

# YALE CLASS OF 1965 50TH REUNION SURVEY

Total Responses: 392

## WHO ARE WE?

### Marriage and Family

#### What is your marital status?

Married	329	84.6 %
Separated	3	0.8 %
Divorced	22	5.7 %
Widowed	8	2.1 %
Single	11	2.8 %
Not married but living with partner	16	4.1 %

#### Where do you live?

East	174	44.5 %
South	58	14.8 %
Midwest	37	9.5 %
West	101	25.8 %
Outside the USA	21	5.4 %

#### In what kind of community do you live?

City	138	35.4 %
Suburb	145	37.2 %
Small town	77	19.7 %
Rural area	30	7.7 %

#### What kind of home do you live in?

Single house	301	77.4 %
Multi-family house	6	1.5 %
Townhouse	17	4.4 %
Condo apartment	35	9.0 %
Rental apartment	20	5.1 %
Other	11	1.6 %

#### Do you live for part of the year in a second home?

Yes	135	34.9 %
No	252	65.1 %

#### If Yes, where?

Florida	16	11.8 %
Southeast	9	6.6 %
West	29	21.3 %
New England	39	28.7 %
Abroad	13	9.6 %
Other		

#### What is your current work status?

Fully retired	104	26.7 %
Retired but active in volunteer work	82	21.1 %
Semi-retired but still work part time	98	25.2 %
Work full time	105	27.0 %

**How many children do you have?**

0	42	10.9 %
1	42	10.9 %
2	169	43.8 %
3	88	22.8 %
4	26	6.7 %
5	14	3.6 %
6	2	0.5 %
7	1	0.3 %
8	1	0.3 %
9	1	0.3 %
Total	386	
Average	2.2	

**How many grandchildren do you have?**

0	110	29.2 %
1	35	9.3 %
2	71	18.8 %
3	41	10.9 %
4	46	12.2 %
5	32	8.5 %
6	13	3.4 %
7	11	2.9 %
8	9	2.4 %
9	3	0.8 %
10	2	0.5 %
11	1	0.3 %
12	1	0.3 %
13	1	0.3 %
14	1	0.3 %
Total	377	
Average	2.6	

**Have you lost either a spouse, partner, or child(ren)? (Check all that apply)**

Spouse	34	64.2 %
Partner	4	7.5 %
Child(ren)	20	37.7 %

**At what age did you first marry?**

18	2	0.5 %
19	1	0.3 %
20	4	1.1 %
21	28	7.5 %
22	44	11.8 %
23	44	11.8 %
24	46	12.4 %
25	44	11.8 %
26	35	9.4 %
27	27	7.3 %
28	12	3.2 %

29	18	4.8 %
30	10	2.7 %
31	4	1.1 %
32	10	2.7 %
33	6	1.6 %
34	7	1.9 %
35	8	2.2 %
36	5	1.3 %
37	2	0.5 %
39	3	0.8 %
40	2	0.5 %
41	2	0.5 %
42	2	0.5 %
45	2	0.5 %
48	1	0.3 %
50	1	0.3 %
69	1	0.3 %
70	1	0.3 %
Total	372	
Average	26.4	

**How many times have you been married?**

0	8	2.1 %
1	239	62.9 %
2	109	28.7 %
3	21	5.5 %
4	3	0.8 %
Total	380	
Average	1.4	

**How many times have you been divorced?**

0	215	59.9 %
1	110	30.6 %
2	27	7.5 %
3	7	1.9 %
Total	359	
Average	0.5	

**Career and Finances**

**If not currently retired, when do you plan to retire?**

Within five years	64	33.5 %
Within 5-10 years	36	18.8 %
Probably never	58	30.4 %
Don't know	33	17.3 %

**If retired, do you expect your future income to meet your needs?**

Yes	256	81.8 %
No	9	2.9 %
Not sure	48	15.3 %

**What was your taxable income (W-2 and other) last year?**

Less than \$50,000	31	8.3 %
\$50,000-100,000	75	20.1 %
\$100,000-200,000	117	31.4 %

\$200,000-500,000	90	24.1 %
\$500,000-1,000,000	34	9.1 %
More than \$1,000,000	26	7.0 %

**What is your net worth?**

Less than \$500,000	33	8.9 %
\$500,000-1,000,000	53	14.3 %
\$1,000,000-5,000,000	169	45.6 %
\$5,000,000-10,000,000	59	15.9 %
More than \$10,000,000	57	15.4 %

**How much on average do you give to charity each year as a percentage of your income?**

Less than 1%	52	13.8 %
1-3%	142	37.6 %
3-5%	89	23.5 %
More than 5%	95	25.1 %

**What is (or was) your most recent line of work?**

Finance/Banking	31	8.4 %
Media	13	3.5 %
Medicine	46	12.5 %
Science	5	1.4 %
Teaching	43	11.7 %
Consulting	27	7.4 %
Real Estate	14	3.8 %
Science/Research	13	3.5 %
Law	82	22.3 %
Manufacturing	14	3.8 %
Other		

**Do you serve or have you served on any boards?**

Yes	303	77.9 %
No	86	22.1 %

**If Yes, how many of them were for non-profits?**

0	16	5.3 %
1	66	22.0 %
2	72	24.0 %
3	52	17.3 %
4	37	12.3 %
5	24	8.0 %
6	12	4.0 %
7	4	1.3 %
8	5	1.7 %
10	3	1.0 %
12	2	0.7 %
15	1	0.3 %
18	1	0.3 %
20	3	1.0 %
31	1	0.3 %
50	1	0.3 %
Total	300	
Average	3.3	

**If Yes, how many of them were for corporations or for-profit entities?**

0	157	58.6 %
1	46	17.2 %
2	30	11.2 %
3	14	5.2 %
4	5	1.9 %
5	7	2.6 %
6	2	0.7 %
10	1	0.4 %
12	1	0.4 %
15	2	0.7 %
19	1	0.4 %
50	1	0.4 %
100	1	0.4 %
Total	268	
Average	1.6	

**Have you held any government positions?**

Yes	122	31.4 %
No	267	68.6 %

**If Yes, how many were elected positions?**

0	84	75.7 %
1	19	17.1 %
2	5	4.5 %
3	2	1.8 %
6	1	0.9 %
Total	111	
Average	0.4	

**If Yes, how many were appointed positions?**

0	26	23.2 %
1	47	42.0 %
2	20	17.9 %
3	8	7.1 %
4	6	5.4 %
5	3	2.7 %
6	1	0.9 %
10	1	0.9 %
Total	112	
Average	1.5	

**If Yes, how many were local/state positions?**

0	41	35.3 %
1	41	35.3 %
2	18	15.5 %
3	7	6.0 %
4	4	3.4 %
5	1	0.9 %
6	3	2.6 %
10	1	0.9 %
Total	116	
Average	1.3	

**If Yes, how many were national positions?**

0	60	56.1 %
1	34	31.8 %
2	7	6.5 %
3	3	2.8 %
4	2	1.9 %
5	1	0.9 %
Total	107	
Average	0.7	

**Did you serve in the military?**

Yes	154	39.6 %
No	235	60.4 %

**If in the military, number of years?**

0	1	0.7 %
1	3	2.0 %
2	45	29.8 %
3	29	19.2 %
4	13	8.6 %
5	13	8.6 %
6	32	21.2 %
More than 6	15	10.2 %
Total	151	
Average	5.0	

**How many times in your career were you fired from or did you lose a job?**

0	200	53.3 %
1	100	26.7 %
2	46	12.3 %
3	14	3.7 %
4	6	1.6 %
5	7	1.9 %
6	2	0.5 %
Total	375	
Average	0.8	

**Have you ever started a company (with employees)?**

Yes	134	34.8 %
No	251	65.2 %

**Have you ever worked for yourself for more than a year (without employees)?**

Yes	168	44.0 %
No	214	56.0 %

**Have you ever changed careers?**

Yes	203	53.1 %
No	189	46.9 %

**Will your children have a better standard of living than you?**

Yes	116	33.2 %
No	276	66.8 %

**Relationships and Sex**

**How many close friends do you have?**

Fewer than five	105	27.3 %
5-10	173	45.1 %
10-20	76	19.8 %
More than 20	30	7.8 %

**How many affairs have you had in your life?**

0	173	50.3 %
1	51	14.8 %
2	33	9.6 %
3	26	7.6 %
4	5	1.5 %
5	9	2.6 %
6	7	2.0 %
7	3	0.9 %
8	3	0.9 %
9	2	0.6 %
10	10	2.9 %
More than 10	22	6.3 %
Total	344	
Average	6.6	

**How many women or men have you loved (romantically) in your life?**

0	3	0.9 %
1	81	23.3 %
2	81	23.3 %
3	51	14.7 %
4	39	11.2 %
5	36	10.3 %
6	11	3.2 %
7	5	1.4 %
8	7	2.0 %
9	2	0.6 %
10	10	2.9 %
More than 10	19	5.6 %
Total	348	
Average	5.2	

**What is your sexual orientation?**

Straight	363	94.0 %
Gay	16	4.1 %
Bisexual	7	1.8 %

**On average, how often do you have sex?**

At least once a day	6	1.6 %
3-5 times a week	34	9.2 %
Once a week	90	24.3 %
1-3 times a month	90	24.3 %
Rarely	109	29.4 %
Haven't had sex in years	42	11.3 %

**Pets**

**How many cats have you owned in your life?**

0	124	32.3 %
1	56	14.6 %
2	55	14.3 %
3	35	9.1 %
4	35	9.1 %
5	25	6.5 %
6	18	4.7 %
7	6	1.6 %
8	7	1.8 %
9	2	0.5 %
10	13	3.4 %
More than 10	8	2.3 %
Total	384	
Average	2.8	

**How many dogs have you owned in your life?**

0	63	16.3 %
1	61	15.8 %
2	55	14.2 %
3	59	15.3 %
4	46	11.9 %
5	38	9.8 %
6	21	5.4 %
7	13	3.4 %
8	8	2.1 %
9	5	1.3 %
10	9	2.3 %
More than 10	8	2.1 %
Total	386	
Average	3.4	

**How many other pets have you owned in your life?**

0	229	62.9 %
1	30	8.2 %
2	24	6.6 %
3	26	7.1 %
4	12	3.3 %
5	15	4.1 %
6	5	1.4 %
7	1	0.3 %
8	2	0.5 %
10	6	1.6 %
More than 10	14	4.0 %
Total	364	
Average	2.0	

**HOW'S OUR HEALTH?**

**Your height?**

Under 5'0"	0	0.0 %
5'0" - 5'3"	2	0.5 %
5'4" - 5'6"	15	3.8 %
5'7" - 5'9"	114	29.2 %
5'10" - 6'0"	161	41.3 %

6'1"- 6'3"	88	22.6 %
6'4"- 6'6"	8	2.1 %
Over 6'6"	2	0.5 %

**Weight?**

Under 120 pounds	0	0.0 %
120-140 pounds	13	3.3 %
141-160 pounds	60	15.4 %
161-180 pounds	109	28.0 %
181-200 pounds	106	27.2 %
201-220 pounds	68	17.5 %
221-240 pounds	19	4.9 %
241-260 pounds	11	2.8 %
Over 260 pounds	3	0.8 %

**How do you rate your overall health?**

Excellent	181	46.4 %
Good	178	45.6 %
Fair	25	6.4 %
Poor	6	1.5 %

**Have you had a major illness?**

Yes	161	41.6 %
No	226	58.4 %

**Of what nature? (Check all that apply)**

Cardiac	51	32.5 %
Pulmonary	14	8.9 %
Cancer	75	47.8 %
Orthopedic	23	14.6 %
Other	52	33.1 %

**Have you recovered?**

Yes	117	70.1 %
No	9	5.4 %
Partially	41	24.6 %

**How would you assess your memory?**

Fully retentive	228	58.9 %
Selectively functional	120	31.0 %
Slipping	37	9.6 %
Wha....?	2	0.5 %

**How often do you exercise for at least twenty minutes at a time?**

Daily	110	28.4 %
Several days a week	209	54.0 %
Weekly	38	9.8 %
As infrequently as possible	30	7.8 %

**What are your favorite physical activities? (Check all that apply)**

Walking	295	77.2 %
Biking	125	32.7 %
Jogging	46	12.0 %
Swimming	89	23.3 %

Tennis	59	15.4 %
Golf	80	20.9 %
Sailing	36	9.4 %
Skiing	6	1.6 %
Hiking	7	1.8 %
Gym	6	1.6 %
Gardening	4	1.0 %
Other	133	0.3 %

**How many hours per week do you spend engaged in these activities (cumulatively)?**

Less than 5	141	36.5 %
5-10	174	45.1 %
10-15	56	14.5 %
More than 15	15	3.9 %

**How many hours of sleep do you get on average?**

Less than 6	19	4.9 %
6-7	133	34.2 %
7-8	178	45.8 %
8-9	53	13.6 %
More than 9	6	1.5 %

**Which of the following do you drink regularly? (Check all that apply)**

Beer/wine	298	81.0 %
Liquor/cocktails	122	33.2 %
Don't drink alcohol in any form	47	12.8 %

**What is your alcoholic beverage of choice? (Check all that apply)**

Beer	110	32.6 %
Wine	251	74.5 %
Scotch	54	16.0 %
Bourbon	34	10.1 %
Vodka	32	9.5 %
Gin	37	11.0 %
Rum	7	1.2 %
Other	29	8.7 %

**Are you a former smoker?**

Yes	186	48.3 %
No, never smoked	189	49.1 %
Still smoke	10	2.6 %

**Have you ever smoked pot?**

Yes, back in the day	206	53.8 %
No, never	161	42.0 %
Still do	16	4.2 %

**Have you ever been to an AA or other support-group meeting?**

Yes	41	10.6 %
No	344	89.4 %

**For what type of addiction? (Check all that apply)**

Alcohol	22	55.0 %
Drugs	4	10.0 %

Other	22	55.0 %
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**Have you ever enrolled in EST or some other self-help seminar?**

Yes	42	11.1 %
No	335	88.9 %

**Are you still trying to lose weight?**

Yes	175	46.2 %
No	204	53.8 %

**Have you changed your diet to include more of the following foods? (Check all that apply)**

Organic	153	48.4 %
Low-salt	153	48.4 %
Low-fat	153	48.4 %
Low-cholesterol	142	44.9 %
Low-carbohydrate	98	31.0 %
Local	117	37.0 %

