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Choice #1

#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. I strive to be honest and not to deceive myself.

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Choice #2

#101A

MIND OPEN, VISION GLOBAL

I'm capable of long-term foresight, 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 understanding it requires simultaneously holding conflicting beliefs.

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Choice #3

#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, but after presenting facts and noting uncertainties, may confidently seek the truth and express an opinion.)

J♦

Choice #4

#1B

SKEPTIC

I believe 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, and too eager to dismiss evidence not supportive of what they believe.)

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Choice #5

#8A

MONOTHEISTIC DEISM

I rather tentatively 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' conception of God can only be informed indirectly through observation and rational investigation of the natural world—not directly through divine revelation or mystical experience.

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Choice #6

#7A

MYSTICISM

I, like William James, see personal religious/spiritual experience having its roots and center in mystical states of consciousness. If, like me, you've had this (belonging to the universe feeling of Oneness?) experience, you'll respect my characterization: 1) it can't be adequately described in words, 2) it provides insight into fundamental Truth—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 (God?) Not sensing distinct gods or deities, in rare perfect moments I feel union with an undifferentiated whole.

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Choice #7

#6A

ORDERLY & EXPLICABLE

I believe we can eventually greatly comprehend how the world works if we only "Dare to Understand." From a 6th century BCE Ionian Enlightenment success predicting when a solar eclipse would occur—increasingly people have found natural and rational causes for observed events. Progress has come with appreciating cause and effect, solving problems by breaking complicated wholes into smaller parts, forming concepts and using them in frameworks, testing hypotheses and learning from feedback—all in building/refining an extraordinarily useful structure for explaining, predicting, creating.

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Choice #8

#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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Choice #9

#5A

SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM

I say the universe, life, humans had no Creator—their existence is due to forces acting on matter and random chance. The universe has no purpose, or notion of good and evil, other than the meaning and value we give it. Life involves only matter, physical / chemical processes (physicalism) —not vital spirit. Someday scientists will create it in the lab. Spirituality exists only in the mind, a product of processes in brains. I discount knowledge not based on observation and reason. (Note: some connect life with interacting with the environment to get information / structurally coupling with it.)

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Choice #10

#6B

SCIENTIFIC METHOD

I value solving problems by scientific methods: gathering data (I like numbers), making testable hypotheses (I like equations) to fit data, testing (I like statistical tests,) 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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Choice #11

#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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Choice #12

#15

GROUP THINK IMPERATIVE

If stimulated / 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 where peer pressure to conform is strong, or where rituals trigger trancelike behavior —even hallucinations! (Note: a wide variety of folks, from indigenous people to teenagers to cowardly politicians, can behave this way!)

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Choice #13

#9B

**SIMPLY 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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Choice #14

#202A

CAUTIOUS PROCESSING

Metaphorically my mindspace contains unfamiliar, potentially unfriendly, dangerous places, so I'm cautious. I draw out as much information from it as I can, and perhaps am not as “giving back” as some. I often feel unsettled, stressed, anxious. My caution is due to a) unpleasant, distressing sensory experiences, and b) physical /emotional stress caused by hurtful incidents or encounters. Given my self concept and memories, with my fear of a) and b) I sometimes feel angry and mean. (Note: some subjected to prejudice, bullying, or unwanted sexual attention may abandon caution and hit back.)

K♥

Choice #15

#102A

**CONSCIENTIOUS
EFFICIENT STEWARDSHIP**

I try to do what is right or fair. I try to meet work obligations and other duties carefully, thoroughly, and efficiently — minimizing wasted materials, energy, money, time or effort—and taking responsibilities / commitments to others seriously. I anticipate and plan for emergencies. If entrusted with managing what someone cares about, I'm a good steward. I pay attention to details. I'm a good listener. When I feel stressed because I know something isn't right, I typically feel I must fix it. So, I'm often putting things in order or am in task-oriented mode. I'm happiest when I'm busy..

Q♥

Choice #16

#14A

**SALVATION AND
MORALISTIC GOD**

Guided by conscience, and wishing to minimize or avoid punishment (including self-administered), I seek to live in accord with God-given moral standards. I believe that every person is born with soul condemned to suffer, but by behaving properly one's soul can be “saved.” So I often ask myself, “Am I good enough to go to heaven?” (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♥

Choice #17

#25

EVIL IS OUT THERE

I believe evil exists separately from us. Have you ever wondered what might happen if your conscience—through no fault of your own—was captured by a demon? If, directed by an evil force, the anger and hate inside you was no longer restrained but instead loosed on others? If, without that inner voice restraining you, you could do anything you wanted to? Given our flawed, sinful nature, I think the potential for this happening exists in all of us. So we must fight all manifestations of the Devil's work. And support harsh punishment of criminals as a deterrent. (Note: critics call this “the myth of pure evil.”)

