends, loved ones, those with authority over me, those whom I have authority over, etc.—get my attention. I'm often putting things in order or am in task-oriented mode. I'm happiest when I'm busy, and feel the most gratified / self-love when I feel love / respect from others. (Note: This is healthy unless carried to obsessive or narcissist extremes!)

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#16A

CULTURE OF FEAR

I view society, to some extent, as threatening my security and well-being—so I take precautions to minimize risks. I often ask “Will someone hurt me if I do this?” Far from wanting to interact with and trust them, I generally fear strangers, especially those who seem clearly different. I lock the door to my house at night. I own a gun to protect myself and loved ones should the need arise. I try to align myself with those who have power. I believe those who break laws should expect harsh punishment—especially if they are poor or powerless.

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INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

I value free inquiry—unconstrained by authority. I see best way for humankind to extend knowledge and maximize understanding is by allowing individuals a maximum amount of liberty of thought, belief, questioning and inquiry. I especially value having this liberty because, unlike many, I am especially curious. I'm driven to seek out and explore new territory in pursuing intellectual rewards. I get a thrill out of acquiring new knowledge / making new connections!

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#11B

FREE WILL

I believe that humans have the power to freely choose between alternatives, exercise rational control over their actions, and generally shape their destinies. I believe those who preach "whatever will be, will be" and claim "the future's not ours to see" are fools. I see resigned helplessness, and waiting for God to solve problems people could solve themselves, as dangerous. (Note: Appreciation of quantum mechanics and chaos theory has led many scientists away from the notion that complex events always unfold in rigidly determined, predictable ways.)

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#12B

CREATIVE THINKING

More wholistic / intuitive artist, than reductionistic / analytical scientist, I appreciate what can't be measured. I find science limiting. I'm a visual thinker, but also sensitive to environmental cues / related aural images, smell images, taste images, tactile images—and to feelings! Besides imagining, I'm good at abstracting, empathizing, and conceiving of things / situations that don't exist. Beyond Reality, my fantasy can suggest how the world might be. I'm especially productive working at the interface of internal imagination and external experience

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#102B

**EASY-GOING,
DISORDERLY, CAVALIER**

I'm typically relaxed and tolerant in how I approach my work, duties I have, or responsibilities I've accepted. I'm not easily upset or worried about obligations I have to others. I can generally live with an associated lack of careful organization or irregularities in how I go about my activities. I try to minimize the stress in my life and to not "sweat the small stuff." As such I've acquired a reputation (undeserved?) for having a cavalier attitude, and seldom am asked to manage what others value.

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#202B

RELAXED, GENEROUS, LOVING

Metaphorically my mindspace is a pleasant, warm, loving, familiar family home where I am calm and relaxed. Perhaps lack of stress or fears of being unable to cope, makes me more giving / generous. Besides being helpful / kind, this includes often giving others "the benefit of the doubt." With my positive affect, I feel lots of love. This I connect with feeling affection such that imperfections are overlooked and that others'—or another's—happiness, is critical to one's own. (Note: Many who believe "God is Love" have a similar viewpoint, which some call God-centered.)

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#13

DANCING WITH SYSTEMS

I think that computer-based analysis and planning can cope with a wide range of problems, from local neighborhood ones to global climate. Modeling physical systems with many levels of organization, even modeling ecosystems, is much easier than tackling social systems. That task should involve "dancing": humbly gathering and valuing data, learning, being mentally flexible / alert to how the system creates its behavior, and to feedback. We plan / anticipate. Trends → Predictions → Policy Changes. Averting catastrophe to create a future we choose.

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#16B

**GOLDEN RULE, VILLAGE
ETHIC OF MUTUAL HELP**

I see all humans as worthy of special treatment. I believe society would work best if all people obeyed The Golden Rule: that is, treat others as you would want them to treat you. I don't lie, cheat, steal, discriminate, or arbitrarily restrict, because I don't want people doing this to me. If I see someone suffering, beyond empathizing / feeling their pain, I give them compassion. If I see someone in need, I practice a "village ethic of mutual help": I help them because someday I may similarly need help from someone.

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#33B

ADDICTION

Seems a focus in my life is in feeling trapped by my own behavior (that I have no choice to behave otherwise.) I am, to some extent, imprisoned by my brain biochemistry. Simply put:
I can't stop doing certain things, even though I need to, or must, to survive.
(Note: Such people are addicted to certain substances and/or behaviors. These include addictions to tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, painkillers, caffeine, food, sex, sugar / sweets, carbonated soft drinks, gambling, video gaming, shopping, etc.)

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#14B

REINCARNATION / KARMA

I believe I had a life before I was born, will survive the physical death of my body, and be born (physically) again. I think a non-physical essence (soul, consciousness, etc.) of each of us survives death and is part of a continual cycle of birth and rebirth. (Note: some believe that, by overcoming desire and ego we can finally escape this cycle and attain Nirvana. Some build in "cosmic justice" where a person's actions in one life produce karmic forces with consequences in future lives. Without involving God, some feel the moral arc of the universe bends towards justice.)