**How many different medications do you take on a daily basis?**

0	35	9.1 %
1	52	13.5 %
2	74	19.3 %
3	68	17.7 %
4	62	16.1 %
5	42	10.9 %
6	15	3.9 %
7	12	3.1 %
8	8	2.1 %
9	1	0.3 %
10	13	3.4 %
11	1	0.3 %
18	1	0.3 %
Total	384	
Average	3.3	

**Are you on a statin?**

Yes	224	58.8 %
No	157	41.2 %

**If so, for how long?**

Less than 1 year	9	3.9 %
1-5 years	85	36.6 %
6-10 years	74	31.9 %
More than 10 years	64	27.6 %

**Can you still get it up?**

You bet	277	74.1 %
No	56	15.0 %
Haven't tried lately	41	11.0 %

**Have you ever used/tried Viagra, Cialis, or other erectile-dysfunction drug?**

Yes	197	52.0 %
No	182	48.0 %

## HOW DO WE SPEND OUR TIME?

### Hours per week spent reading newspapers, magazines, and books?

Less than 5	29	7.5 %
5-10	155	39.9 %
10-15	114	29.4 %
15-20	49	12.6 %
More than 20	41	10.6 %

### Percentage of your reading that is done online?

0	32	8.2 %
1-10	144	37.0 %
10-30	102	26.2 %
30-50	68	17.5 %
More than 50	43	11.1 %

### Percentage of your reading that is done on an e-reader (Kindle, Nook, etc.)?

0	206	53.1 %
1-10	68	17.5 %
10-30	57	14.7 %
30-50	28	7.2 %
More than 50	29	7.5 %

### What three magazines do you read most often?

The New Yorker	110
The Economist	73
Time	42
National Geographic	34
Sports Illustrated	25
Other	25
Smithsonian	17
Atlantic	16
New York Review of Books	15
Scientific American	14
Consumer Reports	12
Business Week	9

### How would you describe your preference in literature? (Check all that apply)

Fiction	247	63.7 %
Non-fiction	314	80.9 %
Essays	74	19.1 %
Articles	185	47.7 %
Poetry	31	8.0 %
Comics	31	8.0 %
Other	21	5.4 %

### What newspapers (if any) do you read regularly? (Check all that apply)

Local newspaper	255	68.9 %
Wall Street Journal	136	36.8 %
New York Times	216	58.4 %
Washington Post	55	14.9 %
USA Today	19	5.1 %
Financial Times	22	5.9 %
Other		

**How much TV do you watch per week?**

None	27	7.0 %
Less than 5 hours	99	25.5 %
5-10 hours	157	40.5 %
10-20 hours	90	23.2 %
More than 20 hours	15	3.9 %

**What are your three favorite TV shows?**

Various Sports	82
News	50
PBS NewsHour	48
Masterpiece Theater	28
Homeland	24
NCIS / NCIS LA	24
The Good Wife	21
Fox News	16
Masterpiece Mystery	16
The Daily Show (Jon Stewart)	13
60 Minutes	12
O'Reilly Factor	12
Mad Men	11
Big Bang Theory	10
Downton Abbey	10
Game of Thrones	10
House of Cards	10
24	9
Law and Order	9
BBC	8
Blue Bloods	8
CBS Sunday Morning	7
CNN	7
Jeopardy	7
Washington Week in Review	6
Other	350

**On average, how many times per month do you attend the following?**

Movies			
0	149	38.0 %	
1-2	179	45.7 %	
2-5	43	11.0 %	
More than 5	6	1.5 %	
Average: 1.8			
Theatre			
0	187	47.7 %	
1-2	139	35.5 %	
2-5	16	4.1 %	
More than 5	2	0.5 %	
Average: 1.5			
Dance			
0	271	69.1 %	
1-2	27	6.9 %	
2-5	4	1.0 %	
More than 5	1	0.3 %	
Average: 1.1			
Concerts			
0	177	45.2 %	
1-2	135	34.4 %	
2-5	21	5.4 %	
More than 5	4	1.0 %	
Average: 1.6			
Lectures			
0	189	48.2 %	
1-2	110	28.1 %	
2-5	16	4.1 %	
More than 5	6	1.5 %	
Average: 1.5			
Sporting events			
0	210	53.6 %	
1-2	92	23.5 %	
2-5	11	2.8 %	
More than 5	5	1.3 %	
Average: 1.4			

### What is your all-time favorite movie?

Other	198
Godfather movies	5
None	5
American Graffiti	3
Gone with the Wind	3
Dr. Zhivago	3
High Noon	2

**How would you describe your taste in music? (Check all that apply)**

Classical	304	78.6 %
Rock/Pop	185	47.8 %
Blues	89	23.0 %
Jazz	134	34.6 %
Country	103	26.6 %
Bluegrass	80	20.7 %
Other	50	12.9 %

**Do you play a musical instrument?**

Yes	105	27.3 %
No	280	72.7 %

**If yes, what instrument? (Check all that apply)**

Piano/keyboard	46	43.0 %
Guitar	33	30.8 %
Drums/percussion	6	5.6 %
Brass instrument	12	11.2 %
Reed instrument	10	9.3 %
Banjo	4	3.7 %
Harmonica	3	2.8 %
Other	22	20.7 %

**Do you sing in a choral or other musical group?**

Yes	33	8.6 %
No	298	78.0 %
I did but no longer	51	13.4 %

**Which of the following spectator sports do you follow regularly? (Check as many as apply)**

NFL Football	207	67.9 %
NCAA Football	135	44.3 %
Baseball	154	50.5 %
NBA Basketball	87	28.5 %
NCAA Basketball	88	28.9 %
NHL Hockey	59	19.3 %
NCAA Hockey	18	5.9 %
Soccer	40	13.1 %
Golf	100	32.8 %
Tennis	89	29.2 %
Thoroughbred racing	15	4.9 %
Boxing	6	2.0 %
Other	43	14.3 %

**What are your favorite hobbies or activities? (Check all that apply)**

Competitive sports (tennis, squash, etc.)	83	21.8 %
Outdoor sports and recreation (hiking, swimming, sailing, biking, camping, etc.)	225	59.1 %
Gardening	122	32.0 %
Chess or other games	32	8.4 %
Reading	305	80.1 %
Music	162	42.5 %
Photography	6	1.6 %
Writing	88	23.1 %
Arts and crafts (painting, pottery, crochet, etc.)	28	7.3 %

Collecting/antiquing	43	11.3 %
Cooking	80	21.0 %
Other	77	20.2 %

**How many books have you written or edited?**

0	236	65.9 %
1	43	12.0 %
2	22	6.1 %
3	11	3.1 %
4	15	4.2 %
5	8	2.2 %
6	2	0.6 %
7	2	0.6 %
8	3	0.8 %
9	2	0.6 %
10	4	1.1 %
More than 10	10	3.0 %
Total	358	
Average	1.8	

**WHAT ARE OUR VALUES, BELIEFS, AND POLITICS?**

**Politics**

**Where would you place yourself on the political spectrum?**

Conservative	78	20.2 %
Moderate	111	28.7 %
Liberal/Progressive	175	45.2 %
Libertarian	6	0.3 %
Tea Party	4	1.0 %
Disengaged	6	1.6 %
Other	9	2.2 %

**For whom did you vote in 2012?**

Obama	243	62.6 %
Romney	126	32.5 %
Didn't vote	15	3.9 %
Other	4	1.3 %

**Compared with your political stance five years ago, how would you describe it currently?**

More liberal	71	18.3 %
More conservative	51	13.1 %
About the same	266	68.6 %

**Who would you LIKE to see win the 2016 Presidential election?**

Joe Biden	7	2.0 %
Jeb Bush	54	15.4 %
Chris Christie	18	5.1 %
Hillary Clinton	166	47.3 %
Ted Cruz	8	2.3 %
Rand Paul	10	2.8 %
Rick Perry	2	0.6 %

Marco Rubio	7	2.0 %
Paul Ryan	10	2.8 %
Elizabeth Warren	20	5.7 %
Mitt Romney	15	2.3 %
Bernie Sanders	4	1.1 %
Other	43	12.2 %

**Who do you THINK will win?**

Jeb Bush	32	9.0 %
Chris Christie	6	1.7 %
Hillary Clinton	268	75.5 %
Rand Paul	7	2.0 %
Marco Rubio	3	0.8 %
Mitt Romney	6	1.1 %
Other	42	12.0 %

**Where do you stand on each of the following issues—do you favor or oppose it?**

Same-sex marriage		
Favor	320	81.6 %
Oppose	56	14.3 %
Average: 1.1		

ObamaCare		
Favor	261	66.6 %
Oppose	119	30.4 %
Average: 1.3		

Legalizing marijuana		
Favor	281	71.7 %
Oppose	97	24.7 %
Average: 1.3		

Mandatory national service		
Favor	229	58.4 %
Oppose	140	35.7 %
Average: 1.4		

Background checks for gun purchases		
Favor	362	92.3 %
Oppose	18	4.6 %
Average: 1.0		

**Religion**

**How important is religion to your life?**

Very important	59	15.5 %
Somewhat important	109	28.6 %
Not important	213	55.9 %

**How sure are you that God exists?**

Very sure	87	22.8 %
Somewhat sure	62	16.3 %
Not at all sure	137	36.0 %
God does not exist	95	24.9 %

**In later life, have you become more or less religious?**

More	72	18.8 %
Less	89	23.2 %
Not much change	222	58.0 %

**How would you describe your views on religion?**

Atheist/Agnostic	145	37.8 %
Deist	29	7.6 %
Orthodox/Fundamentalist	11	2.9 %
Mainstream	118	30.7 %
Existential	21	5.5 %
Humanitarian (eg, Confucianism)	20	5.2 %
Other	40	10.4 %

**Do your religious convictions affect your political views?**

Yes	77	20.1 %
No	241	62.8 %
Sometimes	66	17.2 %

**Do you believe in an afterlife?**

Yes, in heaven	48	12.6 %
Yes, in some kind of afterlife	98	25.7 %
No	235	61.7 %

**HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT YALE TODAY?**

**Have your feelings about Yale changed over the past ten years?**

More positive	55	14.2 %
More negative	51	13.1 %
No real change	282	72.7 %

**If they have changed, what brought about this change?**

- Singing
- Maturing
- Administration brought at least one ROTC unit back to campus
- Realization that other universities are leaving Yale in their dust
- The bungling of the Sears Grant
- The curriculum has become too liberal and there is a complete intolerance for any viewpoints that do not agree with the liberal social environment
- Yale embodies many progressive ideas/attitudes with which I identify.
- Yale is a much more open, tolerant, relevant place than it was back in 1961-1965
- Yale's indifference.
- Bureaucratization. Political correctness. Social democratization of the liberal arts faculty.
- Closeness to Washington political Establishment.
- Close contact with University as a community and a corporation
- Yale has become more liberal and has added more programs that are oriented toward social causes.
- Faculty being far more left-leaning than when I was there in 1961 - 1965, leading to progressive liberalism getting totally out of hand on campuses across America and at Yale.
- No real change, I value Yale highly. One negative is that the Center for Globalization has been a huge lost opportunity.
- Participating on Y'65 List Serve —

Political stances

Money,

That Yale could have conferred a degree on the worst president in history, George W Bush.

Maturity

Co-education, student and faculty diversity, Yale presidents, physical improvements, better relationships with New Haven, community outreach by Yale students and Yale Clubs

Admissions policies favoring athletics. Honorary degrees to the Bushes.

Yale and our class have come to embrace gay people.

Increasing realization of the many benefits of the education and the experience, more generally.

George W Bush and all the Yalies he employed ruining the US, e.g., L Paul Bremmer, John

Ashcroft

Deep sympathy for Yale as it struggles to remain in the top 3 schools in the U.S. I am afraid Yale will slip to number 5 or 6 before too long. I admire Yale's valiant efforts to remain at the top.

Yale's management and the student culture

Growing expansion of Yale outside the US

Have become disillusioned with the far left reputation of faculty and elimination of preference for legacy applicants.

Understanding excessive liberal characteristics of faculty philosophy.

Reunions (negative). Visits (very positive). Meeting students (positive).

George Bush (very negative).

Daughter who works in New Haven; Talking to current Yale Students in New Haven.

Too many brats

Yale's political and economic swerves

Prolonged regime of previous president.

I forgot how mad I was when my daughter was not accepted.

My friendship with Peter Salovey.

Teaching a course there

Review of college materials in the attic.

Recognition of the value of Yale experience and education

I have become the person I expected to become from going to Yale. And I'm loving it

As Yale diversifies I find that I have less and less in common with teachers and students.

I have always admired Yale, felt honored to have attended, and wished I had been a better student.

Awareness of an increasingly liberal and intellectually intolerant climate at Yale and other major universities

I better appreciate the friendships made there.

The repression of thought in academia

Greater awareness of myself and the things that made me who I am.

A project I am involved in

Seeing all the other idiots

Too liberal

More Communication

Unsure about relations with China; cost is out of control.

Admission of women, more pluralistic and admission on the basis of merit not historical family ties.

The large endowment with tenured professors teaching less.

Yale's errors

Yale's lack of diversity of opinion

Diminished value put on other institutions. Yale stands out for good thinking and integrity.

'More negative' is not precisely accurate, but I've grown more concerned about its profile on the national/international scene. Issue-oriented radio and TV shows that I hear and watch will frequently bring in experts, first, from Harvard (yep) and then from a variety of colleges and universities, but, in my experience, rather infrequently from Yale. Why?

Peter Salovey.

Maturity.

