

**Q♦****#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!)

**K♦****#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.

**A♦****#201B****FAITH & WISHFUL THINKING**

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. I can deny Reality and believe in something if doing so provides hope or useful psychological advantage (example: belief in an after-life.) I may interpret events / actions of others, and make decisions, based on what I'd like to be true, rather than what is true. I can delude myself— I see it as adopting healthy beliefs which promote my, and perhaps my family's or loved ones, continued psychological well-being. I am a hopeful optimist!

**9♦****#12A****POLYTHEISM, ANIMISM, PAGAN**

I believe in the existence of many gods. While not all of these deities are thought to have physical bodies or even be worthy of worship, some certainly are. Like humans, these deities are seen as having their own personality traits, needs, desires, etc, but with additional powers and, in some cases, supernatural attributes. Many of us worship gods associated with particular objects (Sun, Moon, water, etc,) events (birth, death, etc,) or character types (hero, trickster, muse, etc.) Animists talk of gods inhabiting special places. For them nature is alive, with spirits animating both living and non-living things

**10♦****#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.

**J♦****#2A****THE TRUE BELIEVER**

My faith in what I believe is free from doubt. If you'd had my experience, 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" and / or cite their "irrational persistence" in holding "untenable beliefs.")

**6♦****#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.)

**7♦****#10****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.

**8♦****#8B****MAGIC**

Like science & technology, magic seeks to control nature. But instead of trying to understand, magic enthusiasts celebrate mystery. They seldom try to explain paranormal gifts, spirit communication skills, ability to right wrong relationships, etc that they feel healers/shamans/ witches / astrologers possess. Some see "magical rites & beliefs" as "expressions of an act of faith in a science yet to be born." Some are confident scientists will eventually explain things like the healing power of faith— whether in God /gods / drug /placebo or doctor. Others many feel aspects of Reality will always defy understanding.

<p><b>3♦ #30</b>  <b>INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM</b>  I value free inquiry—unconstrained by authority. I see the best way for humankind to gain knowledge and understanding, and perfect society, is by allowing a maximum amount of individual liberty of thought, belief, questioning and inquiry. I especially value having this liberty because, unlike many, I am especially curious. I value the freedom to let my imagination run wild! 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— even out of mustering courage to not conform.</p>	<p><b>4♦ #11B</b>  <b>FREE WILL</b>  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.)</p>	<p><b>5♦ #12B</b>  <b>CREATIVE THINKING</b>  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</p>
<p><b>K♥ #102B</b>  <b>EASY-GOING, DISORDERLY, CAVALIER</b>  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 <u>not</u> “sweat the small stuff.” As such I've acquired a reputation (undeserved?) for being lazy, and having a cavalier attitude. So, seldom am I asked to manage what others value.</p>	<p><b>A♥ #202B</b>  <b>RELAXED, GENEROUS, LOVING</b>  Metaphorically my mindspace is a pleasant, warm, loving, familiar family home where I am calm and relaxed. Perhaps <u>lack</u> of stress or fears of being unable to cope, makes me more giving / generous. Besides being helpful / kind, I often give others “the benefit of the doubt.” Given this mindset, 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.)</p>	<p><b>2♦ #13</b>  <b>IN HUMAN/COMPUTER HANDS: DANCING WITH SYSTEMS</b>  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 <u>we</u> choose.</p>
<p><b>10♥ #16B</b>  <b>GOLDEN RULE, VILLAGE ETHIC OF MUTUAL HELP</b>  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.</p>	<p><b>J♥ #33B</b>  <b>HARMING MYSELF: ADDICTION</b>  Increasingly I feel trapped by my own behavior, and that—in my despairing moments—I have no choice to behave otherwise. I am, to some extent, imprisoned by my brain biochemistry. Simply put:  <i>I can't stop doing certain things, even though I need to, or must, to survive.</i>  (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.)</p>	<p><b>Q♥ #14B</b>  <b>MORAL ARC OF UNIVERSE / KARMA / REINCARNATION</b>  Without involving guilty conscience, God, or divine judgment, I feel the moral arc of the universe somehow bends towards justice—perhaps in a spiritual version of action / reaction or cause / effect. (Note: Some extend this with "cosmic justice" where a person's actions in one life produce karmic forces with consequences in future lives. This requires believing a non-physical essence (soul, consciousness, etc.) in each of us survives death and is part of a continual cycle of birth &amp; rebirth. Some believe that over-coming desire and ego allows escaping this cycle→ Nirvana.)</p>