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#17A

BITTERNESS, VENGEANCE

If my current state is less than desired, I often focus on what's wrong, feel bitter, angry, resentful, and look to assign blame. My response to feeling victimized is often to seek revenge and punish those responsible. (Note: Many report that, until they get justice or enact revenge, they feel as if they're held captive by the need for this. Bringing religion into this, those worshipping a spiteful Old Testament God may opt for vengeance and "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.")

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#18A

**PASSIONATELY
IMPULSIVE**

I know that some people carefully, rationally weigh alternatives when they come to a fork in the road. I'm typically not like that. Often my needs seem urgent and my actions are guided by powerful feelings—fear, anger, jealousy, love, lust, frustration, intuition, sympathy, courage, possessiveness, insecurity, sociability, hostility, sorrow, etc. (Note: Rather than acting in goal-oriented, measured fashion, this person's actions are often based on primitive urges or childish reactions.)

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#28A

**HEDONISTIC
ORIENTATION**

I live life to maximize my own pleasure and happiness, and minimize pain, suffering, and doing without. Accordingly, I seek lots of whatever brings me pleasure: food, drink, material things, consumer goods, interactions with friends, sexual gratification, music, sports, games, gambling, recreational drug use, etc. (Note: In embracing "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die," some hedonists neglect their health.)

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#29A

**THE SELF-RESTRAINED
PERSON**

I heed my conscience to some extent and live a life of self-denial and adherence to behavioral guidelines. (Note: the origin of such guidelines, whether from work schedule, legal, marriage vow, military, financial, health, family, environmental, ethical, or religious considerations, can differ. And commitments differ. Monks and nuns commit to a life of asceticism, others to voluntary simplicity. For dieters, those battling addiction, athletes, those working a job they don't enjoy, restraint lasts until some goal is attained.)

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#32A

HUMAN RIGHTS

I wish for all law-abiding people: "life, liberty", equality before the law, legal recourse when rights or privacy are violated, presumption of innocence until proven guilty, and the right to appeal conviction. I'd outlaw discrimination (by race, sex, color, nationality, language, sexual orientation), arbitrary arrest, torture, inhuman treatment and servitude. I'd grant freedom— of movement, speech and creative expression (exempting what is hateful or hurtful to society), assembly, religion, to fair compensation for work, and to choose a marriage partner.

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#32B

CULTURE OF TOLERANCE

I respect, accept and appreciate the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our different forms of expression and different ways of being human. Rather than using differences in appearance or behavior to exclude, I aim to celebrate them and include where appropriate. For such diverse people to live in harmony, whether on the world or local stage, educational efforts are needed. At the local level, such education helps others appreciate both the challenges diversity poses and benefits it brings to neighborhoods. (Note: several groups have "Teaching Tolerance" projects.)

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LOVE AS FAMILY GLUE

I see love as the glue holding together families—including loosely defined ones and those not linked by genes or legal ties. And I associate families with life's great joys. Inside the family home, unconditional love can provide unmatched comfort / security feelings. Meeting what some may call family obligations—like spending quality time together, parents nurturing /sacrificing for growing children, children respecting (even honoring) parents / grandparents despite their faults and helping comfort / care for them as they age, etc.—should flow naturally out of this love.

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**STRUGGLING WITH A
BASIC NEED: SELF ESTEEM**

I'm struggling to find the road to emotional maturity and make peace with myself. I seek a sense of my own intrinsic value, self respect, confidence in my ability to see life as a challenge—not a threat—and being able to enjoy it in relaxed fashion. I want to leave behind what's inside me too often now: feeling alienated, unworthy, ashamed, that I can't cope, that I'm a failure; too concerned about what others think of me; anxiety, fear, and self doubt. When I'm really down on myself, with this battle raging inside, I lose hope.

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#203A

HIERARCHICAL RIGIDITY

This title names the conservatism that's part of my worldview: it's associated with a social dominance orientation in which a social hierarchy is maintained via discrimination-based legitimizing tools (paternalism, meritocracy, race-based, wealth-based, etc.) Believing it's consistent with a natural order and fosters social stability, I accept the inequality inherent in such social ladder society—and its often centralized organizational /power structure based on adhering to rules, conforming in a cultural / moral sense— and value property rights and the status quo.

7♥**#28B****HEALTHY ORIENTATION**

I've taken to heart the following advice: "You only get one body. How well you care for it—or don't care for it—makes a big difference in the length and quality of your life." (Note: Those who embrace this lesson—and opt for a healthy orientation—will need to take care of their body's immediate health needs and also educate themselves as to its long-term needs based on medical science / evidence-based medicine.)