Reading about where the school is headed

An elitist institution that does not encourage diverse points of view, like most of higher Ed  
Return of ROTC to campus.  
Offensive political correctness  
Admitting women  
An appreciation for the intellectual habits of inquiry, curiosity, thought, appreciation, etc. acquired at Yale.  
The rigor of the educational experience & quality of faculty & classmates.  
The recent building programs - both in New Haven and in Asia - are a waste of Yale's assets because the future of education will be online, not in more physical structures. Also, the accumulation of assets while increasing the tuition and the decrease in recruitment of those with financial need is a disturbing trend.  
Very positive information available in recent years relating to many of Yale's graduate programs  
Too doctrinaire leftist  
Levin's direction  
Over the years I have grown to appreciate the quality of the education I received at Yale and am impressed by the growth and ongoing change at the University. I have enjoyed the exposure to classmates I did not know on the listserv conversations and learning their views and concerns. I am concerned about Yale's new joint venture campus with China and questions of academic freedom.  
Political correctness and overall leftward-progressive swing; abundance of trivial appearing majors and courses  
Comparing it with other institutions of higher learning.  
Interviewing applicants via ASC  
Spending time on campus, especially in connection with climate change programs; Having Yale accept women (my daughter was able to attend), contact with prominent faculty, like Timothy Snyder; international ratings.  
Interacting with current students and realizing what fine young people they are....certainly several clicks above where I was in 1961-1965.  
Disappointment that my daughter did not get into Yale despite being very well qualified.  
Return of ROTC to Campus  
Continuing appreciation of the advantages a Yale education gave me  
Yale's increasingly left-leaning politics  
All I read about the successes of Yale Graduates  
An unfortunate occurrence involving lack of appropriate communication between the Admissions Office and the Development Office.  
Appreciate the wonderful education and the many interests developed at Yale.  
More familiarity through class activities  
It has become less personal, more corporate  
Distance & perspective  
Liberal administrations, co-education  
Indoctrination of progressives  
Yale has changed. I do not like the fact that competing viewpoints are not reflected, or welcomed, in the faculty and administration.  
Still, I'm loyal to Yale and still active in the Yale singing world  
I loved Yale and still do. I am proud to be a graduate. When I went to college there was no question that it was the best college. However, having been involved in some alumni matters over the years, I believe that for the University the only value of the alumni is how much money they will give.  
Increasingly Liberal ideology there.  
PC attitude  
Undergraduate behavior  
The increasing academic censorship, at Yale and elsewhere, of other than 'politically correct' speech such that there is a serious suppression of exchange of views and opinions which of at all places should be encouraged in academia.  
Alienation  
Yale in china. Students seem to be worshiped rather than educated.

Yale is too rich  
 More interactions with classmates  
 On too many social and political issues Yale seems all too ready to undertake or encourage activity without regard for the consequences.  
 The liberal brainwashing  
 More diverse, meritocratic student body

**How many of your children went to Yale?**

0	267	77.6 %
1	62	18.0 %
2	11	3.2 %
3	4	1.2 %
Total	344	
Average	0.3	

**Would you want a grandchild or great-grandchild to go to Yale?**

Absolutely	155	41.9 %
Probably	162	43.8 %
Probably not	44	11.9 %
No	9	2.4 %

**How much on average do you give to Yale each year?**

\$100 or less	151	40.6 %
\$100-500	112	30.1 %
\$500-1000	37	9.9 %
\$1,000-5,000	54	14.5 %
\$5,000-10,000	11	3.0 %
More than \$10,000	7	1.9 %

**Has your annual giving to Yale increased or decreased over the past 10 years?**

Increased	180	61.0 %
Decreased	115	39.0 %

**Have you ever or are you considering bequeathing or otherwise making a major contribution to Yale?**

Yes	67	17.7 %
No	262	69.3 %
Possibly	49	13.0 %

**IN CONCLUSION...**

**Looking back, which of the following (if any) has been your most satisfying and significant life achievement? (Check all that apply)**

Marriage/partner	297	76.3 %
Children/grandchildren/family	288	74.0 %
Friendships	180	46.3 %
Career/profession	284	73.0 %
Avocation/hobby	93	23.9 %
Spiritual/religious quest	44	11.3 %
Charity/philanthropy/helping others	88	22.6 %
Other	22	5.7 %

**What are your greatest concerns about your—and your family’s— future well-being? (Check all that apply)**

Weakness in the economy	188	50.1 %
Environmental threats to health	196	52.3 %
Personal health issues	121	32.3 %
International terrorism	126	33.6 %
Threat of nuclear war	30	8.0 %
Declining morality in America	83	22.1 %
Declining educational performance in America	180	48.0 %
Other	84	21.3 %

**All things considered, how happy are you?**

Extremely	79	20.4 %
Very	219	56.4 %
Fairly	81	20.9 %
Not very	9	2.3 %
Not at all	0	0.0 %

**Compared with 25 years ago, how has your happiness changed?**

Happier	188	48.7 %
Not as happy	40	10.4 %
About as happy	158	40.9 %

**Have things turned out as you hoped they would in June of 1965?**

Yes	160	41.9 %
No	38	9.9 %
Yes, but...	135	35.3 %
No, but...	49	12.8 %

**Care to explain the “but”?**

I haven't made a fortune — yet!!!

On balance I have had what can only be termed a wonderful life...but...I do reflect on the missed opportunities and the roads not taken, many of which would have taken me in a different direction and to perhaps (who knows?) a better place.

When we graduated, I thought I was monogamous and would be in love with my fiancée forever. After a couple years of marriage I realized that I was intrinsically and profoundly polygynous but trapped in a nominally monogamous society. Thank goodness for open marriage and easy divorce and the relaxing of sexual mores in the 1970s, and what great good fortune that herpes and AIDS did not spoil my sexual adventures.

I still have a lot I want to experience but I hear the ticking of the clock (or do clocks still tick?).

First marriage ended in divorce.

This is further explicated in my essay, but the pathway I expected I'd take was nothing like the one I ended up following. In retrospect, I'm happy that things turned out as they did.

Even better and more fulfilling than ever expected

I really had no idea what life would bring and could never have predicted the life I have had.

Lots of pleasant surprises in addition to unpleasant surprises.

I expected to pursue an academic career as an economic historian in the USA. My academic career evolved into being an applied economist and then a part-time Professor of Business Administration. My unanticipated full time career was in corporate Banking and corporate finance. I expected to marry and settle in the USA. I married a German, and we chose to live in her home town, Bremen, where I obtained an academic appointment.

I never expected to land in Vienna, but my older son convinced me to move there, partly because of my interest in the Austrian School of Economics.

Most of what I learned in economics at Yale and Pennsylvania I had to unlearn in view of the insights of the Austrian School, evolutionary game theory and analytical philosophy of sociality.

In June of 1965 I hadn't a clue what I was hoping for. In retrospect, I see I've been given everything I didn't know then that I wanted.

Actually, better.

Nothing prepares you for life. That would be a very good field of study for Yale and other colleges and universities to consider adding to the curriculum. I got through 50 years and came out the other end feeling pretty good about the experience, but I needed a lot of help along the way.

Some training would have been helpful.

It is not clear what I would have truly hoped for in 1965.

I'm not a captain of industry or advisor to kings and presidents but I've had a varied and satisfying career and family life.

I ended up having a brief career in the 1990's and early 2000's that I hadn't even considered back in 1965 (that of a university professor), something that I enjoyed very much.

As far as the personal, family, professional, active, social (friendships) parts of my life are concerned things have been better than I ever could have dreamed, but in terms of my perception of human nature and the American scene, I have been saddened and disappointed by the ignorance and fear (paranoia) that I see around me. Examples are the warfare and bloodshed all around the world, the paralysis of our politics, and the fact that groups like the John Birch Society were dangling on the fringe in 1965 and are barging into the mainstream now. Yale taught me a feeling of hope in the logical nature of mankind, but that seems farther away than ever and getting farther.

I just took each day as it came. With no striving for success, there is little regret when success is not forthcoming. I have survived, that is enough.

Better

I had very little notion of things 'turning out' in any particular way; only that things would turn out 'alright'. They have.

I thought I'd work for a major corporation and get a gold watch after 30 years. Instead, I had to start my own company and make my own way. Scary, but much more satisfying.

Thought I'd have more power, respect, and money than I generally had.

Greater success in all aspects than I would have hoped for in 1965.

Started out following others' expectations. Over time freed myself of the burden of expectations of the 'typical' Yale Graduate.

My life, aged 8 to 23 was filled with angst! I never dreamed I'd savor such blessings

Nothing turned out as expected. Most aspects turned out better than expected, especially my multiple careers.

June of '65 had no clue what I would do with my life. Was 35 before things got any clearer? Pretty much uphill since (i.e. better).

Could have made some better choices at times

The plutocratic oligarchy that now rules the country has put us all in mortal danger.

I loved teaching full-time, so leaving it reduced my professional enjoyment.

I had no clear plans that June but, perhaps naively, assumed things would turn out fine. They did.

After two marriages and three careers, I found happiness in marriage and had children, two of whom are doing well. My last career, in the Foreign Service, afforded me and the family some great international experiences and financial security, but I did not advance far enough to significantly contribute to U.S. foreign relations.

I never dreamed I would live in Alaska for over 45 years and have a successful and happy life here, blessed by a long marriage and wonderful children and grandchildren, and a second long romance after my wife's death.

I recognize that my life has been good and my accomplishments rewarding, but I'm never satisfied.

I thought life would be good and also interesting but had no idea of the direction I would go or what I would do. It all came by surprise.

I did not think I would ever be divorced and I have been.

Never was as passionate about my work as I thought I might be. Work was something to do to support my family and it was OK. Basically the same answer of most of my friends.

I had lower expectations in 1965.

No

Could be more 'successful'

In 1965, I was enthusiastic about the possibilities for the future. I remain so today. The 'but' is that I never would have seen myself doing many of the things I have done in the last 50 years. That's good, right?

Had no plans in June 1965.

I thought I would find one woman thaT WOULD LAST A LONG TIME

I always wonder about The Road Not Taken...what if I had studied to be an architect instead of law, or went on to be a teacher??

Did not go to the very top in my profession...achieved near top but not the top.

Did not make enough money despite big jobs.

My son had a difficult adolescence but is doing great today.

Would have liked to be a grandparent by now

I was married just before graduation, and expected themarriage tolast, but was divorced ffour years later, and lived alone for the next 20 years, exzcpet for two brief relationships until I met my present partner at age 45 or so.

I expected to become a college professor and author, but became a lawyer instead, a profession with which i have had a shifting and not laways happy relationship. In retrospect, I would have beenhappier as an orthopaedic surgeon.

Marriage and family have turned out better than I would have expected in June 1965, but my career has not been all that I hoped it would be.

Better and differently than I could have imagined.

Finding and co-creating true mutuality and love under the sign of inquiry has been much harder than I could imagine then... even though I already had plenty of intellectual and existential clues

Would have liked my progeny to be happier and more comfortable.

I wish I had had more discipline and will power.

It might take a volume

For myself, yes. Although I wasn't brilliant at Yale, I developed a disciplined mind, well-grounded in lots of things. That, plus my military experience, which made me more practical and humble, have served me well in my career and retirement.

For my country, not so much. Know-nothingism has come to the fore, states' rights notions threaten to overcome a national consciousness, the conventional wisdom is often stupid, interventionist foreign policies have failed and been hugely expensive, 'I've got mine' has weakened the sense of community, the average person is poorer, the youth are increasingly ignorant and disengaged, persistent abuse of the environment could make make the planet virtually uninhabitable, etc.

I did not anticipate divorce or my health problems, but my career has been as I had hoped.

In June 1965 my plans were somewhat vague. I went to law school without a life plan. It seemed a more appealing at the time than medical or business school.

Life has turned out quite different, but I have no regrets.

Hard to predict where one will end up.

Didn't think about it.

In 1965 my goal was to become President of the U.S., but I always realized that was not likely to be achieved.

Who knows...

Well, I knew that I was attracted to men, but I thought that was a sickness, so I got psychoanalysis, etc. Then, I also would call myself a latent heterosexual, with romantic and sexual attraction to women. So, I got married once under false pretenses, I think, but I was in love with my wife and didn't want to leave her even when I finally came out. Then I was fully out for about 20 years with many gay and a few straight affairs and then finally a gay lover who was a wonderful guy, but he died at age 56 of a heart attack. To my surprise, I then fell in love with another woman and we have been together for 24 years. I couldn't have expected any of this.

Achieved less than hoped, but very lucky in health and family

Things have turned out way better than I could have imagined. In June of 1965, I had just flunked out of Yale for the second time, was facing the draft and was in the depths of despair. I had no hope.

I don't think so

Living life is a wonderful teacher. Beware not listening at your peril.

I decided I would rather be happy than a big wheel.

I didn't know what to hope for in the first place back then.

They turned out as well as I had hoped, but I could not have predicted in what way.

Very concerned about the all-to-present lack of civility/respect in public discourse and problem solving that is threatening ability to make critical decisions for future in public policy creating huge economic and environmental risks for next generations——

I had no real expectations in June of 1965 but hoped for a fulfilling life

Looking back, I can see patterns in my life. Living it forward was more of a wild ride.

Corporate life was not what I expected. I didn't/couldn't play the needed political games required.

No, things did not turn out as I hoped because:

I expected, if I were to marry, never to experience a subsequent change in my marital status, but I did; and

I expected to find and follow a clearly defined career path, but I did not.

But...

I managed to get through the end of my first marriage and wind up in, for me, a much better relationship, and maintain strong relationships with my children; and

I happened upon a 30-year long variety of personally satisfying responsibilities, all with a single employer that continued to find value in my contributions.

Didn't anticipate getting divorced

Yes to wanted to live long and in good health, and to contribute to the welfare of others.

No, because I had no idea I would earn a Ph.D., publish academic research, teach college, and work in human services.

The foolish dreams of my youth did not materialize, thank goodness.

Could not foresee how life would turn out.

Could not be sure my relationship would be as great as it has been

Wish I could have had a larger retirement income.

I had hoped that I would make a better income and be retired by now.

Our society is less aimed at equality of opportunity

In June, 1965 I had no idea of my course in life

In June of '65 I no basis for either hopes or expectations

No regrets for me; I've been incredibly fortunate - I focused more on the trip than the destination, and had only a general idea of 'how things would turn out' - but I guess I didn't realize how much our countrymen follow their beliefs instead of reason, science, &/or humanitarianism, especially the last. I guess I'll never understand the mind-set variously labeled as 'conservative', Republican, right-Wing, libertarian, and now tea-party. Too many of our countrymen and women sit in an echo chamber listening to Fox News, etc. and believing it - all.

. . . But differently. I thought it would be good, but career and family both went in unexpected directions.

I would rather not have had cancer and the treatments to beat it.

Life was serendipity!

Many unexpected twists and turns. Mostly good ones. Very good health, plenty of money, good jobs, good energy to help others. No kids, but there have been compensations for that.

