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Points:

Idea:

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In order to reduce the impact of our society on the environment and to enhance the stability of both our society and the environment, we must make immediate efforts to switch the vast majority of our energy infrastructure (at least civilian) to sources of energy that are not destructive to the environment. In the short term, this means relying more on renewable sources of energy, such as: solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, and nuclear fission (when safety can be ensured). In the long term, this means developing nuclear fusion technology for a practically unlimited source of energy.

The first method towards achieving these goals should be through placing additional costs on all pollution from energy production, such as a "carbon tax". The second method towards achieving these goals should be through government financing of research in sustainable sources of energy, such as nuclear fusion. The third method towards achieving these goals should be through removing any incentive for continued use of nonrenewable energy sources. The fourth method of achieving these goals should be to incentivize the retraining of workers from fields in non-sustainable energy to fields in sustainable energy.

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The market system is the best, if not the only, method for a society to relate the value of goods that make life possible, such as food, to goods that make life enjoyable, such as art, in a way that is fair to the preferences of everyone. Thus, the market system should be the basis of any economy.

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Human society is best served when every human child, as a future member of the society, regardless of their parental wealth and personal life choices, is raised and educated so as to thrive in the human community and society. This includes the basic needs of sustenance, shelter,

protection, and healthcare, plus the education of language, proper nutrition, culture, sciences, philosophy, and the workings of a market based economic system.

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The most fundamental component of reducing overall violence and suffering in the world is to ensure freedom from captivity for all animals, including humans. To achieve this goal, no one should be allowed to hold captive any other animal, especially to breed them or to harm them at a latter time.

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Universal Basic Income:

In our sophisticated society with a complex economy we recognize that, while we must incentivize people to be productive members of our society, the value of the contributions of some members to society cannot easily be gauged by their activity in the market (for example, parents, artists, philosophers, community servants, etc.). Furthermore, we recognize that markets can fail to reward people despite their best efforts to be productive. For this reason, we should institute a Universal Basic Income (UBI). The amount of this UBI should be dependent on the size of the economy so as to never disincentivize higher productivity of our society.

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The focus of the criminal justice system shall be on rehabilitation—especially through education, life-coaching, and job training—rather than on punishment. Those who cannot be reformed sufficiently for eventual return to society shall be given a choice between continued institutionalization or release into a well-guarded, natural location.

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The war on drugs has failed. It has been shown over decades that prohibiting drugs has simply led to a thriving illicit drug trade and resulting violence. Incarcerating drug users does not help them to recover as prison does not give drug users the resources needed to come clean. Drugs should be legalized, controlled, regulated, and taxed. If an adult person decides to partake of drugs, they should be made aware of the risk, but also should be allowed to use drugs even if it is to their detriment. For those wishing to get clean of drugs, medically based programs should be used for drug recovery.

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In order to reduce the impact of our society on the environment and to enhance the stability of both our society and the environment, we must make every effort to minimize the production of waste materials. This should be achieved primarily through programs that financially incentivize the consumers to segregate and recycle their waste materials. Second, we should sponsor community programs that educate the public how to reduce the amount of waste we produce and how to dispose of potentially hazardous waste.

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The criminal justice system should never seek to punish criminals but only to rehabilitate and reeducate them. If the criminals fail at that, the final step is to banish them from society to a confined and well-guarded natural location.

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Freedom is essential for growth.

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Slow opinion. If we want to solve the problems of this world, we have to learn to communicate, and we need to be able to deal with differences in opinion. one thing that helps is what i call slow opinion, or being slow in forming an opinion. this means checking with yourself if you have enough information and have considered something enough in order to have an informed opinion about it.

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Our new form of government should adapt the "OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT" if the current form of government should be deemed tyrannical. Overthrow of the current government should be legalized into law. Only and only if the government is too corrupt and tyrannical. Rebellion should be legal in case of a fucked up government. Corporate and Government leaders ended their repressive campaign in order to protect their illusion of control. Afraid that if it became clear to the public, their regimes will crumble like dust. People should NOT be afraid of their Governments, Governments MUST be afraid of their people. Uprisings and Rebellion is the last key in disposing of an oppressive Government.

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Healthcare is not an ordinary good; Role of government in healthcare; Funding of healthcare

Section 1.

