

A. Worldview Questions

Here are key worldview questions addressed and explored throughout this website. Jot down other questions which come to you as you use this worksheet.

1. *Where do humans come from?*
 - Are humans created? “Created from nothing”? “Creatio ex nihilo.”
 - Did whatever is “human” exist, always? Meaning, Is whatever makes humans “human” an integral part of some primary and eternal substance or energy or source?
 - Is what is “human” a product or end-result or manifestation of a primary non-human process, e.g., did Life evolve or develop from non-living matter or elements?
 - Is the human race a seed from an alien culture?
 - Other:

2. *How did humans get here?*
 - A Creator god created us.
 - A creating force created us, e.g., evolution.
 - A creating presence created us, e.g., Intelligent Design.
 - Humans have always been “here” on Earth as part of the Living Earth.
 - Other:

3. *Where are humans going?*
 - To a heavenly place.
 - To a higher plane of consciousness.
 - Nowhere. “Life” just blips out!
 - Nowhere human. We a part of the Eternal Return/Recurrence pattern of all Life.
 - Nowhere. All Life and Earth will be destroyed. Entropy triumphs!
 - Wherever we “consciously” choose to “imagine.”
 - Back to a Mother Planet once the alien Mothership returns.
 - Evolve into an integration of technology and biology, a new bio-tech life form.
 - Other:

4. *Why are humans on Earth?*
 - To serve a god who has a Plan for us. Humans are god’s stewards.
 - To atone for an original offense, such as “Original Sin.” Fell out of Paradise.
 - To achieve personal fulfillment, e.g., psychological integration, and be healthy.
 - To unleash our interior powers, e.g., of higher consciousness.
 - Humans are an “evolutionary epi-phenomenon,” and as such will eventually disappear as all species will. That is, humans are an evolutionary *blip!* on the cosmic radar screen.
 - A question which cannot be answered?
 - Other:

5. *How are humans to act?*
 - Follow absolute moral code sourced in a Revelation.
 - By guidelines of human Reason.

- In pursuit of Truth, as known through the scientific method.
- According to dictates of the survival of the fittest.
- Follow legal rules of a given, sovereign nation state.
- Whatever is necessary to achieve ecological balance and harmony.
- Whatever maximizes and optimizes achieving status of being “Number 1.”
- By determining what is the path to personal health.
- By balancing individual needs with social goods.
- By dictates of social justice, with a special focus on helping the less able and less fortunate.
- Other:

6. *Why is there Evil in the world?*

- There is an Evil god.
- The Benevolent god tests humans by tempting them.
- Humans brought it upon themselves by defying God. This is conveyed in the story about Eve and the Apple.
- Evil is merely the absence of Good. If we took time to reason matters through, and then acted upon their insights, we would prevent Evil.
- Individuals are Evil, not humanity. That is, “Immoral Man, Moral Society.”
- Individuals are Good, not humanity. That is, “Moral Man, Immoral Society.”
- Evil describes actions that logically follow from who you imagine Other people are. If you imagine them to be your Intimate Enemy, then many things they do are Evil.
- Evil normally results from collective stupidity, that is, the group cannot see what the individual can.
- Other:

7. *How do you meet God or breakthrough to a higher consciousness or make present the divine (however you presently describe it)?*

- I follow the religious rituals of my faith, e.g., meditate, attend Catholic Mass, go on retreats, etc.
- It’s up to God or the Divine. The timing and place is not of my choosing.
- I meet God in other people.
- I have a “personal relationship” with my God or Divinity, e.g., with Jesus Christ.
- When I embrace others, together we make present a thirdness that I call God or spirit.
- I walk alone, wrestling with the light and the darkness.
- I walk with others. Our common struggle to create a peaceful, just and delightful life lifts me up.
- Other:

B. Convictions

What is the range of your heartfelt actions? That is, what are your convictions? These are beliefs, actions, values, etc., for which you are **willing to risk your life**, even to the point of putting yourself in harm’s way and/or sacrificing your life. Here are some opening notions to stimulate your self-reflection.

- I am willing to die for my country.
- I am willing to kill others to protect my country.
- I am ready to protect my family, even at the cost of my own life.
- I would never lie.
- I would never lie in a situation where someone else might suffer physical harm.
- I would never intentionally harm someone.
- I would use violence for a just cause.

- No one has the right to tell me what to do.
- If I consider a law immoral, I will not comply, no matter what the risks or penalties.
- I would never knowingly break a law. I respect all legal authorities.
- I am prepared to lay down my life for my neighbor, in a perilous situation.
- I always seek counsel before making a significant moral decision.

- I see Others as my Intimate Enemy.
- I am comfortably at-home here on Earth.
- I would never intentionally pollute any aspect of the Earth.
- I would never take a life, not even support an abortion.
- No one is perfect. I strive to be non-judgmental about someone until they prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they are wrong, have erred or are immoral.

- God is watching me. I'm just human. I seek to comply, as best I can, with divine truths.
- The best we can do is determine what is best for all in any given situation of common concern.
- Every person is on a spiritual journey. There is nothing bad or evil about people, they just do bad or evil things. They can be healed and/or forgiven.

- It is stupid to do other than play it safe. Watch out for yourself and the rest of the world will be all the better for it.
- There is no such thing as the "Common Good."
- I'm here to serve others, pure and simple. Life doesn't make sense, but I can make sense out of Life!

- The best each of us can do is give and receive pleasure. Whenever I can, that is how I judge why I do something, that is, to obtain and give pleasure.
- It's a fact, this "War between the Sexes"!
- As long as no one's health is harmed, any high-risk or out-of-the-mainstream physical, sexual or psychological act is okay. Be healthy and play!
- When I am in a society with values other than my own, I comply with them. If something is legal there but not in my own society, that's okay with me.
- Others:

C. Other questions

- What is your overall emotional feeling about life?

- Do you believe that there is such a thing as "communal feeling"? If so, does it impact

your individual feelings and thoughts?

- What is your definition and description of “intimacy”?
- Have you ever felt “Precious”? and/or “Beloved”?
- Is there such a thing as “sexual morality”?
- In what situations do you or have you ever felt a) shame, b) embarrassment, c) pride, d) deep fear, e) upsetting confusion, f) deep happiness?

D. Your Specific Thoughts and Comments

- These are “notes to myself” as you explore the Earthfolk site.