I didn't think much about any bigger picture such as 'things' would imply.

I didn't have any specific hope.

I thought I would be a stereotypical Yale graduate (work for NYC corporation maybe, have a career), wanted to work out that way in fact, but I never made it. But I'm happy about that. It's been a little bumpy at times but I realize life has worked out very well for me.

Less accomplished in career. More in personal life. I have been exceptionally lucky. Three times or more in life I or someone close to me missed death by the slightest of margins, mostly due to chance. I appreciate that chance is a far larger part of life than I ever thought.

I didn't 'make it' in the entertainment business, but used my talents fairly successfully in chaplaincy, teaching and ministry.

Did not take career changes into account back then.

Career path not as direct as I had hoped, due to affect of unfavorable business conditions at some employers or sale of business to another company.  
My wife suffers from chronic illness; a granddaughter is severely Downs Syndrome; a daughter-in-law has MS  
I had no sense in '65 that things I vaguely hoped to get around to (marriage and raising a family) would become such central endeavors and most important to me.  
I could have married a buxom blond, gymnastic nymphomaniac who owned a bar on a golf course who loved to have me play golf and drink with my buddies.  
As I hoped they would but not as I could have predicted.  
My divorce was very hard on my children, myself, and my finances.  
I did not capitalize on my European experiences professionally.  
I expected more improvement in race relations and religious tolerance (where is William Sloane Coffin, Jr.?)  
I wish I would have nurtured Yale relationships.  
I took too long to address my alcohol use.  
But somehow my life has been very fulfilling and blessed.  
No  
I've had a very successful and satisfying career as a scientist, but didn't win that Nobel Prize or join the National Academy of Science. But that's OK.  
My life has had some serious downers, but my life now is wonderful.  
I didn't think much about it, so things have turned out quite a bit better  
Did not achieve as much as I hoped to in 1965.  
Never saw myself ending up where I am  
When I graduated I had little understanding of the possibilities and what the choices available would mean in precluding the choice of other options.  
Health issues  
In June of 1965, I had taken a year's leave from Yale, had been drafted and was hopeful that at the conclusion of my military service that I'd be able to return to Yale, graduate, and follow an otherwise normal career pattern. This, in fact, did happen.  
I thought I would be teaching history somewhere, or maybe working for a law firm in New York, but I never met a straight line I couldn't bend.  
Not certain what I hoped for in 1965— things turned out well, but different than anything I considered in 1965 as to career, location and the women in my life.  
Didn't expect as many hurdles and problems; I was pretty naive in '65  
When I graduated I didn't have much of any picture of how I hoped things would turn out, but I think my wife and I have been extremely fortunate in a lot of different ways.  
But, the world is a very big place. Influence is relative.  
I would have liked to have a lasting, involved marriage  
I had high hopes for being successful in the public arena. My biggest successes were in the private sphere.  
I could have heeded my instincts in investing  
Grandchildren would be nice  
My first wife was seriously ill for many years and died young.  
Life's ups and downs... worry more about downs than ups  
My career in university teaching ended with denial of tenure, but I have found some satisfaction in translating from four Romance languages.  
...but it took me 70 years to learn what I should have learned by my 35th year.  
In June of 1965 I was uncertain about how I would achieve an adequate standard of living and get self-satisfaction once my military obligations were completed. I will always question the pathways not taken and ask whether they may have provided more satisfaction to me. Life has been good to me. Too bad you cannot go around again and get it even better!  
I had no idea in 6/65 how my life was going to turn out.  
Financially better off, professionally not as far as I would like  
No Lakeside cottage yet (Lake Winnepesaukee, NH) so we're renting for vacation.

Second Place: Interest rates on Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (7.9%) So Dept. of Education sends gov't 60-80 Billion profit per year extorted from the Middle Class, and the banks get to borrow at 0% + and charge customers 19-22%. The one percent-ers never had it so good. I could not then have predicted how things would turn out

Better than expected

I haven't reached as high a level of achievement as I hoped I would on graduation, but I'm happy with what I did do and have few major disappointments.

I could not have foreseen or even wished for the wonderful things that have happened to me. It turned out far better than I had any hope for. Each day I am amazed and grateful for the wonderful things I have been able to do.

Personally positive. Culturally disappointed.

My work has not been not had as big an impact on others in the field or on society in general as I might have hoped.

My life has turned out about the way I might have expected. I am married to the girl I knew in 1965. I have more money than I ever expected. My career is less successful than I would have expected. I didn't die in Vietnam. I am likely to live longer than I would have thought, married to the same person, with terrific family support.

Much Better!!

Not feeling as safely financially independent as I had hoped.

Thought I'd just go to work in Corporate America and draw a paycheck. Instead it was an exciting ride of discovery and experience - learning about myself and about business, then writing about my views and speaking internationally. Met some great people along the way! (Still am ding this!)

Might have tried some different work paths

I did not enjoy getting fired. No one does. It would have been nice to have had a more successful career, but it might have come at the expense of health or personal life which seem more important now.

Some of the various pathways were not what I anticipated

In June of 1965 I was going to medical school thought I'd have the American dream. I changed my career and never had any kids but made contributions in areas I never really thought about in 1965

Certainly had many unexpected ups and downs in careers and with first wife.

My goals then were very different than they are now. So, while things did not turn out as I had hoped (given my 1965 values and goals), they turned out better than I could have hoped and expected (given my 2014 values and goals).

My life has been great, but I am saddened for the country, and for the world, as America has provided Pax American during our lifetimes. Our chosen 'leaders' seem to be want the country to be less assertive. The population seems increasingly to want to rely on government to get them through. Will we stand for our historic principals and continue or 'exceptionalism'? Will we take responsibility for our actions, for our lives? I coming to believe we won't.

Very different but terrific.

I did not achieve fame

Life happened while I was making other plans.

I graduated in 1966 headed to graduate school and planned to marry the next June. The marriage has worked wonderfully. The academic career was nixed by the economy.

I thought I would be richer.

HAD NO IDEA WHAT I REALLY EXPECTED WHEN YOUNGER

No one can predict the future and things did not all turn out as I had hoped. They have, however, turned out as well as it would be reasonable to expect and I am happy with the way my own personal life has evolved, missteps and sorrows notwithstanding. That is distinct from being happy with the nature of life on the planet in general.

I thought I would be the primary wage earner when I married. Marriage was more than I expected. In addition to being very supportive of me, my wife provided excellent leadership in the raising of our family, and started a business that provided our family with more income. I don't make new friends easily, but she does and helped us have some close couple friends. I feel comfortable, but am disappointed that we are now living in a country that has declined in its world

standing. I do not understand the movement to right wing extremism all over the world but believe that it threatens our long term security.

Feel that I have not made the kind of societal contribution expected given the educational advantages I received.

Planned to be a Doctor, but did not.

Much different - actually better - than I thought because of the difference

## In Search of Lost Time

Below is a Proust-inspired—but 1965 Class Book created—questionnaire. (It is said that Proust administered his version thousands of times throughout his life). Only one rule: You cannot say, “It depends.” Answer only those about which you have a clear opinion. Explain responses if you wish.

### **What one thing would you like to believe or believe in that you do not?**

The 23rd Psalm.

Cannot think of anything

The reliability of doctors.

The goodness of the human spirit

Afterlife

This is just too hard.

An eternal and happy afterlife for all sentient creatures, including animals.

That governance in the USA is getting better not worse.

That the US will recover economic leadership and general prosperity.

That the country would become more conservative

That most politicians put the interests of their constituents first.

God

Christianity

Sustainability of the American ideal of self reliance

Optimism about the future.

A more peaceful world is evolving

That human beings have the capacity to control themselves

Good future for mankind

Evolutionary love, Ageism. The majority of people are motivated by sociality. In contexts of strategic interaction, strong reciprocity and obligations from joint commitments dominate the solution to coordination problems.

God exists

Life after life.

Life will get simpler, sooner or later

Right wingers will come to their senses.

That God actually exists

I would like to believe that God will save us, but I don't think we have that luxury, so we better start saving ourselves.

More confidence that the New Testament stories are really true — that God is truly a Living God.

Stronger faith in God

People's goodwill to people unlike themselves.

An afterlife

Improving our social commitments - equality, concern for less fortunate, women's rights

Afterlife

That our universe has some meaning.

That every major international conflict could be resolved thru nonviolent means.

That people truly care about each other.

Honestly, nothing.  
That politicians serve the public  
I would like to believe that our political leaders will govern wisely.  
The concept that life is always fair.  
Absolute Deity  
An actively involved god  
That humans will ever stop killing one another.  
That goodness is rewarded in our lifetimes  
Racism will eventually end in America  
That reasonable people/politicians will agree on the right/compassionate things to do . . . and will do them.  
That humans will develop the ability to live in peace, or at least nonviolently and with tolerance of their differences.  
That people/societies will find killing and war as an unacceptable policy & means.  
That humanity will improve and indeed survive.  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
I would like to believe that people will act for the good of future generations.  
That my children will always love me  
Civilization's progress  
Heaven  
That I will live to see my great-grandchildren.  
Human potential  
GOOD KARMA  
That our democratic system is working.  
A political system that works  
That I have not wasted my gifts and abilities  
The goodness of people  
GOD/afterlife  
Future will be better  
Humankind is rapidly evolving towards a mutually supportive state  
The integrity of public office holders.  
That the USA is a beacon of hope, fairness, opportunity, and uncorrupt governance  
After life  
The certainty that the United States will maintain values and move forward in a positive manner  
Progress  
Nothing. Belief implies accepting things for which there is no evidence—a bad idea.  
That everything will work out for the best  
An afterlife - it would make death a lot more cheerful to contemplate  
That government can address issues and problems based on the merits rather than political bias.  
Reincarnation so that we can continue to constantly reinvent ourselves  
That love is more dominant than a lust for power in human motivation.  
Goodness of humanity; peace is possible  
Goodness in man  
Goodness of man.  
I would like to believe in the linearity of time, but I absolutely cannot.  
That I do make a difference.  
Finding a cure for cancer in our lifetime  
It would be reassuring to be able to believe that the human condition has improved through history. Materially and technologically, yes, but morally, spiritually, and culturally - not so much!!  
Good guys win  
Progress  
That mankind can get on without wars  
An afterlife.  
The goodness of Mankind  
That capitalism can benefit all citizens  
The center in American politics reasserts itself to provide direction and solutions

Net positive impact of religion  
Fox news  
Functional government  
God  
I'd like to believe that peace is possible, that men are basically good and honorable.  
That politics wasn't all graft. There has to be a better way.  
A guiding cosmic intelligence  
God involved in the here and now.  
That liberal economic, social and political policies can actually improve societal conditions and outcomes.  
Existence of God  
World peace  
That American political system reflects will of the majority of American people.  
Perfectibility of man  
An afterlife  
A successful future for America  
The rationality of man.  
Integrity of politicians  
Competence of world leaders  
That I am well liked.  
Honest politicians  
Our Federal government and our President  
Some politicians are honest  
I would like to have the solace of faith  
The effectiveness of government programs  
The intelligence of the electorate  
That our fellow humans care more about the race than they seem to  
I would like to believe we are the nation our founders contemplated but it is not.  
Politicians' good will  
That people were more just towards others  
Arch-angels  
That our President knows what the fuck he is doing AND that it is the right approach  
That humanity would finally unite in support, care, and love.  
I would like to believe that my kids will enjoy good health and interesting employment paths.  
I believe. In what I do want to believe. 'Like' plays no part in belief.  
There will be greater tolerance in the world.  
GOD  
Character of our politicians  
The American education system (too many fall through the cracks)  
Heaven  
That by education alone we could persuade all humans to leave the Earth a better place at death than they entered at birth.  
Life is fair.  
That the size of Government can be controlled.  
That mankind is genuinely good and good to each other  
That political parties in the US would pass agree and work together for the good of the whole country rather than narrow ideologies  
That our society is just and egalitarian.  
My spirit will live on  
Fair reapportionment  
The existence of god and an after-life  
The essential goodness of humanity  
The goodness of human beings  
True democracy in the United States  
I'd like to believe my wife loved me the way I imagine that my mother did, instead of the way she does - according to her fashion.

That the human race is wise about the future  
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 The ability of our planet to sustain human life for an indefinite time  
 The inherent goodness of mankind  
 There is truly justice and fairness in the world.  
 A benevolent, omnipotent, omnipresent intelligence with ultimate control of the Universe and will save Man from himself.  
 The honesty and efficiency of the US Gov't  
 The essential goodness of human beings.  
 The perfectability of man.  
 Perfectibility of mankind  
 I would like to believe there is an afterlife where I could be reunited with those I love, but I don't believe it.  
 That large corporations approach their markets with the prime purpose of serving their customers well, recognizing that profitability will be a bi-product of that focus.  
 The meek shall inherit the earth.  
 That humans fundamentally are focused on doing good and helping others in addition to their own self interests.  
 That mankind will ever learn t live in peace.  
 That there is a god and an afterlife  
 Absolute certainty of God  
 Myself  
 Gov'ts representation of the costs and benefits of new spending programs  
 That everyone will go to heaven.  
 A positive future for mankind  
 That politicians have the welfare of their constituents in mind.  
 That our political system and government can be truly functional and productive.  
 Nothing comes to mind  
 A positive evolutionary path for humanity  
 That society is not in a state of decline  
 That the country can halt environmental decline  
 There are some moderates left in Congress  
 The integrity of ONE politician  
 People are good  
 That we learn from the lessons of history.  
 My country still retains the values of our founders  
 All things work out for the best  
 World peace in the foreseeable future.  
 That democracy works.  
 Goodness of more people  
 Life everlasting  
 Man is truly capable of achieving world peace.  
 That democracy works  
 Man's inherent goodness  
 The existence of a loving God.  
 Life after death  
 That we could all get along some day, as Rodney King said.  
 That humanity can save itself from ecological disaster, war, and extermination  
 That man is genetically an altruistic being.  
 The inherent goodness of mankind.  
 That the overpopulated human race will not continue to destroy the planet and drive our fellow inhabitants into extinction.  
 Nothing. If I wanted to believe something, I would.  
 That we will fix our societal and environmental problems before they destroy us  
 Our country will be strong again  
 That there is an afterlife and a God

Personal deity

That we will address institutional racism in this country in the near term, same with climate change.