Healthcare is not an ordinary good in the marketplace. The reasons for this fact are numerous. Mainly, what sets healthcare apart is that the greatest costs in healthcare are not the consequence of easily detectable and alterable behavior patterns of the consumers but rather due to a variety of factors that are unfair, hidden, and complicated. For example, the burdens bestowed upon us by our genetics can be distributed very unfairly in a population. Another example is that certain agents may not be known to be harmful until after long-term exposure. And another example is that certain hazards can have risks that are very difficult to calculate and price accurately. For these reasons, among others, we find that healthcare should not be treated like an ordinary good and that the procurement of it should not be solely the burden of the individual.

Section 2.

Because healthcare is not an ordinary good in the marketplace, as a society sharing the values of fairness and community, we find that one of the roles of government is to alleviate the burdens of the costs of healthcare to the individual. Thus, the government has the role of instituting programs that provide affordable healthcare to [at least] all of its citizens and residents. Such programs may maintain limited individual costs to prevent waste and abuse, and to keep some degree of market competition in the innovation of new technologies. However, the overall

outcome should be that the members of a society should generally not have to worry about illness and injury beyond their personal safety and comfort.

Section 3.

Government healthcare programs should be funded as needed by ordinary taxes. However, for activities and products that are found to consistently and significantly increase the likelihood of increasing certain health problems in a population, those activities and products should be taxed additionally to compensate for the costs caused by these activities and products.

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In a society that is capable of effectively addressing the needs for security, prosperity, and self-expression of its residents, weapons of mass destructions—such as firearms with a high rate of fire and high capacity magazines—are completely unnecessary for self-defense – instead they only glorify and incentivize violence towards our fellow residents. For this reason such weapons should not be allowed to be retained by ordinary citizens, and reserved only for the highly trained and highly disciplined personnel of law enforcement and territorial defense.

However, in order to create an even more empowered, confident, and mutually supportive public, all residents should be encouraged and incentivized to develop themselves through martial-arts training. Basic knowledge of such training should be afforded to all people as part of the territorial defense and public safety budget. The selection of form, if any, should be left to the discretion of the individual person.

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Without truth, freedom, and harmony human race will not be able to meet the challenges it will have to face in future.

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Philosophy and meditation to be taught in all schools.

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Cooperation over competition.

Cooperation is beneficial for human development.

We learn from each other, we are happier together, we can achieve bigger results.

We are not competing to gain some result for ourself, we are working together to achieve goal.

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Freedom of Religion / Freedom from Religion: Individuals shall be free to practice whatever religion they desire, however conversely the rights of an individual to live a life absent of religion shall be just as important. Public displays of religion shall be welcome, however public displays against religion shall have equal footing and be just as allowable. There will also be a strict separation of Church and State, and furthermore religious beliefs shall not be used as a guide or compass for creating State laws, as such can be considered an imposition of a particular religion's beliefs onto both believers of other religions and non-believers.

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“I am the wisest man among us, for I only know one thing, that is I know nothing absolutely”
Socrates

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Free Will is indeed an illusion, this is why we need to run civilization based on science, not money, barter, law, business, etc. Free Enterprise leads to conflict, and when infringes on individual rights such as freedom of speech. Free Enterprise is no different than Communism, it is collectivist by nature, and needs to be either kept very tightly in check, or abolished.

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Violence against any living being contributes to the oppression of ALL living beings.

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Fix yourself first before trying to fix the world.

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Facts, Opinions, and Working Together: Facts shall be defined as pieces of knowledge that are either established and scientific in nature (such as gravity, the Earth is round, etc...) and as widely held knowledge that is beyond dispute (i.e. Donald Trump is the 45th President of the United States, $2+2=4$, etc...). Opinions are one's position on something where there is no established fact (i.e. one's position on Abortion, Universal Healthcare, Immigration Policy, Gun Control, etc...). When we disagree with a fact, unless we are presenting evidence that can pass peer-review to support our position we hereby agree that adherence to the truth of the fact is most important and we are personally willing to adopt the fact instead of having a dogmatic-like denial of fact to suit our worldview - we're willing to admit that we were wrong. On matters of opinion, we are certainly entitled to having our own opinion, but we will also acknowledge and treat other people's opinions with respect. We can try and convince others to shift their views to our opinions, but at the same time we must also be open-minded to hearing other people out and shifting our own views on a matter. The mutual goal is to find compromise on common ground, and a rejection of extremism. We get ahead as a society by working together, and not by digging in our heels.

