

# Personal Creed

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I, Kwon Ko, declare that I live, think, and act based on the following life principles:

## Meaning

I acknowledge my mortality and find meaning of life not in pursuing goals, but dreams: to identify and solve the most important problems that confer the greatest benefit to humankind. My contributions stem from rigorous reasoning grounded in materialism, pragmatism, and existentialism. I always aim to maximize their impact on the greater good.

## Focus

I hold self-actualization as my highest priority, even over matters required for sustaining my own safety. I devote all my energy and time to this end. I am willing to persevere for it even at the risk of losing everything I have. I am never discouraged by any hardships that I encounter throughout my life. I do not compromise and remain consistent, refusing to be distracted by money, societal honor, fame, popularity, or desire.

## Value

I strive to earn objective respect from future generations by learning, growing, and improving everyday upon who I was yesterday. I take responsibility for my words and actions, and have the courage to forgive, apologize, and forgo when necessary. I actively participate in communities of practice, treating all individuals with dignity, free from bias based on appearance, religion, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or socioeconomic status. I understand people through direct interaction, not through secondhand information. I respect societal norms and systems while evaluating the broader impact of my actions.

*As I learn and grow, I will refine this creed, but my commitment to humanity and love for society will never change.*

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