A positive future for Humanity

That the country is going in the right direction to make life better for the next generation.

America is getting better.

The absolute existence of an after life

That I made a difference to someone

### **What one opportunity in your life would you, in retrospect, have pursued?**

Medicine or veterinary medicine

Cannot think of anything

Running a film studio.

Had the opportunity to run a major NYSE company and did not

Engineering or Law

When my father was 97, to have a conversation, I asked him about the ordination of a gay bishop. He thought and replied: 'Son, I just don't think I am going to worry about that now.' I have found that to be very good advice on many fronts.

There was a certain woman I should have married.

Gone to law school.

Typing lessons.

Public service

I changed careers a number of times and was blessed to have family support in whatever opportunities I pursued.

I was offered an opportunity to be a U.S. ambassador to a small country and I did not pursue it

Working in Europe

Being the manager of a ski resort.

A professorship in a small, liberal arts college

Scholarship and teaching

Can't think of any

When I encountered the German Federal Minister of Research and Technology (and later Finance Minister) Hans Matthöfer, he asked me whether I would volunteer to write speeches for him. I declined, stating that it would compromise my political Independence and academic integrity.

More career challenges

Accepting an posting to China

I'd like to have written more than I have.

Full time employment as a musician

MBA

I should have accepted a job offer from a corporate law department

More urban planning in career

An opportunity back in 1967, after getting my MBA, to work on a new TV sports show called 'ABC's Wide World of Sports'.

National Park superintendent

I would like to have been an airline captain.

I've tried my best in writing and music, my twin loves

Gone to New York after college or law school

None

I wish I had accepted my homosexuality earlier than I did.

Becoming a physician.

A tenure-track appointment at the University of Chicago.

None. No regrets for the opportunities I chose over others.

Don't believe I missed any!

To teach theology to undergraduates.

A career change

As a CPA, I would have pursued tax accounting instead of auditing.

Should have married my first love  
Law degree  
Creative writing  
I followed all the opportunities I wanted to.  
Timing is everything. Had I sold my business 6 months sooner or 6 months later, we'd be living in the south of France.  
Learning to speak and write Spanish  
I might have gone into business (including business school), rather than law, because I have a real affinity for it and because I find marketing to be very interesting.  
I would have worked harder to stay in my first career, as a university teacher and researcher. My demonstrated teaching talents would have enabled me to exert more influence in the academic world than in diplomacy, the career I ultimately pursued.  
Opposite: Wish I would not have bought Larry Bird's house in Indiana. Wish I had pursued the chance to walk away from the purchase.  
Medicine  
WRITING NOVELS  
I would have accepted an invitation to join a startup law firm in Palo Alto in 1972.  
To have finished Proust, but maybe there is still time.  
Hobby as career  
Don't Know  
Volunteerism/personal philanthropy  
One monogamous relationship  
Become an architect.  
Joining the military and as a Naval Reserve Officer right after graduation  
Oceanography  
Becoming a priest in the Episcopal Church  
After getting my MA in comparative literature, going to medical school rather than law school.  
Computer programming and systems analysis  
Becoming a naturalist.  
Told me partner I was a virgin the first time I had sex.  
A business I left for another.  
Academic career  
International travel.  
I am happy with the basic choices I made  
Moving to the Southwest after law school.  
Architecture  
Wish I had gone to OCS and served in the Navy prior to doing all the other things I did.  
Start my own business  
Advanced research and teaching and/or museum work in Europe  
Re-engaging with one or two old lovers after my wife died.  
The opportunity to commercialize a discovery we made.  
No real regret  
Fiction writing  
I can't think of any. I am very happy with my career and family.  
Painting  
Life as a Foreign Service officer  
Run for public office  
Publishing my music.  
Board of Trade (futures trading)  
Writing  
Conscientious Objector status  
Started a business.  
A doctorate in my field.  
Accepting a clerkship with a federal judge  
Politics

I wish I had majored in fine art at Yale. Failing that, I wish I had done a graduate degree in art somewhere appropriate. Yale at the time, the mid-60, would have been great.  
 I should have gone to Business School.  
 I changed jobs to jump at each one I wanted; so no regrets  
 I did everything I wanted—now I'm just in the extra innings  
 Following my bliss  
 Follow an academic career  
 Work in Forestry  
 Wish I'd decided to go into the Peace Corps when I had an opportunity.  
 More public service.  
 Teaching/editing  
 Stayed closer to academia  
 I would have chosen a different major.  
 None  
 Purchase of a house or two that I passed up.  
 I don't think I would have made any other career or family choices in retrospect even though I have thought a lot about what a career as an artist would have been like. .  
 I would have pursued living in an area other than where I was brought up.  
 Learning to sail.  
 Music  
 The opportunity to teach modern languages, either in secondary schools or in college.  
 None.  
 Gap year in school  
 Playing the piano  
 Should have spent more time on developing my musicianship.  
 More family time  
 Acceptance of the offer to set up an institutional sales department for the second largest securities firm in the US.  
 Better marital relationship  
 I would have run off to become a cowboy  
 MBA early after Yale  
 More & better clinical research  
 Foreign Service  
 I think I would like to have been a psychologist instead of an attorney. They work one on one in helping people, attorneys and the legal system in general does not.  
 Living overseas  
 Feature film making  
 I would have completed my graduate studies earlier in life.  
 Sailing alone around the world  
 Computer Dating for the Ivy League. Which a group of us wanted to create in 1964, but Sam Chauncey forbade it because he thought we might be violating the Mann Act by promoting interstate sexual activity, thereby ruining our chance to predate Gates, Zuckerberg, et al as technological billionaire dropouts. Should have done it anyway.  
 Getting to know myself much earlier.  
 Writing fiction.  
 Working as assistant to Red Grooms  
 On the smaller scale: not maintaining or improving my proficiency in piano.  
 On a larger scale: not pursuing more forcefully my interest in show business. I received indications from perceptive people that I have or had the talent necessary; but I guess I didn't or don't have the personality or character necessary.  
 Not becoming an Eagle Scout.  
 Government service  
 Not deferring, out of politeness, to another student's desire to have the room I won in a law school lottery.  
 Accepted a government service position when it was offered  
 If not medicine, teaching and coaching.

Graduate study

Being more involved in international ecumenical work

I think I have pursued every opportunity that has been presented to me.

Other career

Traveling more and learning to live in another country as well as learn another language

Opportunity to have traveled and matured prior to graduate school and marriage. Vietnam foreclosed.

Be an art museum director

Communications Engineering, Medical Doctor

Would have taken more leadership courses (vice management).

To have been a traffic engineer

An academic study in the area of environmental science.

Follow up with Don King and taken on Muhammad Ali as a client

Travel at an early age

Government's service

Becoming the CEO of a major non - profit, foundation, or educational institution.

Buying a lot of Apple Computer when it hit 13.

Film making

I am sorry that I did not start composing 'contemporary classical' music earlier in my life.

Additional post graduate training

Learning Chinese and serving in China where I would have had an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Chinese people, their culture, and thus their politics.

Interviewing & videotaping family members while they were still lucid so as to help share their recollections and viewpoints with generations yet unborn.

Musical expertise

A graduate degree.

Starting my own business

Vocal studies from an earlier age. I do study now with a teacher occasionally

Liquidating stock and pursuing Angel investing in parallel with law practice

Playing rugby in England in 1965

Appointed political office

Teaching, probably at the high school/prep school level.

I worked in a refugee camp run by International Rescue Committee in Austria during the summer of freshman year. I was offered a full time job at IRC - an opportunity to do a year or two of service before returning to Yale. I declined the offer. I would have gained much more from Yale if I had accepted.

None. I am generally satisfied with the choices I made.

A career in agriculture or manufacturing creating tangible things.

Been more patient

Community service

A Degree from Yale

I think I have pursued all the opportunities that I found important.

More deeply involved at Yale, both academically and otherwise

Flying for a major airline on international routes

My regrets do not include missed opportunities.

The opportunity to be a better father when my sons were growing up.

Can't really identify anything.

Joining an investment bank in New York.

More investment focus that is my principal skill. I should have focused on that from the very beginning and less on being like my father.

Continue playing musical instrument in college

None; I made the right decisions

Investment bank partnership

1) Going for a graduate degree in Belgium (where I was admitted, but declined because my wife was pregnant)

2) Accepting the invitation of the Yale Alley Cats to join their singing group

3) Accepting the nomination to become President of the Yale Glee Club (instead I became Manager)

4) Interestingly, nothing comes to mind since Yale

Medical School  
 Advanced Degrees  
 Pursue having a very large family  
 Different course of study in college  
 Pursued acting earlier in life.  
 To work toward being a political commentator during my time in journalism.  
 Becoming a physician  
 Baseball TV commentator  
 Starting a company from scratch.  
 I could have made a career in hospitality before it became professionalized. I contemplated (wanted to) buying an inn in New England after business school, but chose instead to go into the family business, and from there into investment banking,  
 Going to law school after Yale  
 Playing on squash teams in prep school and college so I could have learned how to play the game properly.  
 Running a marathon  
 Doing research in Australia  
 Rock Climbing  
 I would have liked to remain in one position, but I was forced to move on by economic need.  
 More boatbuilding.  
 A COUPLE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES; FLYFISHING IN SOUTH AMERICA  
 Perhaps public service rather than private enterprise.  
 Astronaut  
 More sex partners  
 International business  
 I have pursued the ones I wanted.  
 More scholarly pursuits  
 Develop a close, mutually supportive business relationship with my brother.  
 Bought more real estate in NYC when it was relatively cheap  
 A job based in Tahiti  
 Gotten a tutor in science and math at Yale and not bailed out  
 Fluency in more languages  
 I made the right choices. I might have pursued elective politics if I had had a political base (rather than moving several times) and if I had had more self-assurance earlier in my life.  
 Can't think of a fork in the road I could and should have taken but did not.  
 A career in the Marine Corps  
 I wish I had pursued certain avenues of research more energetically  
 I think I've been alert to opportunities and I have few regrets about that.

**What one literary, historical, or other character—fictional or non-fictional—do you most closely identify with? Why?**

Cyrano de Bergerac. A man who put the happiness of others before his own. A man of deep principles.

No one in particular....As a teen, I thought Holden Caulfield (Catcher in the Rye) was cool because he questioned authority and societal conformity.

Nick Carraway — because I know several who have become internationally known and accomplished — and watched their dreams explode in their hands.

Perhaps Newland Archer in 'The Age of Innocence,' only because of his 'lost love,' Ellen Olenska. I had one of those.

Interesting question, but nobody comes to mind. She or he would have to be a free thinker and a champion of science, reason, and secular values.

None.

Ben Carson

Rev. Dr. Bill Coffin: he had his flaws (don't we all!), but he enacted his faith, and he made the world a better place. Would that I can do likewise.

Rick in Casablanca — a pragmatist with a heart and a brain, and a good sense of humor, who was generous with others and didn't ask for special treatment for himself

My older brother- we are almost exact replicas genetically only he went to Harvard

Gandhi. He changed the paradigm of change through non-violence. The end result rarely justifies the method, its all method. Walk your talk.

Edward Hoagland. He has great curiosity, a clear vision, and he writes beautifully.

Pablo Neruda. His politics and the power of his convictions were so impressive.

Ludwig Pursewarden

His sardonic nature.

Lewis & Clark, exploring

Friedrich August von Hayek. He was the most articulate and inspirational defender of classical liberalism in the 20th century. He combined philosophy, economics, sociology, political science, constitutional law to gain understanding of the Evolution of Societies. He upheld ideals of a liberal arts education: enlightenment and emancipation from dogma.

These vary as one ages—right now, I guess it would have to be Prospero.

Thomas Jefferson.

His quest for truth despite regular human dose of uncertainties and hypocrisies.

Full- on love of the humanities that never wained.

Abiding friendships with men and women. His effort to explain his beliefs and values in contexts that did not degrade or challenge others.

Bayard Rustin - A mentor

Can't really make this connection, but perhaps my father or my former Chairman, Richard Hanson.

Abbot Luke Rigby, OSB, of the St. Louis Priory in St. Louis

Extremely successful in developing a Catholic Preparatory School and an Abbey in St. Louis.

Created a broad and strong local family surrounding the school and abbey. Accomplished everything with the greatest level of humility and caring.

Franklin Roosevelt

Alvar Aalto, Finish Architect. I love his work!

Abraham Lincoln. Because of his intelligence, integrity, honesty and belief in the preservation of the Union at all costs.

John Irving. He's manly and absurd.

No one comes to mind

Theodore Dreiser. A great, great artist.

Lincoln - courage, brilliant, and shrewd, end to slavery, won our worst war, Gettysburg and other speeches and writing.

Any one who nearly lost everything, but managed to hang on and win the game - finally.

Gandhi.

He suffered as a young man, learned from it, and then helped others avoid the discrimination and powerlessness he once felt.

He was responsible for historic, momentous events, tho remained humble and nonviolent in the main.

George Orwell - like his views

John Henry Newman. He was a searcher of truth with great powers of communication as a writer and speaker, and a gift for friendship. I am one of thousands of people who converted to the Catholic Church under his influence. He was a forerunner of the Second Vatican Council, and a prophet of the secularization of formerly Christian cultures.

Albert Schweitzer, because he had many very eminently successful careers, as a musician, a writer, a physician, a theologian

Albert Camus' protagonist Doctor in 'The Plague'

Woody Allen. Because we see life in the same humorous way

Abraham Lincoln, huge change

My father, because he was a courageous and charismatic leader of men.

Yossarian. The world is mad.

I am intrigued with Teddy Roosevelt. Though I'm led to believe he was a racist, his legacy is not in racism, but in the creation of the environmentalist agenda of 'some places are not for development.'

Sisyphus - My work with poor people was extremely challenging, but I had to continue to believe that my efforts would somehow succeed in finally giving poor people the tools to succeed in life just as Sisyphus had to hope that he could eventually push that stone over the top of the hill.

Huckleberry Finn, because he really wanted to go down that river.

Alexis de Tocqueville

This scion of the minor aristocracy in France made the most of his privileged legacy by traveling to distant countries at a young age and keenly observing the politics and society of the places he visited. His masterwork, 'Democracy in America,' preserved for posterity some of the most objective, thoughtful, and prophetic analysis of our nation ever written, at a historic juncture (1831) in its development. Tocqueville is a model for people like me in diplomatic and intelligence careers.