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“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle”

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Mechanics of reality; Ethics; Rights; Trust in politics

Section 1.

Freewill is an illusion. Humans, like all other animals, are biological machines. We are controlled by our desires, and our desires can only be controlled by our other desires. The complexity of the interaction among our desires gives us the illusion that we are in control.

Section 2.

Ethically, the idea of morality—i.e. the idea of abstractly right or wrong actions—is nonsense. All of ethics is a matter of conflicts of interests, and the matter of which actions are ethically acceptable or unacceptable is decided by the interests of the relevant group, based on the sophistication of the desires of their members.

As such, there are four main motives for a society to create ethical standards of acceptable conduct. The most primitive of these is the practical dynamics of reciprocity. The next motive is emotional, specifically the sense of empathy and the experience of commiseration with others. The third motive is also emotional, specifically the sense of community and cooperation with other members of the society. Fourth and last motive is the desire for understanding, including intellectual consistency.

Besides the self-evident ways in which the first three motives function to establish a system of ethics, there is also the less obvious motive of understanding. In order to appease this motive, we create various arguments to explain the relationship of oneself to other persons within our reality. The claim of morality—ultimately supported by nothing but belief—is one example of such an argument. However, the most compelling argument is as follows:

“No conscious life is more or less ‘objectively significant’ than another because no life has any ‘objective significance’. This is because the idea of ‘objective significance’ is nonsense. All significance is subjective. Anyone who acts with the idea that one life is more or less ‘objectively significant’ than another is acting irrationally. But, of course, it is not unreasonable and perfectly normal for persons to have subjective biases regarding certain persons.”

Section 3.

The idea of inherent rights is nonsense; rights can only be granted by one person to another. In other words, a right is granted when a person guarantees to not take action against another when the other person performs a certain action. People might have differing opinions about which specific rights they are willing to grant to others, but we tend to have a general agreement for most practical purposes.

Section 4.

When electing officials to positions entrusted with administrative power in a society, the society is best served by electing people whose desire for intellectual consistency is greater than their subjective biases towards specific persons and self-interests.

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Our primary goal should be the protection of our habitat (aka Earth). Innovation in environmental protection/resource management must be encouraged and funded, and individuals,

groups, governments, and companies held accountable for causing further damage to the environment.

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Abortion of a pregnancy is the right of the pregnancy-carrier until the time when the developing organism is reasonably deemed a person, at which point the organism becomes protected as a member of the human society. One exception to this is when the pregnancy endangers the life or critical health of the pregnancy-carrier, in which case the pregnancy may be ended at a latter time, at the discretion of the pregnancy-carrier. Another exception to this is when the child will be born with medical conditions that significantly adversely affect the child's quality of life, in which case the pregnancy may be ended at a latter time, at the discretion of the parents.

The determination of the personhood of the developing organism is conceptual and speculative, but it can be approximated by the organism's neurological complexity and consequently the ability to generate subjective experience. This task is best achieved through a philosophical and scientific consensus.

The determination of medical conditions that significantly adversely affect the child's quality of life is subjective and relative, and it should be decided through a democratic consensus.

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Exploiting humans or Non-Humans should not be tolerated at all, but particularly Non-Humans because they are the most innocent, and vulnerable!

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Every human has the right to reproduction, unless it is found that they may be harmful to their offspring, including the failure to at least minimally support them (or offset the cost to society for supporting them). However, human society has the right to limit the reproduction of its members, in a fair way, in order to avoid the depletion of scarce resources to prevent inevitable war.

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The criminal justice system should never seek to punish criminals but only to rehabilitate and reeducate them. If the criminals fail at that, the next just step is to banish them from society to a confined but natural location. If the criminals do not accept the banishment and find a way to return, they should be put to death in the least cruel way possible.

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Theory of taxation

In order to realize certain values and goals that we hold in common (or compromise to tolerate) in our society—which, for whatever reason, are not best realized through free participation in a market economy—we give our governing bodies the right to levy certain taxes upon us. These taxes consist of five specific types, and each plays its own economic role in distributing the tax burden efficiently and fairly. The specific amounts of each tax are to be determined as needed to uphold the values and goals of our society. These taxes must be applied consistently to everyone, including for-profit incorporated entities.