8♥**#18B****DISPASSIONATE**

I am often stoically indifferent to pleasure or pain, and often unmoved by joy or grief. I typically make decisions after careful deliberation, free from passion, unaffected by emotions, and when necessary am able to resist instant gratification and wait. (Note: The differences between dispassionate and passionately impulsive people can be traced to differences in brain biochemistry.)

9♥**#17B****GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS**

If my current state is less than desired, I try to focus on what's right, feel grateful that I am alive, hopeful that my plight will improve, and become determined to make it so. When I'm feeling victimized, I try to make peace with what happened. When appropriate, I offer forgiveness, unload emotional baggage, and perhaps even make some good flow from evil. Forgiving can trigger a cathartic feeling of moving out of captivity into freedom. (Note: Bringing religion into this, those worshipping a loving New Testament God "turn the other cheek" and are lenient /forgiving.)

4♥**#39B****SHAMING / SCAPE-GOATING**

I suffer when others see my behavior as worthy of shame. In my anger over unfair treatment or pain someone has inflicted—or more generally when I feel anxious / alienated—I may single out some person (often quite different from myself) or group to blame. (Note: such scapegoating often involves discriminating by unfairly blaming / shaming others for real or imagined offenses—including those linked to conspiracy theories. It happens at all levels: from family to national. Related vengeance can result in anything from ostracism to honor killing to genocide.)

5♥**#33A****SERVITUDE**

I've something in common with lots of other people, something I'm not pleased with: my freedom, and the control I can exercise over my life, is very limited. While we are all rather powerless, the cause of this condition may be quite different: extreme poverty, massive debt, harsh environmental conditions, ignorance, prejudice against us, disability, the authority of some dominating individual who exploits us, dogmatic beliefs, imprisonment, restrictions imposed by an authoritarian government, etc. (Note: most don't choose this often painful condition!)

6♥**#29B****THE THREATENING, VIOLENT PERSON**

I often get what I want by intimidating and instilling fear, by verbally and/or physically threatening. Since this only succeeds if the threat is believable, I've got a reputation associated with verbal abuse and occasionally resorting to actual physical violence—even condoning torture! (Note: some who lack restraint use the old threat system, based on "Give it to me or I'll hurt you" or "Pay me and I'll quit bothering you." A more modern approach is to file or threaten a lawsuit. Of course sometimes abandoning restraint can be justifiable.)

A♣**#203B****EGALITARIAN PROGRESSIVE**

This title names the social justice path valuing equality my worldview is built on. I believe all humans should have the same rights, opportunity /privileges. Where their goals are consistent with this belief, I support collective struggles against centralized power that seek to reform church, state, political, and economic institutions. I generally don't like discrimination/ exclusion. I support 1) social movements that are hierarchy attenuating (not enhancing) – feminism and affirmative action are examples, and 2) empowering the powerless.

2♥**#52****SICK, DISABLED, OLD→ INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Perhaps like you, I value self determination, self respect and equal opportunity—but unlike you I have a handicap. This makes my fully functioning and achieving difficult, if not impossible. Even when I seemingly overcome this condition, I'm conscious it exists. I'm aware that people and /or technology "crutches" often help me. I'd like to depend on these less, and more often function independently. In rising to challenges posed by impairment / pain, I've overcome obstacles I once thought insurmountable. I continue to hope!

3♥**#39A****TOUGH LOVE**

I think tight knit monogamous families are where children acquire high moral standards and discipline through continual reinforcement and parental modeling. In parenting—and teaching children to accept responsibility—I believe kindness can do more harm than good. We shouldn't pamper, spoil, or indulge. We should allow for some independent discovery—even if that means children learning from mistakes. When my child's or spouse's behavior falls short, rather than accept excuses, he /she should be confronted with my expectations as to their rectifying it!

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#103A

INDIVIDUAL GLORY

I am competitive and prefer “I win, you lose” zero sum game outcomes. I can be egotistical. I have something of a pioneering spirit and at times am comfortable being “a lone wolf.” I will sometimes seek credit for contributions I make to group efforts, rather than just remaining anonymous. I value a social philosophy / belief system that places individual interests and rights above those of society—and individual freedom, self-reliance and independence above any social contract obligations. Where applicable I’ll more often say “I” than “we”.

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#20B

AUTHORITARIANISM

If I had no choice, I could be happy living in a non-democratic authoritarian system. I suppose I’d meekly accept subjugation, losing some freedom, having no vote (indeed voting can be a chore!) I’d hope the system would be social contract-based so that law and order is maintained, duties and rights of citizens are spelled out, and leaders respond to public opinion. Whether they’re from the aristocracy, single political party, military dictatorship, religious group, techno elite, etc, I believe leaders have legitimacy only to the extent they have people’s consent.