—drawing a blank —

C.G. Jung. It's a long-standing love affair.

MY FATHER GOOD OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY DOCTOR

Forrest Gump. I have seen or participated in many important events, and I love chocolate.

Voltaire, because he was tolerant of all and because he was a father of the French Revolution.

Homer Simpson

Beethoven because he wrote good music

Paul Berlin

Bono

Wallace Stephens

Steven Maturin, in the Patrick O'Brian seagoing novels.

Winston Churchill.

He was a flawed man like all of us but the most courageous and talented leader of our century with a profound moral compass...and I loved his wit and use of the English language. He was truly a superman

It's not a person, it's a phrase. The epigraph from Howard's End by E. M. Forster: 'Only Connect'

Herman Hesse's Steppenwolf — because my character (and my life), like his, has so much alternated between being solitary and gregarious

Graham Greene. His writing style is beautiful, his characters are engaged in spiritual crises, and his religious outlook is ultimately optimistic.

Captain John Yossarian - absurd world.

Charles Darwin. An amazing man who looked closely at the world's facts and figured out how we and all life evolved on Earth. I would like to think that I try to establish the facts about any issue I have to deal with and use his scientific approach to figure out how things work and what one should do based upon the facts.

Einstein, as he uncovered basic laws of the Universe

Albert Einstein: he was playful in his views of nature; his intuitions were crystal clear and guided by a sense of simplicity and beauty; his thinking was uncluttered and precise both in areas of science and human behavior.

Probably Bill Coffin, because we come from such similar backgrounds (Andover, Yale, political/religious concerns), and because we both struggled Vis a Vis marriage (two divorces in three tries). Of course, I have none of his public oratorical charisma...

None really but Arab comes to mind as I feel like I fight my demons. His was an externalizer demon. Mine is internalized. Fears worries, etc.

Heimoto von Doederer. Read Die Daemonen.

The Apostle Thomas. I identify with his commitment to provable truth.

Benjamin Franklin. He was bright, ambitious, hard working, and he took chances (leaving Boston for Philadelphia to seek his fortune, arriving, according to legend, with nothing more than a loaf of bread). Franklin embodied a free-thinking attitude that included scientific curiosity. He developed political theory that gave consideration to future generations (borrowing a concept from the

Iroquois), and brought his experience in such matters to the Constitutional Convention—which produced 'a republic, if you can keep it'—still a question today. He also did important work as a diplomat, representing the American colonies in London and Paris—and enjoying himself with the ladies, it is said.

St. Francis of Assisi, because of his humility.

A friend who has built over time a very large and successful business, and who has now essentially contributed the entire enterprise (and 100% of his net worth) to the support of a specific not for profit in a way that will have enormous impact on their capabilities for many years to come.

Emily Dickinson

'He fumbles with your Soul, as players at the Keys, before they drop full Music on.

Stephen Daedalus. He was a searcher.

Tom Payne (Robin Cole) in Der Medicus. His search for medical knowledge was boundless.

Faust

Charles Darwin

President George H. W. Bush. He was a Yale grad, a Navy Officer and spent most of his career in public service. These are goals I followed as best I could.

Ivan Ilyich (Sp?) I think he was torn, as I am, between idealism and realism I mean the Ivan in Brothers Karamazov.

Ghandi

President Carter. Overly analytical and too ambivalent to lead effectively but well intentioned

Jack Layton - he was his brothers' keeper, while remaining loving, hopeful and optimistic

Gordie Howe

Dr. Who (I'm not kidding)

Sir Edwin Lutyens, an Edwardian English architect whose highly innovative use of traditional forms displayed wit and consummate craftsmanship.

Robin Hood

Gilad Atzmon. Great thinker and philosopher.

John Adams — passion for civil liberties

None, I am myself

Jackson Pollock, for his emphasis on spontaneous, subconscious creation. It's an approach to making art that I have found to be appropriate.

Abraham Lincoln. He was an idealist and a master politician with an incredible practical ability to build coalitions to get the right things done—often even when those he brought together could not otherwise agree on most things—This all became evident in Team of Rivals. And besides he is from IL.

Eliot Richardson, because he was the most thoughtful public servant I ever met and was happy to work for in the pursuit of positive change

Holden Caulfield—I never grew up

Walter Cronkite

Journalistic integrity

Tyrone Slothrop (Gravity's Rainbow)

None

Harvey Cushing, creator of the specialty of neurosurgery

B.F. Skinner, not that I aspired to his accomplishments, but because I shared his goal of facilitating better living of others through behavior analysis.

Obama

I like the way he thinks, the way he expresses himself and the values that he reflects. I will probably never fully understand the animosity that he has aroused in a good portion of Americans except as a reflection of racism.

Clovis

William Faulkner—He was keenly observant of his surroundings including the people around him, and had great insight into the motivations of people, the cultural influences on them, and the degree to which they are shaped by circumstances, including historical circumstances, over which they have no control. His mind was a whirling tornado of an effort to understand and write

about these subjects. Reading Absalom Absalom at Yale was an important event in my life, and I do think that I share some of Faulkner's characteristics, albeit in a much more modest way. Polybius. I like the character of the man I see in his Histories. Were it not for the 2150 years separating us I would invite him to dinner.

Thomas Jefferson: Wide range of intellectual interests and accomplishments.

All persons who have developed expertise in several unrelated endeavors. Renaissance men, if you will.

John Muir. Thank you for the national Parks

Nikolai Tesla: brilliant loaner whose ideas made money for others (e.g., George Westinghouse), but failed to generate the life he desired.

Dad

My Dad. He was a hardworking, honest, and caring person who adored family.

Ishmael (Melville's, Not Quinn's nor Abraham's)

Don Quixote. I have always tried to tackle serious problems and issues and found I was jousting with windmills and failure.

Buddha Shakyamuni. His successful quest is the quest I am on.

George Patton who live a moral life with devotion to God and country.

O.E. Parker in Flannery O'Connor's short story 'Parker's back'—because he is so clueless as to his motivations and the consequences of his actions.

Soon. Aloof and scientific.

Basil Faulty in Fawltly Towers - I used to laugh uproariously at him but I recognized that his standards, his attitudes, put him hopelessly out of step with the people around him.

Identify? I don't.

Franz Kafka. As a doctor, sometimes dealing with mindless government or other especially insurance bureaucrats can be like being in one of his novels. On the other hand I enjoy listening to Jimmy Buffett's island music for release.

Thomas Jefferson -because, despite his failings and many inconsistencies, he loved humanity, and friendships, and the pursuit of knowledge, and never tired of doing what he could to advance all three.

Martin Luther. When I read his works it galvanizes my thinking, and resonates powerfully with something deep within me. Not because I remotely approach

His stature in any way.

Ted Turner. He was a very successful sailor and and a successful entrepreneur.

Sherlock Holmes

Radiology is a search for the best answers

Charles Darwin. He was a keen observer, he thought carefully but inventively about how to fit his observations into an integrated theory. In the origin of Species he laid out his arguments very logically, and he changed the world. When I feel dismay that only about half of the US population believes that humans descended from a common ancestor, I try to remember that it has only been 150 years or so since Darwin published the Origin of Species, and it was 400 years before the Catholic church rescinded the excommunication of Galileo and caught up with the world that (mostly) had recognized that the planets orbit the sun

George Washington

He made the utmost of the gifts he was given, remained honorable until the end, and ably led brilliant men who were far better educated

Lincoln. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to the end to do our duty as we understand it.

Thomas Paine...often right, frequently self-destructive

No identification- much admiration

Sancho Panza from Don Quixote

Theodore Roosevelt.

His courage, vision and eloquence touched the lives of all the poor, the wealthy and those in between.

The Little Engine That Could.

I really don't see myself in terms of other people, real or imagined. I'm me, they're them.

Nobody comes to mind.

William O. Douglas

I enjoyed George Smiley who though surrounded on all sides by treachery, back stabbing subterfuge, sabotage, double dealing, competing motives and agendas somehow manages to methodically soldier on despite his disillusion while remaining true to his principles regardless of the personal consequences which are unfortunately usually disastrous. I have often felt like a LeCarre protagonist while trying to understand motivations and negotiate with the various organizations I have worked with during my career.

Saint Francis. Because he gave up a life of wealth and ease to share the suffering of the poor and to reorient the Vatican's focus away from serving the political, social and economic elites toward helping the poor.

The bad brother in Tale of Two Cities who finds redemption on the gallows by trading his life for his good brother and is able to say: 'tis a far better thing that I do now than I have ever done.'

H L Mencken; he saw how ludicrous and self important much of his contemporary society really was. It applies today

None. I am my own individual.

Rumpole of the Bailey (John Mortimer) A sense of humor and professionalism among the vagaries of fate.

Churchill

His ability to function under stress

Literary - Martin Arrowsmith (because he was a loner in search of truth); Isiah Berlin (a great political thinker and writer who had a clear idea about the evils of totalitarianism, especially the Soviet variety, and about liberal democracy, which he defended strongly); George Kennan (a clear realist in foreign and international relations, great writer, very honest).

My grandfather.

He was an accomplished civil engineer (George Washington Bridge's underwater foundations) and a fine, gentle, Quaker gentleman.

It surprises me that there is not one character who fits this bill.

I am my own person and don't particularly seek to emulate anyone. I most closely identify with business leaders such as Lee Iacocca and wish that my work had had a broader impact on more people and a larger community.

Ahab. He pursued life with fury.

Do not closely ID with anyone else.

John Galt

Ronald Reagan - the 'Great Communicator'

Woodrow Call — Lonesome Dove — too serious for his own good

CS Lewis. I resonate with that 95% of his thinking.

The Godfather. The concepts of family, honor, and justice are appealing. Other aspects of the Mafia - not so much.

George Patton-unshakeable commitment to a cause; William Wordsworth-love of nature.

Dickens, he could understand the human character,

Protagonist in John LeCarre's A Perfect Spy.

Thomas Jefferson - a model of achievement on many levels

Ralph Waldo Emerson - because he was so wise, and yet expressed his thoughts in a simple down-to-earth way

Michael Doonesbury

Thomas Jefferson-religious freedom respect for formidable intellect

C.S. Lewis. His attitude towards learning and his interest in life.

Prince Myshkin, from the Idiot by Dostoyevsky.

H. L. Mencken

Thomas More - a man of conviction who overcame his fears

None

Johnny Appleseed.

Giuseppe Verdi.

He followed his own inclinations, did not rely on others for encouragement, and created great musical works of art.

F Scott Fitzgerald - extremely talented but flawed

Harry Truman - down to earth, decisive, authentic, kept his eye on the ball.  
The hero in James THE AMERICAN  
Bugs Bunny. Love his sangfroid.  
I never thought about my identity that way.  
Ishmael. His intense observation of people and things. His journey through powerful forces.  
I don't, for better or worse, I am who I am.  
John Adams  
He had integrity, despite the cost of popularity.  
Nicholson Baker. Curious, quirky, imperfect.  
Not sure  
George W. Bush. I liked to surround myself with intelligent advisers and to make consensus decisions. Some of the decisions did not turn out well.  
Horatio Hornblower  
Great mix of creativity, courage, anxiety, self consciousness  
John Galt it would be nice to save the country from stupid policies  
Barack Obama, William Sloane Coffin, and Walter Rauschenbusch: all brought their faith to bear in the world.  
Lincoln  
FDR  
Leopold Bloom. We're ordinary but curious, caring.

**What one activity do you wish you were better at—or at least would like to give a try?**

Guitar, or sailing.  
Playing my musical instrument  
Surfing!!!  
Wish I were a better golfer  
Golf.  
Playing the piano  
Playing piano  
Golf  
I tried acting, and I was abysmal.  
Memoir writing  
Sailing  
Playing a musical instrument  
Hiking - if I could just get my knees and ankles to have less pain.  
Drawing  
Communicating with my wife  
Music  
Losing weight  
Reasoning about knowledge, uncertainty and a highly interconnected world, i.e. Synthesis of graph theory, evolutionary game theory, and lattice theory in mathematics.  
Golf  
Fly fishing  
I'd like to be more techno-savvy  
Singing ... and not in the shower.  
Tennis  
River kayaking  
Having personal physical confidence and better body shape and strength. I don't fear being put down or outmaneuvered; I am smart enough to handle that. But physically I tend to feel intimidated in a confrontation. Instead of all the rah-rah competitive stuff I would like to have had a course in self-defense and physical fitness that would stand me in good stead all my life.  
Adult athletics. Squash, tennis, etc.  
Speaking French  
I work daily to improve my music playing and my writing.

Golf or any other sport  
Foreign language capability  
Drawing or painting  
Playing guitar & mandolin  
Running  
Swimming  
Musical instrument  
Singing.  
Dancing  
Guitar  
Learning languages (but it's too late now).  
Telling jokes  
Acting  
Singer  
Expressing love  
Sailing  
Creative writing  
Mediation of opposing opinions, though I've done a lot of that.  
Memorizing poetry and important passages from literature and theater productions  
Playing chess — I wish I had started early in life and played the game often enough to develop more skill.  
Music - reading music and playing the piano  
Learning languages  
Biking  
BASEBALL  
Sex - the hot, sweaty kind.  
Conversation  
Gardening, oh I wish that so much.  
Foreign languages  
Acting  
Public speaking  
Pool  
Finding a woman, meeting her, HER  
Math and computers.  
Playing piano  
Playing music  
Music making  
Making (and keeping) friends  
Swimming  
Singing  
Flying  
Marriage  
Nurturing others and self  
Dancing.  
Writing, even though I've been trying since about 18  
Tennis  
Painting. I paint as a deep need.  
Running my own business  
Fiction writing and foreign languages.  
Personal relationships: listening carefully to people simply to enjoy them.  
I wish I had taken more interest in music, learned to play the piano in particular.  
Classical piano  
Caring for my partner.  
Communicating love  
Musical talents  
Jazz piano and woodworking.

