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• Meaning Maker <u>Relationship to Nature</u> Edition provides a structure for making the most of your relationship to nature

Your personal tool for a "Value Added" experience.

- Organize your thoughts and cultivate purpose every time you think about the planet you inhabit. Great for spiritual development, lifestyle assessment, environmental romanticism. self-reflection, consideration of what is really important, and reminding oneself of the nature of being.
- Carry Meaning Maker with you. Complete periodically while you still have a chance.
- Over time, Meaning Maker Relationship to Nature Edition will provide you with a cohesive concept of your relationship to nature and your environmental awareness.
- Meaning Maker <u>Relationship to Nature</u> Edition is good for establishing consciousness, advocacy, understanding choice, accessing one's impact, connecting with larger forces, becoming green, and giving oneself a kick in the pants or a pat on the back.

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SUSTAINABILITY (ecological balance)

Impact on the environment:

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NATURE (concepts & beliefs)	NATURAL (nature & culture)	ENGAGEMENT (participation)
Nature is: ☐ overrated ☐ weather ☐ bugs	Rate the degree of naturalness: natural 1 2 3 4 5 unnatural	My engagement with nature: ☐ bacon & eggs ☐ taxidermy ☐ I do eco-tours
☐ resources ☐ at the zoo ☐ all living things	monogamy	☐ gardening ☐ is cosmic ☐ I shop organic
□ a human construct □ my relationship to humanity	organ transplants	☐ is spiritual ☐ is indoors ☐ is at a local park
☐ my favorite TV channel ☐ something other than myself ☐ going to outlast man ☐ things outside of culture	national borders	☐ I have pets ☐ my fur coat ☐ is when I eat salad ☐ I cook ☐ I pick up litter ☐ my horoscope
something to control, dominate, exploit, tame	alarm clocks	☐ I sunbathe ☐ I am an animal ☐ squirrels & pigeons
a force beyond human comprehension	space exploration	☐ The Discovery Channel ☐ is with a fly swatter
☐ the environment around human existence	farming	☐ I mow the lawn ☐ is limited by choice
humans' relationship with other living things	abstinence	☐ I wash my car ☐ I never leave the city
other	leadership	□ extreme sports □ is when I'm on vacation □ is sexual □ I car camp, backpack, day hike
What is natural: ☐ comet dust ☐ no artificial ingredients	pharmaceuticals	☐ comes in a can ☐ is not a Republican value
□ eyebrow mites □ milk in glass bottles	eating animals	☐ is when I am naked ☐ I enjoy hunting and fishing
☐ erectile dysfunction ☐ things untouched by humans	self expression	☐ I wear natural colors ☐ I know what soylent green is
☐ hunting and gathering ☐ things that seem right	central air conditioning	I go to state or national parks often
my former hair color the way things are	amniocentesis	☐ I eat animals and animal products
everything past, present, and future	genetically modified foods	involves becoming one with the universeI donate time or money to nature organizations
☐ human lifestyles at any given moment in history☐ other	specialization	☐ I understand tornados, thunder storms, photosynthesis
Human relationships to air, water, fire & earth:	cancer	Things to ponder:
☐ are a gift from God ☐ are prehistoric	pornography	paper or plastic? habit or ritual?
☐ are purely utilitarian ☐ I prefer bottled water	competition	☐ is dirt dirty? ☐ does nature exist beyond earth?
are sensationalistic have spiritual significance	genetic mutations	☐ is my body dirty? ☐ do all living things have rights
used to be important little li	violence depression depression	☐ is sex natural? ☐ is clean water a human right? ☐ how often do my bare feet connect with earth?
☐ are exploitative ☐ have been lost in the electronic age ☐ have been trumped by more important matters	depression	who is responsible for the health of the planet?
Time is:	species extinction	why is the Superfund so small?
☐ linear ☐ circular ☐ mathematical	birth control	
\Box relative \Box 24/7 \Box on my side	hurricanes	IMPACT ON RESOURCES (personal action)
☐ finite ☐ nothing ☐ spatial	mental illness	My lifestyle includes:
□ spiritual □ running out □ emit backwards	cheese	composting a hybrid car waterless toilet
□ a human construct □ not related to nature	obesity	☐ simplicity ☐ home garden ☐ I shop organic ☐ birth control ☐ buy back of carbon credits
☐ happening all at once ☐ I never question human time	aging 🔲 🛄 🛄	□ locally grown produce □ reduced driving speed
Humans impact on nature: ☐ is inconvenient ☐ is increasingly a concern	masturbation	☐ I buy only what I need ☐ energy saving light bulbs
☐ concerns tree huggers ☐ is blown out of proportion	same sex love	☐ Meaning Maker ☐ I plant trees in my community
is an improvement is really out of my hands	religion	☐ re-use of containers ☐ natural, non-toxic pest control
\square will be solved by science \square is a gift to future generations	nakedness	mindfulness practice I buy bulk, not prepackaged food
is God's responsibility is too big for me to comprehend	happiness	□ basic recycling paper, bottles, cans□ e-waste recycling cell phones, computers, TVs
□ strengthens the GNP □ has prompted a lifestyle change	evil passivity	toxic waste recycling batteries, motor oil, chemicals
☐ will soon be a concern ☐ has turned me into an activist ☐ will eventually become nature's impact on humans	Human extinction:	☐ I take public transportation, walk or bike
My impact on nature:	☐ is inevitable ☐ is preventable ☐ is anti-creationism	☐ I talk about sustainability with others
☐ concerns me deeply ☐ I plead the 5th	☐ is evolution ☐ is nature's way ☐ is God's business	☐ I am cautious of what I pour down the drain
☐ I often reflect on this ☐ is a private matter	☐ is intelligent design ☐ will benefit many species	☐ I recognize the resources required for a meat diet
\Box is of little consequence \Box is between me and my asthma	should be a priority is of little consequence	I only heat rooms I am actively usingrescuing insects and bugs from indoor environs
☐ I never think about this ☐ won't end with my death	☐ is part of the plan ☐ has a technological solution ☐ is just another grale	☐ I avoid using paper towels in restrooms
other	☐ will never happen ☐ is just another cycle	□ avoiding lists like this that induce guilt