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Manifesto

Always listen to that voice inside your head that tells you when something's right - unless it's saying you can't do something. Then tell it to shut up and go do the thing, anyway. Do the thing even when you're afraid. If you really want something, find a way to make it happen - if a way doesn't exist, create one. Decide you will be happy. Make things by hand when you can. Write more than you type. Treat others in a way that makes you worthy of respect. Help others when you can, even when it's inconvenient. Always be kind, especially when it's hard. Act and react in ways that make yourself proud. Remember everyone is human, too. Don't be rude to children, no matter how terrible their parents are. Acknowledge that every person on this planet knows something that you don't know and choose to learn from them. Embrace confusion - become familiar with it, become comfortable with it, explore it to see what you can learn in the midst of it, then grow. Question everything. If you don't like the answer, ask a better question. If you don't want to talk, listen. In a world where deceit is considered insignificant, choose to be brave and tell the truth.