Paddle boarding  
Play an instrument  
Playing guitar  
Awareness...emotional and physical, self and context  
Guitar playing.  
Making friends, being more gregarious  
Flying  
Politicking  
Diplomacy  
Like to be a better painter but working on it.  
Languages  
Woodworking  
Romantic relationships.  
Baseball.  
Getting my thoughts on paper as opposed to just being able to speak them. I never seem to capture my words as well on paper.  
Love and friendship  
Trading the stock market  
Music = singing or playing an instrument  
Sailing or golf.  
Flying. Should have taken lessons.  
Teaching  
I wish I could run again!  
Singing  
Mastering more technologies.  
Piano  
Intellectual rigor  
Mixing with strangers  
Making friends.  
Memorization  
Playing a jelly roll piano  
Painting in oils or watercolor.  
Technology.  
Better musician  
Learn to read music.  
Enrolling others in my ideas.  
Personal relationships  
Musical instrument  
Music - piano, guitar, vocal.  
Golf and woodworking; always wished I could play an instrument—guitar mostly  
Political leadership  
Playing musical instrument  
Interpersonal skills  
Martial arts  
I wish I were a better public speaker.  
Playing the harmonica or blues harp  
Great sex  
Bridge  
Computer trouble shooter.  
Playing a musical instrument.  
Aikido  
Computer/Internet design and analysis for my business  
Playing piano  
Playing the piano by ear  
Anything to do with manual dexterity  
Playing the piano or recorder.

Musical instrument. Used to play alto sax— might pick it back up when retire  
Competitive sailing.  
Horseback riding  
Music  
Writing  
Sail boat racing.  
To be friendlier  
Learning another language  
Music (in any form).  
Playing the piano  
Painting  
Mathematics  
Home repairs  
Relationships  
Dancing, foreign languages  
Being present, doing nothing.  
Writing  
Self-promotion  
Foreign languages  
Mastering HDR photography and processing.  
Public speaking but I'm not sure I'm going to try  
Writing something other than political articles and letters.  
Sports  
LEADERSHIP  
Wish I could play piano.  
Sculpting outdoor pieces that float in the wind. I'm working in steel, soft iron and aluminum which don't yet float the way I imagine they can.  
Dancing. I was good at, and focused on, the melody. I would now like to make an effort to also attend to the rhythm.  
Too many things to mention. Many of them would be hobbies/avocational things.  
Play a musical instrument  
Everything!!!  
My speech  
Golf - I used to play as a teen-ager  
Play musical instrument  
One-on-one communication.  
Golf— seems there is a lot of friends enjoy this and I somehow have opted for other things.  
Interpersonal relations.  
Cooking.  
Tennis, but I just need more practice time.  
Running, if my hips would allow it.  
Playing a musical instrument  
Innovative leadership  
Piano - I took lessons when I was young, but then convinced my parents to let me play football instead. I was terrible at it, and later wished I'd stayed with the piano.  
Court tennis  
Playing Clarinet.  
Home building/maintenance  
Dancing  
Being able to make people laugh.  
Flying a plane or spaceship  
Reading - had handicap of mild dyslexia  
Being discerning without being judgemental  
Horse back riding  
Rowing a single shell  
Skiing

Drawing or painting  
Musicianship  
Tennis.  
More discipline in photography  
GOLF  
At this point in life, being a more proficient dog trainer!  
Golf  
Piano  
Speaking French  
Sports  
Art and music  
Basketball  
Motorcycle racing  
Some music instrument  
Playing a musical instrument  
Public speaking, tennis (although I'm okay to good at both). Stand-up comedy.  
Surfing  
Sing or play musical instrument  
Statistical analysis of data

**What one adjective would a close friend NOT use to describe you?**

Zany  
Impolite  
Repressed.  
Disloyal  
Lazy  
Emotional  
Conventional  
Untrustworthy.  
Nasty  
Mean  
Rigid  
Boring  
Brilliant  
Selfish  
Cheap  
Fitting in with the crowd, NORMAL  
Close-minded  
Self-centered  
Garrulous  
Gregarious  
Jocular  
Boisterous  
Effusive  
Outgoing  
Narcissistic  
Profligate  
Extroverted  
Aloof  
Selfish  
Self deprecating  
Introverted  
Dumb  
Envious  
Mellow  
Stingy

Hip  
Two-faced  
Tactfull  
Pessimistic  
Slapdash  
Pessimistic  
Disingenuous  
Always diplomatic!  
Arrogant  
Simple.  
Lazy  
Insincere  
Arrogant  
Liberal  
Greedy  
Opinionated  
Nonpunctual  
Cynical  
Hot-tempered  
Intrusive  
LAZY  
Shallow  
Careless  
Patient  
Unfriendly  
Insincere  
Self-assured  
Gregarious  
Pollyannaish  
HAPPY  
Stupid or silly  
Dull  
Stupid  
Introverted  
Easy-going  
Thin  
Aggressive  
Intense  
Aloof  
Mean  
Reckless.  
Cruel  
Devious  
Intemperate  
Conniving  
Flighty  
Dishonest  
Vague  
Self-confident  
Pious.  
Self centered  
Frivolous  
Bubbly  
Glad-handing  
Unkind  
Well-rounded

Pompous.  
Dominating  
Moody  
Timid  
Unfriendly  
Easy  
Boring.  
Dumb  
Wishy washy  
Ambitious  
Selfish.  
Uninvolved  
Passive  
Shy  
Short  
Proud  
Boring  
Uncaring  
Crazy-wild.  
Dynamic  
Relaxed  
Volatile  
Compassionate  
Conservative  
Dramatic  
Wishy-washy  
Difficult  
Slender  
Quiet  
Timid  
Laid back  
Uncaring  
Gregarious.  
Relaxed.  
Focussed  
Unsympathetic  
Thoughtless  
Relaxed  
Frivolous  
Depressing  
Closed-minded  
Reticent  
Laid Bawk  
Prejudiced  
Cool  
Reticent  
Stingy  
Outgoing  
Punctual  
Disloyal  
Indecisive  
Shy  
Angry  
Wild  
Cruel  
Type A personality

Disingenuous  
Loyal  
Laid-back  
Dishonest  
He's greedy  
Talkative  
Politically correct  
Creative planner  
Humorless  
Extravert  
Quick  
Aggressive  
Cheerful  
Dull  
Aggressive  
Patient  
Organized  
Ebulliant  
Frivolous.  
Ungenerous  
Mellow  
Cynical and ungenerous.  
Penurious  
Indecisive.  
Laid-back  
Greedy  
Impulsive  
Detached  
Passive  
Scatter-brained.  
Conceited  
Happy-go-lucky  
Vulgar  
Impulsive  
Profligate.  
Mercurial  
Flaky  
Uninteresting  
Loyal  
Talkative  
A 'Type A' person  
Deceptive  
Superficial  
Liberal  
Uninterested.  
Extravagant  
Modest  
Inconsiderate  
Routine  
Animated  
Nice  
Disagreeable  
Non-confrontational  
Average  
RESERVED  
I have no idea.

I don't know. You would have to ask.

Dedicated

Untrustworthy

Artsy

Boisterous

Morose

Frivolous, materialistic

Fat

Left-wing

Flakey

Humble

**What one adjective would you use to describe yourself?**

Emotionally whole

Sensitive

Curious.

Organized

Passive

Analytical

Intellectual

Witty.

Curious

Intelligent

Caring

Friendly

Honest

Driven

Persevering

Builder

Grateful

Authentic

Imaginative

Grateful

Reserved

Reliable

Deferential

Quiet

Private

Giving

Responsible

Thoughtful

Helpful

Caring

Good listener

Fair-minded

Self-protective

A pessimist — that is why I am frequently pleasantly surprised and grateful.

Sincere

Organized and rational

Loyal

Glad to be alive

Committed

Old-school

Contented

Optimistic

Trustworthy

Compassionate  
All-around  
Constructive  
Persistent  
Optimistic  
Driven  
Sanguine  
Independent  
Empathetic  
Serious  
Straightforward  
Judgment  
Patriotic  
Puzzled  
Collaborational  
Loving  
Kind  
Reflective  
HARD WORKING  
Inquisitive  
Meticulous  
Impatient  
Loving  
Thoughtful  
Realistic  
Lonely  
Passionate  
Renaissance  
Generous  
Difficult  
Subdued  
Nice as in nice guy  
Fair  
Warm  
Kind  
Smart  
Predictable.  
Struggling  
My Indian name we gave me aster dances with wolves was head in the clouds  
Honest  
Committed  
Dedicated, devoted  
Undeserving  
Serious  
Sincere  
Intense  
Well-rounded  
Loveable  
Bemused.  
Adventuresome when it comes to travel  
Empathetic  
Self-absorbed  
Difficult to take  
Collected.  
Creative  
Happy

Determined  
Deliberate  
Trustworthy  
Frustrated  
Worldly.  
Involved  
Determined  
Outgoing  
Modest  
Trustworthy and honest  
Genuine  
Consistent.  
Honorable  
Fortunate  
Comfortable  
Sentimental  
Accepting/Patient  
Dependable  
Somewhat guarded.  
Well-intentioned  
Careful  
Pro-active  
Stubborn  
High energy.  
Balanced  
Curious  
Confident  
High energy  
Engaged  
Content  
Focused  
Compassionate  
Complex  
Arrogant  
Concerned  
Reliable  
Engaged and Intense  
Generous  
Fighter  
Bemused  
Ironic  
Intellectually inquisitive  
Imaginative  
Earnest  
Accepting  
Flexible  
Determined — when I start something, I finish it.  
Accomplished  
Dedicated  
Complacent.  
Intelligent  
Enthusiastic  
Tolerant  
Constant  
CARING  
Decent

Impatient  
Adventurous  
Doer  
Creative  
Persistent  
Loyal  
Honorable  
Intravert  
Calm  
Obsessive  
Discerning  
Engaging  
Easily distracted  
Lucky  
Stoic  
Introspective.  
Enthusiastic  
Fair  
Humorous  
Tough  
Self-doubting  
Inquisitive  
Happy  
Long-range thinker  
Aloof  
Content  
Thrifty  
Reflective  
Reserved  
Sober  
Developing.  
Optomistic  
Depressive  
Moderate  
Straight-arrow  
Decent (also respectful and considerate)  
Thrifty.  
Ambitious  
Optimistic, resilient, interested, warm  
Steady  
Conservative  
Visionary  
Type A  
Reasonable  
Pessimistic  
Intense  
Charming  
Conservative  
Traditional  
Original  
Objective  
Funny  
Value driven  
Constructive  
Agreeable  
Visually oriented

HONORABLE  
I wouldn't.  
Still alive and grateful  
Dedicated  
Based  
Considerate  
Laidback  
Seeking  
Searching  
Objective  
Dependable  
Neurotic

**It's Saturday afternoon and suddenly you are freed from a previous engagement to do anything you want for the next three hours. What would it be?**

Bike  
Take a long walk in the park  
Exercise, eat and take a nap.  
Read or watch sports  
Spend time with wife.  
Scuba diving in a great dive site  
Catching up on email, which is the medium by which I stay in touch with family, friends, and colleagues.  
Read a book.  
Read or work on a hobby  
Work on [www.slicc.org](http://www.slicc.org)  
Read  
Something to enable me to forget about all the problems in the world for even that brief time: attending a play or orchestral concert or sporting event.  
Catch up on my reading  
Take a long walk through the woods  
Read  
Have a date (make love) with my wife.  
Hiking  
Work in the yard  
Take a walk  
Read philosophy, currently Margaret Gilbert, an analytical philosopher of sociality.  
Play tennis,  
Visit with kids and/or grandkids  
Grab my hikers and drag any available family member up the hills above the river in our town  
Take a walk, get some exercise  
Exercise or read  
Movie, watch sports or go for a walk in the 'forest'.  
Have dinner with my wife.  
Play tennis  
Biking  
Read a good book  
Go flying!  
Put numbers into my computer — see my essay's obsession.  
Fly an airplane  
Anything involving my wife.  
Nap & watching sports on TV  
Bike ride  
Play golf with my wife.  
Go to the symphony.

Reading  
Watch a good sporting event  
Drive and explore the countryside.  
Read, yard work, house repairs - see what I mean!  
Read a good book and take a nap.  
Go kayaking.  
Take a hike/walk and/or read a good book  
Music or a ride in the country.  
Go for a bike ride in the country  
Take a nap  
Go for a walk in the woods  
Go flying  
Walk in the woods.  
See what sports are on TV.  
Continue reading my current book.  
Interact with my wife and some of my favorite friends  
Photography  
Go for a hike in the woods  
Depending on weather, I would go hiking, walking or biking while listening to an audio book.  
Find a good book and read it  
Walk/bike/hike  
**WORK AT THE RANCH**  
Call my parents, my brother and my sister.  
Work out at the YMCA, walk around the college track, watch a thunderstorm from my veranda,  
and write an overdue thank-you note to someone.  
Reading  
Spend the time entirely with my wife  
Attend to other things that need to be done the most  
Drink wine and listen to music  
Go for a run  
Catch up on periodical reading backlog  
Fuck my brains out  
Read a historical novel.  
Reading/sailing  
Fill out this survey  
Listen to opera  
Tinkering with the rigging or electronics on my boat while listening to classical music on the  
stereo  
Go on a hike and bring great trail food.  
Anything with my wife or family  
Walking with my family in a rain forest.  
Run electric trains  
Sail in a small boat  
Read or play golf  
Go for a walk  
Read an interesting book  
Reading.  
Find a good friend and go for a swim together  
Paint  
Play tennis  
Organize  
Go to or play an opera  
Mountain biking.  
I would go to a popular nearby bar, have a couple of beers, and see if I could meet some new  
people.  
Play golf with my wife

Read a book and watch sports on television  
Work in the garden  
Walk the puppy  
Tennis or woodworking.  
Write fiction  
Tinker with hi-tech gadgets  
Read something  
Garden.  
Sail on the ocean  
Golf  
Go outside for a solitary stroll or ski  
Watch golf tournament or the Yankees on TV  
Photography  
By the pool  
Walk with our dogs  
Go skiing  
Read, go for a walk  
Biking in Vermont  
Go cross country skiing  
The next thing on the list.  
Take a hike or read a good book.  
Do something outdoors  
Weather permitting, I would get outside to get physical activity, biking, skiing, walking whatever—  
—  
A nap  
Read a good book  
Take a long nap  
Golf  
An afternoon delight with my beautiful wife.  
Watch a sporting event  
Go boating  
Ride my bicycle  
Go online or take a bike ride.  
Read or go to the gym or both  
Catching up on overdue work  
Finish meeting unmet obligations  
Read a book  
Sex, kayaking, a walk, sitting in the sun reading, in that order  
Probably spending time in my shop creating something that was original and pleasing to me.  
College football (but there would be no previous engagement)  
Photograph the outdoors, historical sites, and railroad sights.  
Entertain friends at home  
Play bridge or play tennis  
Read the newspaper.  
Compose music  
Read a book  
Take a nap  
Make love to my wife  
Hike, read  
Draw a picture.  
Woodworking.  
Play my clarinet and saxophone  
Do a survey for Yale 50th (not!) or have sex with my wife!  
Head to the garden  
Watch the game  
Play golf