- 1) The first tax is on land use/ownership. However, in order to maintain our maximum privacy from government invasion and maximum freedom from government influence in how we use and enjoy the land available for settlement, the tax rates on all areas of land must be identical.
- 2) The second tax is on market transactions. However, in order to maintain our maximum privacy from government invasion and maximum freedom from government influence in the types of transactions that we conduct, the tax rates on all transactions must be identical. The only exception to this tax is non-taxable “value added” transactions. All gifts (including inheritance) of significant size are effectively considered market transactions.
- 3) The third tax is on externalities. These taxes on externalities can be levied on any private behaviors that result in a significant burden to society as a whole, such as: waste production, environmental pollution, self-destructive indulgence (smoking, drinking alcohol, etc.), and potentially human reproduction.
- 4) The fourth tax is on resource extraction. These taxes are levied on natural resources that are available to all of us individually but to which we grant exclusive extraction rights in order to avoid inefficient competition and potential conflict.
- 5) The fifth tax is on imports and exports. The purpose of these taxes are not to limit trade with other countries (i.e. tax jurisdictions) but to compensate for any transactions that are circumventing the regular tax structure.

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The President of the United States should be elected by a majority of the nationwide popular vote, and not via the current "Electoral College" system. This can be either achieved via a constitutional amendment or via state laws awarding Electoral College delegates of said state to the winner of the nationwide popular vote, not the statewide popular vote.

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“Dying is not a crime.”

– Jack Kevorkian

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Be at peace with yourself.

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Go to the jungle and participate in aya ceremony.

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If there is a genocide anywhere on earth, all countries should automatically start a military intervention to stop it.

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The government should have no role in influencing market transactions and should allow all actors to participate freely and equally. Thus, the tax rate for all transactions, if any, should be identical.

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Stem cell research and eventual human germ line modifications have the potential to revolutionize healthcare and longevity for humans. As such, this should be encouraged. The importance of this work and the benefit that it can provide to society far outweighs any religious concerns some may have that this would be humans "playing God". In order to prevent the eventual concern of certain people having "designer babies" and creating an upper and lower genetic class, any advancements made in this area should be made available to all people, regardless of their socio-economic level. As with any other medical technology, individuals shall have the right to reject the use of the technology on themselves if they feel it is not in their best interests, but individuals may not prevent development of these technologies for the greater good of humankind.

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“Students are more important than grades!”

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Planet Earth and Land Ownership; Freedom of Migration and Practical Restrictions

Section 1.

Planet Earth belongs to all of it's inhabitants equally. The only true and natural sense of land ownership beyond that is in owning only the land which you are currently using, which is the space on which you are currently standing – any act to displace a person from that rightful land is fundamentally an act of war. However, for the sake of increasing productivity and raising our quality of life, certain factions, such as humans, can enter into limited and superficial agreements of land ownership, such as in farming or building dwellings. It is assumed that all those who

share our value of a higher standard of living and are capable of understanding such agreements are bound by them. Those who do not share our value, they may forage their proportion of land.

Section 2.

Fundamentally, all humans have the right to migrate around the planet freely. The only right for societies to regulate immigration and emigration is to maintain the stability of local markets, human capital investments, and the fairness of land distribution among societies. No country has the right to ever completely restrict immigration and emigration.

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In order to reduce the impact of our society on the environment and to enhance the stability of both, we must make immediate efforts to switch all civilian infrastructure to renewable sources of energy, such as: solar, wind, tidal, and geothermal. Nuclear energy should also be used when feasible and maximum safety can be ensured.

The primary method of achieving this goal should be through placing additional costs on all pollution, such as a “carbon tax” and a “greenhouse gas tax”.

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In order to have a stable society, we must focus on physical activity. We must ensure our children are physically active and learning productive things. Schools should focus more on physical activity, and awareness should be made about the dangers of inactivity. Children should be placed in physical activities that are meaningful to them... and we should give them the autonomy to participate in recreational activities that they enjoy the most. For example, we can refer to constructs as the LTAD (Long Term Athletic Development) where we start off with making physical activity fun for children. Then as they age, we shall help them in finding physical activities they find more enjoyable, so that they continue to have fun being physically active... as they grow into adulthood and into senior years.