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#20A

ELITISM

I have problems with democracy. I think most people are ill-prepared to vote / decide what is best for society. Assemblies of such people are not to be trusted: I fear their collective strength. Society is best served by a select group of clear-sighted, capable leaders / experts. Highly educated, trained, and groomed to wield power, they should maintain law and order, promote production of wealth, and guide the masses toward ends they deem appropriate. (Note: Elitists often identify with “capital” not with “labor,” and with “experts” rather than the people’s collective wisdom)

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#34

**VALUING TRADITIONS
/ STATUS QUO**

I believe that the rules and customs of any long-lived society deserve respect. This glue, shaped by challenges of untold demands, holds society together. While those guided by self interest may not like limits on behavior that society imposes, accepting them is a responsible choice. (Note: Those who respect authority, law & order, and value the hard work / sacrifices of their ancestors, will be comfortable with this theme. So will many who value traditional gender-based roles and long-lived religious institutions.)

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#21B

SERVICE TO OTHERS

I value and admire those who wish to serve others— either out of sense of civic duty, a desire to give something back to the community, or simply because they care about people suffering and struggling and want to help. While not all of us can run for public office, work for a non-profit community service organization, or volunteer to help the sick, deprived, uneducated, etc—we can show our support for dedicated public servants and groups that do. At times I have felt good about giving my own time and energy or charitable contribution to aid such efforts.

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#42

ETHICAL ORIENTATION

I’d say ethics starts with honesty and respect for laws, extends in earning a living to adhering to professional ethical codes and avoiding conflicts of interest, and for those especially concerned with social justice, comes to include applying principles which involve asking questions, like
1) Greatest General Good Principle: “Will this benefit the greatest number of people?”
2) Principle of Fraternal Charity: “If tables were turned, could I live with the consequences of my decision?”
3) Principle of Universality: “What would be the results if everyone acted in this manner?”

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#19A

**FREE MARKET
CAPITALISM**

I believe in individuals and small businesses rationally behaving in a self-interest based economy (which is morally defensible!) As availability of resources, jobs, products and market conditions change, workers, employers, producers, buyers, sellers, etc. compete to maximize gain. Competition, for the most gain, best job, or whatever, promotes efficiency, stimulates people to work hard, innovate, and take chances. Modern capitalism is built on commodification / market transactions based on the exchange values of things.

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#19B

CORPORATE CAPITALISM

Large corporations are people, since they’re owned by shareholders who appoint a board of directors. Such entities are superior to small business in their limited liability, greater ability to obtain capital, lobby and shape government policy. I’m awed by how they harness production forces, satisfy consumers, and create wealth. I’m optimistic that corporate management will move beyond seeking short-term profits for shareholders and steadily become more sensitive to the needs of all their stakeholders—including workers, community at large, the environment, etc.

5♣

#37A

**PROUD IDENTIFICATION
& TRIBALISM**

I take pride in being a(n)

(insert name of nationality, religious / ethnic group, tribe, etc).

I identify with other members of this group, and sometimes favor them as I interact with people in general. Proudly I display symbols of this affiliation and will fight or otherwise serve our cause in battles where our interests are at stake. (Note: Tribalism also lives here! Besides “us” and “them,” this involves thinking / behaving / voting based on loyalty to social group not larger whole)

J♣

#21A

POPULISM

“The People — Yes!” This sums up my trust in people’s collective wisdom / resourcefulness. “Together, We Are Strong!” This embodies my faith that—though they may struggle to do so—they’ll triumph over forces wanting to fool them with misinformation, divide them with prejudice, dominate their workplaces, and wrest power from communities seeking to control their own affairs. I recognize their hard work and promote their continuing education. Like Jefferson, I see common people as “the most honest and safe depository of the public interests.”

Q♣

#31

EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

I like the feedback that well-educated citizens provide elected officials in a democracy with their votes. I don't think this will work without them, as they're, as Jefferson put it, “ultimate guardians of their own liberty.” So... free K—12 state supported education for all should promote 1) skills to make valued workers, and lifelong learners / critical thinkers, 2) people skills / community values, 3) understanding of technologically and ethically complex issues they may one day vote on, and 4) their ability to ultimately select good leaders.

K♣

#103B

CELEBRATING TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am a team player. I love being part of co-operative efforts. I like “win-win” outcomes and think there’s enough glory to go around. I suspect that my self-esteem benefits from the community groups I belong to, and to a “sense of belonging”. I value a social philosophy / belief system that emphasizes the interdependence of every human being and promotes co-operation over competition. I'd say I'm more spiritual / value connectedness," than egotistical. Where applicable, more often I'll say "we" than "I", or refer to “us” instead of “me.”

8♣

#43

SEEKING WEALTH AND POWER

Here’s my “ethics”: “Pursue your own gain, otherwise predators will eat you. The strong survive, the weak don’t — it’s natural law—Just as maximizing your happiness and pleasure comes naturally— not sacrificing for others. Pursuing your own “I want”’s insures you’re master—no one is pulling your strings.” Rather than saying “I have enough” / sharing your riches, continue your quest for more. Celebrate success as evidence of your superiority. The meek won’t inherit the Earth. “Those who have the gold make the rules!”