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Choice #18

#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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Choice #19

#17A

BITTERNESS, VENGEANCE

If my current state is less than desired, I often focus on what's wrong, feel bitter, angry, resentful or jealous, and look to assign blame. My response to feeling victimized is often to seek revenge and punish those responsible. (Note: Some report that, until they get justice or enact revenge, they feel as if they're held captive by the need for it. 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." Some vengeance is shame or scape-goating related. This can span a wide range: anything from ostracism to honor killing, murder / genocide.)

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Choice #20

#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. (Notes: 1) Rather than acting in goal-oriented, measured fashion, primitive urges or childish reactions often spur this person's actions. 2) Undoubtedly, rash, risky, "do without thinking actions" lead to early, sudden death for many.)

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Choice #21

#28A

HEDONISTIC ORIENTATION

I live life to maximize my own pleasure / happiness, and minimize pain, suffering, and doing without. So, I seek lots of whatever brings me pleasure: food, drink, consumer goods, exotic travel, interactions with friends, sexual gratification, music, sports, games, gambling, recreational drug use, etc. (Note: hedonists are short-term oriented and neglect their health in embracing "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Some, the more affluent, may even more selfishly indulge in pleasure seeking but do so by finding/creating another world where they can better escape from painful realities poor folks face.)

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Choice #22

#29A

THE SELF-RESTRAINED PERSON

Beyond the taking of full personal responsibility for all of my actions, I heed my conscience, and, to some extent, incorporate self-denial and adherence to behavioral guidelines into my life. (Note: the origin of such guidelines, whether from work schedule, legal, marriage vow, military, financial, health, family, environmental, ethical, or religious considerations, can vary. 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 less than enjoyable job, etc, restraint may only last until a goal is attained.)

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Choice #23

#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, imprisonment due to poverty, inhuman treatment and enslavement. 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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Choice #24

#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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Choice #25

#38

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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Choice #26

#41

STRUGGLING WITH A BASIC NEED: SELF ESTEEM

Psychologically challenged, 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, shame, 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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Choice #27

#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.

K♣

Choice #28

#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” and “me” instead of “us.”

Q♣

Choice #29

#20B

AUTHORITARIAN FOLLOWER

I could live in a non-democratic authoritarian system —meekly accepting subjugation, losing some freedom and the vote. I’d like law & order maintained, duties & rights of citizens spelled out, and troublemakers (incl. the press) reigned in. I’ll follow strong leaders —whether from single party, military, church, aristocracy, etc. — and charismatic individuals. (Note: Followers favor authority / uniformity / obedience / over freedom / diversity / independence, can be manipulated by fear mongers, and accept simple answers to complex problems. At some point when followers submit to authorities too much, democracy ends.)

J♣

Choice #30

#20A

ELITISM

I have problems with democracy. I say most people are ill-prepared to vote /decide what’s best for society. I don’t trust assemblies of such people; I fear their collective strength. Society is best served by a select group of leaders. Highly educated, trained, and groomed to wield power—perhaps even manage centrally planned economies— they should maintain law and order, promote production of wealth, and guide the masses. (Note: Elitists often identify with capital not labor, and with experts not the people’s collective wisdom. In democracies, some use money to magnify their voices and manipulate outcomes.)

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Choice #31

#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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Choice #32

#21B

SERVICE TO OTHERS

I admire those who serve others — either out of sense of civic / patriotic duty, desire to give back, or just because they care about people suffering /struggling and want to help. While not all of us can choose military service, run for public office, work for a community service organization or volunteer to help the sick, deprived, uneducated, etc—we can support dedicated public servants and non-profits. At times I’ve felt good about giving my own time, energy or charitable contribution to aid such efforts. (Note: “Service is the rent we pay for being...the very purpose of life” as Marian Wright Edelman put it.)

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Choice #33

#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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Choice #34

#19A

COMPETITIVE CAPITALISM

I believe in individuals and small businesses rationally behaving in a diverse, self-interest based economy with widely spread ownership. 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, etc, promotes efficiency, lower prices, and anticipating changes. It stimulates people to work hard, innovate, take chances. Capitalism is built on commodification and market transactions based on the exchange values of things.

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Choice #35

#19B

CORPORATE CAPITALISM

Large corporations are superior to small business, with limited liability, greater ability to get capital, exploit natural advantages, enjoy economies of scale, lobby and shape government policy. Those that have grown by consolidating with rivals may face little competition. I’m awed as they harness production forces, satisfy consumers, and create wealth.(Note: optimists see corporate leaders increasingly putting stakeholders (workers, the community, the environment, etc.) above short-term profits for share-holders. Pessimists fear corporate greed, unethical use of power, self-serving disinformation, and environmental recklessness.)

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Choice #36

#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)

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Choice #37

#35A

SHARING WHAT SOME CONSIDER VERY PRIVATE

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, 4) I am not monogamous.