<p><b>7♥ #28B</b>  <b>HEALTHY ORIENTATION</b>  I like this 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 value health will need to take care of their body's immediate physical &amp; mental health needs. And educate them-selves as to long-term needs based on sound medical science. Good nutrition, exercise, plenty of sleep, etc can lessen both fear of, and likelihood of, illness. Meditating, having friends/ emotional support can help with stress (which can → illness.) All of this is wise from both coping and, with high cost of health care, financial perspectives.</p>	<p><b>8♥ #18B</b>  <b>DISPASSIONATE</b>  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. (Notes: 1) No doubt some differences in dispassionate and passionately impulsive people can be traced to brain biochemistry. 2) Learning /feedback and shaping future actions from memories of past experience can be an important part of living a long, full life. Likewise memories can help people live on after death.)</p>	<p><b>9♥ #17B</b>  <b>GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS</b>  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.)</p>
<p><b>4♥ #39B</b>  <b>BLAMING / SCAPEGOATING</b>  In my anger over outrage / hurt I've suffered, I may single out a person or group to blame. (Note: scape-goating often involves discriminating by unfairly blaming others for some (real or imagined) offense. It happens at all levels: from sport fans blaming a player for a loss, to parents targeting an unwanted child, to prejudiced people targeting someone whose looks, skin color, or sexual orientation they don't like, to organized groups committing hate crimes, to nation states targeting whole populations for genocide. Some scape-goaters are racists; some are bigots; some are misogynists; some just insecure childish adults.)</p>	<p><b>5♥ #33A</b>  <b>SERVITUDE / ENSLAVED</b>  I've something in common with many people, something I find abhorrent: my life is severely constrained. 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 or greed of some dominating individual who exploits us, kidnapping, dogmatic beliefs, imprisonment, restrictions imposed by an authoritarian government, etc. (Note: few choose this for themselves, but many—perhaps including you?—directly or indirectly choose it for others.)</p>	<p><b>6♥ #29A</b>  <b>THE SELF-RESTRAINED PERSON</b>  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.)</p>
<p><b>A+ #203B</b>  <b>EGALITARIAN PROGRESSIVE</b>  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.</p>	<p><b>2♥ #52</b>  <b>PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED</b>  → <b>INDEPENDENT LIVING</b>  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 old age, illness, pain, impairment, etc, I've overcome obstacles once thought insurmountable. I continue to hope!</p>	<p><b>3♥ #39A</b>  <b>TOUGH LOVE</b>  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!</p>

<p><b>J+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#21A</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POPULISM</b></p> <p>“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.”</p>	<p><b>Q+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#31</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>K+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#103B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CELEBRATING TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b></p> <p>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 and value connectedness, than egotistical. Where applicable, more often I'll say "we" than "I", or refer to “us” instead of “me.”</p>
<p><b>8+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#43</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEEKING WEALTH AND POWER</b></p> <p>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— <u>not</u> 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!”</p>	<p><b>9+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#36</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CYNICISM</b></p> <p>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”!</p>	<p><b>10+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#35B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORKING FOR CHANGE</b></p> <p>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.)</p>
<p><b>5+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#37B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLOBAL CITIZEN</b></p> <p>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.)</p>	<p><b>6+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#49A</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOCIAL WELFARE STATISM</b></p> <p>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.)</p>	<p><b>7+</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#48B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIKING CO-OPERATION-BASED COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p>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.</p>