9♣

#36A

CYNICISM

Once I thought people could be trusted, had good intentions, were decent, caring, honorable. Now I think otherwise: humans are self-serving; many are corrupt: fraud / bribery follows them! Those who embrace altruism are deluded, not seeing misguided self-interest for what it is. Many “do gooders” are hypocrites, too stupid to see themselves as such. I was once more accepting and forgiving. Now I am critical—sneering at, and finding fault with, much of what people do and say. Most politicians are crooks. I don’t support “public servants”!

10♣

#35B

WORKING FOR CHANGE

I'm dissatisfied with the status quo. Three factors— gauging 1) my dissatisfaction, 2) the perceived gap between how things should be and how they are, and 3) my belief in the need for and/or rightness of the change I'm working for— determine the strength of my commitment. (Note: Activities the dissatisfied pursue can include raising public awareness, political campaigning, lobbying, building social movements to reform the system from within, filing lawsuits, organizing strikes, boycotts, civil disobedience, violent revolutionary/terrorist tactics, etc.)

5♣

#37B

GLOBAL CITIZEN

I do not primarily identify with any particular nationality, religious or ethnic group. I think of myself first as a global citizen. Metaphorically, I sail through the universe with Earth as “my blue boat home!” In ethical decision-making considerations involving “people” and “place,” I identify all human beings with the former, and planet Earth with the latter. No one is excluded from my ethical concerns tent—everyone is inside, all are family. (Note: global citizens seek to think / behave / vote based on protecting our planetary home and the well being of all its inhabitants.)

6♣

#49A

SOCIAL WELFARE STATISM

I believe in reining in corporate power and concentrating economic controls / planning in the hands of a highly centralized government (statism). I prefer government that: 1) takes responsibility to ensure that everyone is looked out for by providing extensive social services, and 2) assures environmental quality, workplace safety / societal stability through appropriate regulations. (Note: While social welfare states heavily tax private property, they don’t challenge its sanctity as socialism does.)

7♣

#48B

LIKING CO-OPERATION-BASED COMMUNITIES

I prefer cooperation to competition, since the latter can bring out the worst in people. I prefer locally controlled economic arrangements involving a mixture of cooperative, employee-owned, and private businesses. I like community-based voluntary, democratic organizations in which people join hands in promoting community, common good, and local self-reliance. I dislike big, authoritarian, centralized; I like face to face barter, recognizing experiential value, and distinguishing goods from commodities.

4♣

#35A

**GENDER / SEXUAL
NONCONFORMITY**

I assert personal autonomy, flaunt societal convention, and protect my sense of identity / authenticity as follows: I publicly acknowledge one or more of the following: 1) my sexual orientation deviates from what has traditionally been socially (and in some cases, legally!) acceptable—typically meaning... I'm homosexual, 2) my gender identity (female or male) does not correlate with the sex assigned to me at birth, 3) you should think of me as neither male nor female but rather of indeterminate gender.

3♣

#36B

CONSPIRACISM

My suspicions of others' motives often extend to imagining a few individuals with their own hidden agenda conspiring to infiltrate institutions, manipulate events and shape outcomes to their liking. (Note: This is more likely when those imagining feel anxious /alienated. It can 1) devolve into paranoia, 2) lead to a simplistic B&W portrayal of something that's much more complex, or 3) help uncover an actual conspiracy — although more typically no such thing exists! Some link their belief in a particular conspiracy to seemingly unrelated societal problems.)

2♣

#50A

LIBERTARIAN

I oppose 1) taxes beyond those needed for law enforcement /national defense, 2) government interference with free market forces, and 3) laws limiting individual freedom—restricting speech / public expression, limiting firearms, requiring military service, making certain acts crimes where there's no victim, restrictions on private property use, etc. Freedom is protected by such property, so governments should not appropriate it for public welfare. Like Ayn Rand, I see "the virtue of selfishness" and value "the non-aggression principle."

A♠

#204A

FREEDOM FROM LIMITS

If my actions don't directly bother or harm other human beings—or negatively impact their property—I believe I'm free to do whatever I want with my body, my machines or my property—including land I own. I don't think we live on a small planet since it's big enough to seem mostly devoid of human presence over vast areas. If we ever do run out of living space / resources on Earth, we'll simply go elsewhere in space for them.

K♠

#104A

HUMAN CENTERED

I find aspects of my worldview and outlook on life are, to some degree, associated with taking a human being centered viewpoint where humans are the most important thing in the universe—or ranked just beneath a Personal God or Moralistic God. Feeling humans are special, stand apart from nature, and "the world belongs to humans," I will assign values to other things based on usefulness to humans. I have no problems with putting nature to work (pro-development) to serve people.

Q♠

#4

HANDS OFF MY BODY

I think the most basic human right is having control of what you do to your own body. So I say to narrow-minded moralists, lawmakers, etc. seeking to restrict my exercising this right: "Hands off my body!" Steps a young woman takes to insure that her body does not give birth to an unwanted child are her business, not yours. Steps a sick suffering man takes to end his own life with dignity are his business, not yours. From a global perspective, the history of life tells us some things have to die for others to live, and that our crowded planet needs fewer people, not more.