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Choice #38

#36B

CONSPIRACIES

Some say I'm paranoid and deluded, that I play fast and loose with facts in an anti-social way. I am cynical. I don't trust power. My suspicions of others' motives often extend to imagining a few evil individuals with a hidden agenda conspiring to infiltrate institutions, manipulate events and shape outcomes to their liking. (Note: While some involved with conspiracy theories are in it for entertainment, others are "culture warriors" unethically pushing their values, beliefs, and practices. While occasionally a conspiracy is real—the typical internet spread conspiracy is mostly fiction.)

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Choice #39

#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."

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Choice #40

#204A

FREEDOM FROM LIMITS

I value individual freedom and don't like regulations that restrict it. Regarding freedom of speech, the only limitation on it I accept is on speech urging immediate hurtful action. 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♠

Choice #41

#104A

HUMAN CENTERED

Humans are special. I'd say we have dominion over the natural world (some would say it's God-given) So I believe the natural environment should be used, developed, and enjoyed— in short, nature should serve people. I am comfortable with the increasing commodification of everything and valuing things based on usefulness to humans. Creatively making land more to my liking and using its resources, wildlife, etc, is part of being human— not something I should apologize for or feel guilty about. (Note: some extend this in worshipping a Personal and Moralistic God and highly valuing their own ultimate salvation.)

Q♠

Choice #42

#44A

SANCTITY & DIGNITY OF LIFE

I believe life is a sacred, mysterious gift. I stand in awe of its conscious, feeling, vibrant expression. Thus, I will not engage in any behavior nor sanction any act that ends such life, or needlessly inflicts pain on living things. My respect for the integrity of life is such that I oppose medical, biotechnological, or agribusiness practices that I see as tampering with or degrading it. I especially value human life. (Note: vitalists believe "Life begins at the moment of conception." In worshipping a Personal God, some further restrict the scope of this theme in claiming, "Abortion is an insult to God.")

J♠

Choice #43

#3

VALUING HONESTY, LEARNING

I like sharing "Today I learned..." and later using my new knowledge in teaching others. I'm honest, value facts, and can distinguish between the role of genes and memes in human evolution. I want to advance cultural evolution and shape healthy worldviews by promoting memes I value, and encourage learning from experience of Reality. Feedback this provides can guide humanity adapting to its global environment, promote worldviews associated with better predictions, and encourage honesty. I value exposing lies / deceit, countering false information, and teaching critical thinking skills to others so they can do this.

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Choice #44

#22A

ECONOMIC GROWTH

I'd say economies are healthy when they're growing, creating lots of jobs, and there's good public / private sector cooperation. 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!

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Choice #45

#23B

ENOUGHNESS

I aim to maximize well-being, while minimizing consumption and ecological footprint. I like the five "R"s: reusing, repairing, recycling, refusing to buy what I don't need, and reducing waste. I like voluntary simplicity, and "small is beautiful" appropriate technology —which has no significant environmental impact and takes advantage of what is abundant (including human labor). I don't think "more is better" and like the freedom to take personal responsibility and say "I have enough!" (Note: many have no choice and practice enoughness out of necessity, beginning with frugality / "making do.")

8♠

Choice #46

#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— I will buy it. I like pretty things. 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♠

Choice #47

#24A

STRUGGLING WITH A BASIC NEED: SUSTENANCE

Seldom feeling playful or creative, my life is dominated by drudgery and struggle to provide necessities so I / my family can survive. This struggle often leaves me in a weakened state, but sometimes I pause and ask, “Are my / our sustenance needs being met, and are prospects good they’ll continue to be met in the future?” If the answer is no, then I must make changes. I fear the day when I have no choices, and death lurks nearby. (Note: poor people, especially those confronting injustice, may not accord people or nature the respect that they would if their lives were more rewarding.)

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Choice #48

#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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Choice #49

#46A

TECHNOLOGICAL FIX

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, geoengineering, space-based solar power, asteroid mining, etc), capital and energy intensive, high tech solutions

4♠

Choice #50

#46B

MILITARY BACKERS

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 call myself 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. Sometimes that isn’t possible. Sometimes evil is so entrenched that war is the only way to eradicate it.

3♠

Choice # 51

#22B

IMPERIALISM

I welcome affluent nations / multinational corporations extending power and influence over develop-ing nations, and believe everyone benefits. The big rich entities benefit from new markets for products, resource extraction, etc; poor regions from economic development and exposure to values / life-style /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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Choice #52

#40

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

Holes in market-based capitalism must be fixed! Prices must include life cycle environmental health impact fees. Fossil fuel subsidies must end. Renewable energy based efficient industrial activities most like natural processes (matter recycling in closed systems) should be promoted—not wasteful polluters. Use of Earth’s commons (air, water, land, soil, trees, minerals) should be linked to responsibility to protect it. Incentives should encourage producing necessities (small affordable housing, plant based food, clean water), valuing and protecting biodiversity and natural capital (especially soil), and reducing inequality

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