<p><b>2♣</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#50B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEFT ANARCHIST</b></p> <p>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.)</p>	<p><b>3♣</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#49B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOCIALISM</b></p> <p>I'm idealistic—some say deluded. I can imagine...somewhere... ethical, honest, altruistic people conspiring to infiltrate key institutions, manipulate events and shape outcomes to their liking. They believe in a centrally planned 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 would not find this conspiracy all that disturbing! (Note: Some socialists value democracy; some are authoritarians;some are communists who want all property held in common)</p>	<p><b>4♣</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#48A</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRIVACY</b></p> <p>I value <u>privately</u> asserting personal autonomy, perhaps flaunting societal norms, and secluding myself — hiding behind walls, hiding information about myself from the scrutiny of others or their technology-based tools / databases. I seek to avoid disturbance (serenity compromise), embarrassment (confidentiality compromise), injury (security compromise) and /or bodily integrity compromise by 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.</p>
<p><b>Q♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#44A</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SANCTITY &amp; DIGNITY OF LIFE</b></p> <p>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 <u>oppose</u> certain medical, biotechnological, or agribusiness practices that I see as tampering with or degrading it— including abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and genetic engineering.</p>	<p><b>K♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#104B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BELONGING TO NATURE</b></p> <p>I believe 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. Sources of a belonging to nature feeling include living in wilderness, a groundedness that comes from working the soil, and indigenous religion. Natural pantheists identify God with a self-organizing, ever evolving, perhaps self aware universe. Pantheists don't recognize a Personal God, but typically equate God with the sum of all existence.</p>	<p><b>A♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#204B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIMITS AND ETHICS</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>9♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#26B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORE IS BETTER MENTALITY / ABUNDANCE</b></p> <p>I prefer experiences / things that are richer, bigger, louder, longer, faster, stronger, with more features etc. It's human nature to seek status and prefer winning over losing; being associated with big, strong, powerful things— whether they be machines, houses, cars, human body parts etc—rather than feeling small, weak, and powerless. I like having the freedom to generally have more! (Note: With “prosperity theology” or “abundant life” some connect this with religion. Critics point to traditional religious vows of poverty / asceticism, and “live simply so that others may simply live.”)</p>	<p><b>10♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#23A</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p>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!”</p>	<p><b>J♠</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#44B</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BELONGING TO NATURE</b></p> <p>I believe 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. Sources of a belonging to nature feeling include living in wilderness, a groundedness that comes from working the soil, and indigenous religion. Natural pantheists identify God with a self-organizing, ever evolving, perhaps self aware universe. Pantheists don't recognize a Personal God, but typically equate God with the sum of all existence.</p>

**6♠****#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 living spaces I design go beyond mere shelter: they bring form and function together in practically pleasing ways. As writer / artist / designer / 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 interconnected fabric that touches the divine!

**8♠****#27****THE SMALL PRODUCER**

I'm not happy just buying what others—especially big corporations— provide. I like expressing who I am with what I make 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. (Note: many have no choice: they must produce to survive.)

**3♠****#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, WHO etc) and creating new ones. It would mediate disputes, do peacekeeping, promote health, regulate international trade— intervening when worker exploitation, environmental / health crises or economic upheaval warranted. It would regulate capital flow, bust monopolies, promote wealth / technology transfer aiding the poor—and protect unique cultural heritages / diversity of all sorts.

**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.)

**5♠****#47A****ATTITUDINAL FIX**

In confronting big problems or minor human inconvenience / irritation, I look to changing attitudes / behavior with education, drawing on existing social institutions. Defusing anxiety / mistrust conflict brings is a first step (humor can help!) I trust in people coming together and cooperating; in 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. (Note: critics say this democratic, transparent process may be too time consuming to tackle big urgent problems.)

**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](http://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!

**2♠****#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.