J♠

#25

ANTHROPOCENTRISM

I'd say we have dominion over the natural world (some would say it's God-given) because we're superior / more intelligent than the animals and plants we share it with. So I believe that the natural environment should be used, developed, and enjoyed— in short, nature should serve people. Creatively developing the land so that it's more to my liking, and fully utilizing its resources or otherwise benefiting from such activity, is part of being human—not something I should apologize for or feel guilty about. Doing this is not just morally defensible, it's human nature.

10♠

#22A

ECONOMIC GROWTH

I'd say economies are healthy when they're growing, creating lots of jobs, and there's good public / private sector co-operation. Investing in infrastructure and better access to information improves productivity and decision-making. Investing in human skills leads to new ideas, new technologies—and new markets. The benefits of growth and free trade will overcome poverty. While environmental problems can be formidable, government and corporate planners —backed by scientific and technological expertise—are up to the challenge. Growth is good!

9♠

#23B

ENOUGHNESS

I applaud lifestyles that maximize well-being, while minimizing consumption and ecological footprint. I like reusing, recycling, voluntary simplicity, "small is beautiful" appropriate technology — which has no significant environmental impact and takes advantage of what is abundant (including human labor). I see economic growth as not always good, nor do I agree "bigger is better." I like having the freedom to take personal responsibility and say "I have enough!" (Note: some have no choice and practice enoughness out of necessity, beginning with frugality / "making do.")

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#50B

LEFT ANARCHIST

My brand of libertarianism abolishes the state altogether, and abandons or vastly reduces private property rights. It values egalitarianism—empowering the powerless—and order. It replaces government with free associations. Co-ops and communes would be key units in this ideal way to organize society I imagine. (Note: Left anarchism comes in different forms. One is collectivist anarchism where means of production are collectively owned and managed by producers themselves with labor-based compensation; another emphasizes need-based distribution.)

3♣

#49B

SOCIALISM

I'm imagining somewhere...ethical, selfless, altruistic people are conspiring to infiltrate key institutions, manipulate events and shape outcomes to their liking (or maybe they already have!) They believe in a centrally planned socialist economic system in which, the state controls all means of production, and this, and distribution, are designed to satisfy human needs. Common good, not private profit / accumulation of wealth, is valued! If true, I don't find this conspiracy all that disturbing! (Note: Some socialists are communists who want all property held in common)

4♣

#48A

PRIVACY

I value the freedom to privately assert personal autonomy and seclude myself — hiding behind walls, and/or hiding information about myself from the scrutiny of others or their technology-based tools / databases. In doing this I seek to avoid disturbance (serenity compromise), embarrassment (confidentiality compromise), injury (security compromise) and /or bodily integrity compromise at the hands of others (including corporations seeking profit or governments failing to respect my body.). I see the extent I'm able to do this depends on socioeconomic factors and my relative power / powerlessness.

Q♠

#44A

SANCTITY & DIGNITY OF LIFE

I believe life is a sacred, mysterious gift. I stand in awe of the conscious, feeling, vibrant expression of life. Accordingly, I will not engage in any behavior, nor sanction any acts that terminate such life, or needlessly inflict pain on such living things. My respect for the sanctity, integrity, and dignity of life is such that I will oppose certain medical, biotechnological, or agribusiness practices that I see as tampering with or degrading it— including abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and genetic engineering.

K♠

#104B

RESPECT FOR NATURE

I believe that humans are part of nature, not its rulers. People should cherish, revere, and sometimes stand in awe of natural beauty, not despoil it or threaten the integrity of ecosystems. The interconnected unity of its parts / processes should be valued without regard to usefulness to people. Beyond respect, some feel they belong to nature. Sources of this feeling include a living in nature groundedness, and indigenous religion. Natural pantheists identify God with a self-organizing, ever evolving universe. Some worship the Goddess. Animists talk of gods inhabiting special places.

A♠

#204B

LIMITS AND ETHICS

I recognize I'm part of some integrated whole that interfaces with a bigger human community and the natural world. Rather than acting as I please, I know I must respect that bigger whole—whether it's my immediate family, village, urban water cycle, natural ecosystem, etc. —and limit my impacts based on ethical, scientific, and other considerations. I believe we live on a small planet and that our collective actions are increasingly making our planetary home unlivable. Going elsewhere in space to live is a fantasy: If we ruin Earth, we have no viable Plan B.

9♠

#26B

MORE IS BETTER MENTALITY

I often prefer things or experiences that are bigger, louder, longer, stronger, faster, with more power or more features. To me it seems human nature to have these preferences—given that we all like winning over losing; that feeling small, weak, and powerless can be countered by surrounding oneself with big, strong, and powerful things; that big things, whether they be machines, houses, cars, human body parts, etc, can be thought of as status symbols. I like having the freedom to generally have more!

