

Cross-Cultural Value Cards<sup>4</sup>—Set 1

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Most people can't be trusted.	There are both evil people and good people in the world and you have to check to find out which are which.	Most people are basically pretty good at heart.
Life is largely determined by external forces, such as God or Fate. A person can't surpass the conditions life has set.	Humans should, in every way, live in complete harmony with nature.	The human challenge is to conquer and control nature. Everything from air conditioning to the "green revolution" has resulted from our having met this challenge.
Humans should learn from history and attempt to emulate the glorious ages of the past.	The present moment is everything. Let's make the most of it. Don't worry about tomorrow, enjoy today.	Planning and goal setting make it possible for humans to accomplish miracles. A little sacrifice today will bring a better tomorrow.
It's not necessary to accomplish great things in life to feel your life has been worthwhile. It's enough just to "be."	Human beings' main purpose for being placed on this earth is for their own inner development.	If people work hard and apply themselves fully, their efforts will be rewarded.
Some people are born to lead others. There are "leaders" and there are "followers" in this world.	Whenever I have a serious problem, I like to get the advice of my family or close friends on how best to solve it.	All people should have equal rights as well as complete control over their own destinies.

Cross-Cultural Value Cards—Set 2

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We need jails and prisons because people have an inclination toward evil. Some people are born criminals.	There will always be people who will extend a helping hand, and there will also be those who will try to chop yours off.	A person should always be considered innocent until proven guilty.
Humans cannot surpass the conditions life has set. What will be will be.	Humans should never do anything to pollute their precious earth.	Humans are nature's greatest accomplishment, and they have rightly been assigned the task of controlling and perfecting nature.
I look back with fondness on the days of my childhood. Those were the happiest days of my life.	Be here now, for tomorrow is uncertain and yesterday is but a memory.	You should plan ahead for the unexpected by putting aside a little money for a "rainy day."
To love is better than to do; to be is better than to have.	It's more important to pay attention to your inner development than to try to get ahead in life.	To achieve anything, you have to at least make an effort. Anything worth having is worth working for.
In times of difficulty, it's best to go to someone who has the power to change the situation and ask for help.	The most satisfying and effective form of decision making is group consensus.	Any society which does not allow individuals to voice their dissent is not a free society.

Cross-Cultural Value Cards—Set 3

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You've got to constantly look out for your own welfare. If you don't look out for yourself, no one else will.	When your children are young, train them in the right ways. Left alone, they can go wrong just as easily as right.	There's always someone who will lend a helping hand when you're in need.
A person made humble by acknowledging her/his own inferiority to the elements is more powerful than one who challenges them.	Each person is but one component of nature and should, at all times, respect the integrity of all other forms of life.	All natural resources were placed on this earth to be at people's disposal.
Who needs day-care centers? Mothers and grandmothers have been taking care of children for thousands of years and doing a fine job.	Live every day as if it were the only day that counts.	Wise people map out their plans for the future; they know what they want to be doing five, ten, and twenty years from now.
People's importance stems from their mere existence and not from any acts they perform.	Do not look outward, but concern yourself only with the world within.	The happy person is the one who never sits still but who is constantly involved in productive activity.
One should follow the requests of one's superiors without questioning their authority.	Luckily, we don't have to stand on our own. We have the group to support and sustain us.	The creative tension which competition provides is healthy and brings out the best in each individual.