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#23A

SUSTAINABILITY

Unrestrained growth threatens Earth's biosphere. I believe we need sustainable development: meeting present needs without compromising the future. Each generation should leave the next at least as much wealth per capita as it inherited, where wealth includes both manmade and natural capital. Economies should be based on people and environment friendly technologies, renewable energy use, and resource recycling. Their health should be gauged by indicators of sustainability and well-being. We need to move beyond thinking "all growth is good!"

J♠

#44B

RIGHTS FOR ANIMALS/ NATURE

I believe that, just as humans have rights, both animals and nature also have rights—including legal rights! It's arrogant for us to assert we are superior to animals / have dominion over nature. Like Frans de Waal, I question "Are we smart enough to know how smart animals are?" All of them deserve ethical treatment. Wild animals also need natural habitats protected. People should have the legal right to petition governments on behalf of ecosystems (and their plant, animal, indigenous people, mountain, ocean, etc. components.)

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#26A

THE CONSUMERIST

I value freedom to spend money and buy things. If I like what a product can do for me—and its image/ associated message (which we encounter constantly)— I will buy it. If I am envious of something someone else has, I will work to get one for myself. When I tire of a possession, I discard it for something new. Often, I express who I am through what I buy. I find my needs can be met if I shop around, and I like to shop. (Note: many shoppers give no thought as to resource use, chemical residues, packaging / waste disposal issues behind products they buy.)

7♠

#24A

STRUGGLING WITH A BASIC NEED: SUSTENANCE

My life is dominated by a struggle to produce / provide necessities so my family and I can survive. This tiring struggle often leaves me in a weakened state, but often I pause and ask, “Are our sustenance needs being met, and are prospects good they will continue to be met in the future?” If the answer is no, then I must make changes. What I fear is when I have no choices, and death lurks nearby. (Note: Sometimes poor people will not accord people or nature the respect that they would if their making a living weren’t so difficult.)

6♠

#45A

BORROWING MENTALITY

I prefer having/doing something now — borrowing money (becoming obligated) to make that possible— rather than waiting until a future time when I’ve saved enough money to (or can otherwise) have / do it. In general, I have no problem with individuals or governments contracting monetary, personal or ecological debts against tomorrow so that I (or society) can have / do something today. (Note: many employ leverage: using borrowed funds to purchase an asset, having that asset appreciate in value, and selling it at a big profit!)

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#46A

TECHNOLOGICAL FIX

In confronting big societal problems or those causing human inconvenience / irritation, I look to human technological ingenuity, and engineering design / problem solving skills. I trust engineers and planners using technology assessment to find technology-based solutions to such problems. Their efforts have steadily brought nature under human control and increased human comfort. (Note: critics say that labor-saving “advances” have promoted unhealthy sedentary lifestyles, and social media, etc. have promoted virtual interactions over in person, real ones!)

4♠

#46B

MILITARISM

I think of militarists as exalting military virtues / symbols, being comfortable following orders and with the military chain of command, advocating military preparedness, being the first to call for war, etc. — and I think of myself as one with some hesitancy! While I don’t doubt that waging modern war is the ultimate technological solution to problems essentially based on disputes between people, I know that great military leaders can nonetheless prefer diplomacy and see war as something to be avoided.

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#22B

IMPERIALISM

I welcome affluent nations / multinational corporations extending power and influence over developing nations, and believe everyone benefits. The former from new markets for products, resource extraction, etc, the latter from economic development and exposure to values/lifestyle /culture of the affluent world, which I view as superior to those they supplant. I view favorably the nation-building that sometimes accompanies military interventions, and may even accept territorial expansion of the more developed at the expense of less developed world.

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#40

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

If market-based capitalism is to survive, its holes must be fixed! Prices should include fees for environmental health impacts. Tweaks should promote small business products of efficient industrial activities resembling natural processes (matter recycling in closed systems) — not those of big wasteful, polluters. Use of Earth’s “commons” (air, water, land, soil, trees, minerals, etc) should be linked to responsibility to protect it. Incentives should encourage efficiently producing necessities (like small affordable housing, plant based food, clean water), and investing in /restoring /protecting biodiversity & natural capital (esp. soil)

PROJECT WORLDVIEW CHOICES WE MAKE

It’s just a humble card deck—
but it can burst bubbles,
change minds, and just perhaps...

CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

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INSTRUCTIONS continued**Incl. TWO PERSON ACTIVITY**

On the “Choices We Make” program, you can select a one or two person option. Follow instructions. Use the cards from your four piles (and perhaps the 2nd player’s) to enter data. A % correlation between your selected card choices and those of generic folks in eight categories will be computed incl.

*USA HUMANIST PROGRESSIVE
NEW AGE USA CONSERVATIVE
CHRISTIAN proSCIENCE proBUSINESS
WORLD’S POOR proENVIRONMENT*

and if selected, a % correlation between your choices and the 2nd player’s. Inconsistent (contradictions in your worldview) card choices can also be found using a separate check sheet.

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#45B

**WORK HARD,
PAY AS YOU GO**

I think personal debts can lead to loss of choice/ freedom if one must keep working to pay them off, when one would prefer doing something else. Likewise debts / obligations, if not honored, can lead to guilt. Ecological debts can produce guilt if one knows disrupting natural cycles leaves future generations with a mess to fix. To maximize choices I have—and avoid feeling guilty or obligated, worries about bills, loans, or interest charges— to some extent in my life as a whole I adopt a "work hard, pay as you go" approach.

7♠

#24B

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

I view life as more playground, where I express my creativity, rather than prison where I struggle to survive. So my buildings go beyond mere shelter: they bring form and function together in practically pleasing ways. As writer / artist /composer my creations come to life when creative thinking / passive observing / listening / experience ends—and active describing / storytelling / sharing begins. Seems my best art imposes artificial structure on transient chaos, and is presented not in isolation but as part of an interconnected fabric that touches the divine!

8♠

#27

THE SMALL PRODUCER

I'm not happy just buying what others—especially big corporations — provide. I value the freedom to express who I am through what I make by working with my hands and small tools. Whether I'm producing food, shelter, clothing, pretty arts & crafts, etc— whether it's for my own use or others— I'm generally happiest when I'm doing this type of work—although earning a livelihood this way is challenging! I like societies based on families working the land as small producers. They have great incentive to protect it /maintain its productivity out of self-interest; etc.)

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#51A

ETHICAL GLOBALIZATION

To insure globalization proceeds ethically, I think we need nation transcending authority. This could be provided by strengthening / democratizing existing institutions (UN, IMF, WTO, etc) and creating new ones. It would mediate disputes, do peace-keeping, and regulate international trade— intervening when worker exploitation, environmental degradation or economic upheaval warranted. It would regulate capital flow, bust monopolies, and promote wealth / technology transfer aiding the poor— giving all at least a minimum living standard and a voice.

4♠

#47B

PACIFISM / NON-VIOLENCE

I think of pacifists as 1) opposed to using guns, war, violence to settle disputes and 2) preferring use of non-violent means to fight evil— rather than vengeance, capital punishment, etc— and I call myself one with some hesitancy! While I see fighting violence with more violence as both morally wrong /contradictory, and don't believe good can come out of evil, I worry that if evil is not punished, not countered with strong action, then more evil will result. (Note: avoiding war through diplomacy, something pacifists applaud, is the ultimate attitudinal fix.)

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#47A

ATTITUDINAL FIX

In confronting big societal problems or those causing human inconvenience / irritation, I look to changing attitudes and associated behaviors. This is done through education, drawing on existing social institutions. Defusing any anxiety / mistrust conflict brings is a good first step (humor can help!) I trust in people coming together and cooperating; in their willingness to learn from each other — sharing worldviews, articulating values and goals. This can resolve conflicts and find non-technology (or human labor /soft technology) based "win, win" imaginative solutions.

MORE / RESOURCES

Making Card Choices Tip: Make them based on the actual person you are, not the idealized person you'd like to be! Keep in mind: "Talk is cheap, deeds are what matters" & "Don't lie to yourself" At the "Choices We Make" web page www.projectworldview.org/choices.htm you can read about / print / use online:
1) "Background" explaining card suits, (diamonds, hearts, clubs, spades) meta themes (aces & kings), RH card #s, etc.
2) a "Getting Started" sheet including how to make a card pack from *The Kit*
3) info on paired themes a click away
4) Scorecard & Consistency Check sheet
5) computer analysis programs / details
6) choices behind generic worldviews
7) a Gin Rummy-like educational game

INSTRUCTIONS**FOR ONE OR TWO PEOPLE**

Each card contains two themes, one on each side. For each of the 52 cards, pick the theme you're most comfortable with that best represents your worldview. Make four piles* sorting as follows:
#1 *cards where you have a strong preference for one of the two themes*
#2 *cards where you have a definite (but not as strong) preference*
#3 *cards with a very slight preference*
#4 *cards where you've no preference*
Always place the theme you prefer up.
The # of cards in each pile must be as follows: #1:20; #2:20; #3: 8; #4: 4
No aces or kings can be put in pile #4.
* if you can, go online to The "Choices We Make" web page before starting!

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#51B

**BIG BUSINESS
PUSHES GLOBAL LIMITS**

I value market-based pricing and corporations' profit motive. Their resource extractive (fossil fuels, mining, etc.) endeavors should speed up as growth demands. Their government partners should push "top down" approaches to meet big challenges: climate change and need for new infrastructure / cybersecurity and "brittle" infrastructure. As we run into resource / carrying capacity limits, we need ambitious (fusion, geo-engineering, space-based solar power, asteroid mining, etc), capital & energy intensive, high tech solutions.