Ski or bike  
Practice golf, handyman stuff, read.  
Go sailing  
Catch up on unfinished promises, or go for a long bike ride  
Take a long walk weather permitting  
Catch up on yard work if nice weather, otherwise, catch upon reading  
Writing  
Take a long walk with my wife and dogs.  
Listen to Nick Spitzer's NPR program 'American Routes'  
See a movie  
Dinner and a movie.  
Go for a bike ride  
Read to learn something of value  
Sit on the stoop and paint a watercolor  
Attend a Broadway show, or an opera, or a ballet.  
Read or snooze [one usually follows the other].  
Walk in the woods  
Read a novel  
Walking/biking outside  
Work outdoors in the garden or go to a movie with my wife.  
Take a walk with a good friend.  
Go fishing!  
Tend to the garden; or if adverse outside, pick up a favorite book and reread a portion of it.  
Hit golf balls.  
Read and converse with some of the grandkids  
Exercise  
Read  
Make love with my wife (one hour each)  
Go for a sail.  
Spend time with the grandchildren  
Watch a movie  
Long walk.  
I pursue my writing project, or carry my bag for 9 holes of golf  
Dinner and good movie with wife and family.  
Go for a walk  
Read a good book.  
Plan a trip  
Go hiking or biking along a trail through a natural area  
Read history or anthropology  
Play with cars (possibly wife)  
Join wife in a walk, kayaking, or other activity  
Work out  
Take Margot to a delightful musical  
Work on my current projects - research for the County Climate Action Plan and fixing up my son's old house.  
Browse in a bookstore, with a cup of coffee.  
Write music  
Messing around with boats  
Play guitar  
Either return to sorting out and throwing out the accumulated 'junk' Jill and I have acquired over the years, or picking up a good history book.  
Quoting John Muir, I'd like to get outdoors 'anywhere wild.'  
Launch a kayak and fly fish, weather permitting  
Hike or work outside.  
Drive to the mountains  
Attend an opera

Depends on the time of year. It would probably be something outdoors.  
 Listen or watch a bel canto opera without interruption.  
 Read non fiction  
 Visit an art exhibit.  
 Go for a run or a hike with my sweetheart.  
 Go for a long nature walk with my wife.  
 Take a nap!  
 Read; go walking  
 Home improvement or TV  
 If summer, take a walk  
 If winter, read, go to a movie or exercise  
 Read great newspaper  
 Take a bike ride  
 I'd visit a golf driving range to work on recovering my swing.  
 Hike  
 Go for a walk up a mountain  
 Ride a bike  
 Take a bike ride.  
 Walk on the beach  
 Lie in bed  
 Attend a concert  
 Work in my shop.  
 Go fly-fishng.  
 Tennis.  
 Read a novel or magazine article in the shade by the pool  
 Make love with my wife  
 Sit or walk on a beach.  
 If its' a warm time of year, go down to the beach or out on the boat.  
 If it's a cold time of year, go to the movies  
 Take a nap, work in the yard  
 Sit and read - then take a nap.  
 Read or have sex  
 Opera  
 Farming and cooking  
 Call some friends that I hadn't spoken with in awhile  
 Going to the beach or the mountain  
 Work in the yard  
 Sail, ski or play tennis, depending on weather  
 Make love with my partner  
 Living in New York City, I would go sightseeing through one of New York's neighborhoods (e.g. Chinatown, No-Ho, and Little Italy), walk in Central Park with the dogs, go to a museum, and browse through books in Barnes & Noble.  
 Catch up on old New Yorkers  
 Going back to doing whichever of the six things that I was previously trying to do then seemed to be the most important or most interesting - or, more probably, whichever of them I saw or thought of first  
 Take a hike  
 Walk outdoors  
 Cycle down to the bay and paddleboard, then have a Cappucino before cycling home.  
 My next to-do item.  
 Cycling  
**BIRD SHOOTING**  
 It's not Saturday so I can't say yet  
 Have sex with my wife  
 Take a hike in the mountains

Doing something with my wife. This would include sex, driving to someplace we have talked about, or trying to get together with children/grand-children.  
Work on my latest project in the garage.  
Curl up with a good thriller novel  
Riding one of my motorcycles  
Read a good non-fiction book or watch similar PBS type show  
Take a hike  
Read non-fiction  
Build furniture in my shop  
Bike Ride  
18 holes of golf  
Take a nap.  
Hike or fish  
Watch football or read

**You are waiting in a doctor's office. You see six magazines on the table next to you—National Geographic, The Economist, Sports Illustrated, The New Yorker, People, and a magazine on your favorite avocation or interest (e.g., Wine Spectator for wine lovers). Which do you pick up first?**

National Geographic  
The New Yorker  
People, because i don't subscribe and that's the only place I'd see it. Also because I won't be in the middle of an interesting article when the nurse calls my name.  
Tennis  
The Economist  
Golf Magazine.  
Economist  
New Yorker  
People  
Sports Illustrated  
National Geographic (because it would take so little time to finish, and I would hope not have to wait long)  
National geographic  
The Economist, though I think it is mostly trash. I am curious about the latest propaganda they publish. As a child, my choice would have been the National Geographic, which we subscribed to at home.  
Any travel magazine  
The New Yorker if I haven't read it already  
Sport Illustrated  
New Yorker or Economist, whichever issue I have not read.  
National Geographic.  
People  
The one to which I don't subscribe.  
Wine Advocate  
People because I would never read it any other place than my doctor's office.  
People, because I have no fucking idea who these people are.  
People Magazine  
Atlantic, Economist, New Yorker  
Wine Spectator  
Avocation  
National geographic  
Nat. Geo. I collect them for my daughters - have two collections - 1906 to the present - complete!  
Favorite avocation or interest  
Scuba Diving Magazine  
Golf Digest

Flying Magazine  
 Sports Illustrated. I subscribe to all but People, so I've probably already read them.  
 A magazine on my favorite interest - hedonism  
 Favorite avocation  
 FAVORITE AVOCATION  
 'Sports Illustrated,' because I used to subscribe and still know (Yale-educated) writers there.  
 All about Beer  
 Avocation, interest - The Sun  
 New Yorker. Simply amazing reading of all kinds. Then the Economist, but it takes too long to get through.  
 Nat Geo  
 I am not very interested in these magazines, but if I had to pick one it would be Sports Illustrated.  
 New Yorker  
 Wine Spectator  
 Magazine on my favorite avocation.  
 iPhone and read a book  
 The Economist.  
 The New Yorker  
 Favorite activity.  
 Sailing Magazine  
 SI  
 National Geographic  
 Specialty magazine  
 The New Yorker (I've actually taken this test, so I know). I'd also be attracted to the National Geographic and Star and Telescope, if they had it.  
 I will read a book I carry with me for that purpose.  
 Auto magazines.  
 Sports Illustrated, I get National Geographic delivered  
 Favorite avocation  
 The New Yorker-good writing and great cartoons, what's not to like.  
 The Economist unless already read that week. Then Sports Illustrated.  
 New Yorker for the cartoons  
 The New Yorker  
 National Geographic. I get The New Yorker at home.  
 That mag about my favorite interest.  
 National Geographic, since I already subscribe to the Economist  
 Magazine on Woodworking or Home design  
 The New Yorker WTF?  
 Economist, if I have not read the latest one  
 National G  
 The New Yorker  
 New Yorker.  
 Economist  
 Golf Magazine  
 New Yorker  
 Audio Video Magazine  
 The economist  
 New Yorker for the cartoons, then National Geographic  
 Probably the Economist, which I rarely look at.  
 Avocation  
 Magazine on my favorite interest  
 The Economist...I only read it in doctors' offices.  
 Smithsonian  
 National Geographic, but Sports Illustrated and the Economist are close seconds. I chose National Geographic because I enjoy the beauty of the earth and the stories of other cultures that often appear in National Geographic.

The New Yorker (I love it but almost never see it).  
Saltwater Sportsman  
The magazine on my favorite hobby: white water canoeing.  
New Yorker, if I haven't already read it.  
New Yorker. See what liberals are interested in these days. Great articles.  
I would pick up The Economist, but I would wish I had picked up Sports Illustrated  
The one that has an article that addresses an issue with which I am not familiar (but not a Pop Culture issue.)  
Food magazine  
NEW YORKER  
The one on top, unless it's People magazine.  
The New Yorker  
Outdoor Magazine.  
The Economist, because I don't subscribe to it.  
The New Yorker.  
People...it's mindless and I've likely got only 10 minutes or so to flip through it until I'll be called in to see the doctor.  
The Economist  
After scanning the topics listed on the spine of the National Geographic magazine, I'd pick up the Economist first.  
Avocational magazine  
National Geo  
Military history  
Woodturning magazine.  
Either The Economist or the New Yorker.  
National Geographic or Economics  
Favorite interest  
Avocation or interest  
A travel magazine - to see what I'm missing!  
Architectural Digest  
Sports Illustrated  
National Geographic or the Economist  
Cooking  
People (I'll admit, because it is a simple challenge to see who I even recognize))  
Maybe Sports Illustrated which I never see. But most likely the Economist  
Probably the avocational magazine, because magazines in a doctor's office are usually old ones, and I would probably have already read all of the ones on your list (everything but People) that I usually read  
Economist. (Because I have read the New Yorker at home.)  
The one about my favorite avocation(s)  
New Yorker cartoons  
Sports Illustrated though I only have a subscription to The Economist

**If heaven exists, and you are fortunate enough to make it there, what would you like to hear God say to you when you arrive?**

Good news, dude, I accept atheists.  
Welcome  
You never stopped trying!  
Glad to have you the golf course is that way  
You have been a good person.  
Servant, well done  
I would like the putative divinity to explain all the mysteries of the universe: why is there something rather than nothing, and why is everything at every level of organization, from the subatomic to the human ecosystem, the way it is?  
Welcome.

Welcome!  
 Welcome  
 Heaven exists, though I don't believe it's in the form most people believe. I'd like for God to say,  
 'Welcome. You've been a good and faithful servant who tried to make a difference, and the  
 planet's a better place for your having inhabited it.'  
 'Not too bad'  
 I can see that you tried but that's the only reason you got here  
 Left things a bit better for your presence  
 You were right to not believe that I exist  
 Good job at learning the lessons in this life. Now, for your next lifetime.....  
 I like the way you tried to treat other people.  
 Surprise!  
 In spite of everything, your Soul is higher than you ever imagined.  
 You cared a lot about others.  
 Been expecting you.  
 You left my place better than you found it  
 You've done pretty well, for a human.  
 Glad to have you with us.  
 Thank you for your life on earth.  
 Let's rock!  
 What took you so long?  
 Be Happy  
 'Your life was well lived!'  
 Welcome home, my son.  
 Welcome home, servant — now you know for sure it's/I'm real.  
 There aren't many Yalies here, and even fewer Harvard men; the women have yet to arrive. Nice  
 to see you....  
 Well done good and faithful servant  
 Oh, you again!  
 Welcome, Michael, a good and faithful servant  
 Good job, Dad  
 That I had done a decent job with my turn on earth.  
 You did okay.  
 Glad you got your shit together and made it in the door.  
 You loved and touched many lives in a positive way.  
 You helped others  
 Get to work . . . I need your help . . .  
 Where can I find Ava Gardner?  
 I will stop all the killing  
 Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.  
 Nice job!  
 Glad you could be here! Got a job for you.  
 'Your room is ready'  
 Nicely done!  
 You have been kind to other people  
 WELCOME!  
 What the hell are you doing here?  
 Welcome, you lived a good life!  
 'You are forgiven.'  
 You tried to be good.  
 You still have free will.  
 You practiced what I am all about and that is Love.  
 How did you know that, if you lived your life with integrity and accomplished things that helped the  
 world, or the people or creatures in it, I would not turn you away from heaven, even though you  
 did not believe in me?  
 'Well done, good and faithful servant. I forgive your sins.'

Welcome, and well done  
'Surprise!'  
Well done.  
YOU HELPED A LOT OF KIDS  
Welcome. Just leave your disbelief behind.  
'Welcome! Believe it or not, we can use good editors up here, too!'  
I am not disappointed  
What would have satisfied you as evident proof?  
Hi John, I've heard good things about you.  
We welcome you.  
You made it!  
you are authentic, have integrity, I am sorry you were lonely and could not find a mate, you were a good friend to have, you keep your word, you painted some beautiful paintings  
Welcome Kingsley, I've been expecting you. All is forgiven, and I am restoring your 21-year old body to you but you can keep the experience and knowledge you gained during your life.  
Welcome, Bill, there are no Republicans in Heaven  
Welcome—you did your best  
Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, you are likely to find many complex, interesting and worthwhile people her, if only you take the trouble to get to know them.  
You fought the good fight, you ran the course.  
Now you can know anything.  
See, I told you I was real.  
I'm sorry.  
You were wrong. Welcome  
'Well done, good and faithful servant.'  
Your pitiful efforts to act lovingly during your lifetime will be rewarded with new experiences of continuing true love  
Your progeny will be ok  
Thanks for trying  
I love you.  
Come in! What are you drinkin'?  
You are loved for eternity  
That I tried to do the right thing  
You nurtured a family of individuals better than you.  
Surprised?  
You made a strong effort to save the environment  
Glad to see you. We need a pianist for our Latin jazz group.  
You worked hard, you were fair, you did not tolerate 'bull shit', and you were a good problem solver  
Hello, how are you?  
Well done  
Who knew?  
'I will remember everything.'  
Good job  
Continue to help others  
Nice try  
Welcome, friend  
'Your Mom and Dad and brother are over there. They've been waiting for you.'  
Please excuse the inconvenience . . . (read Hitchhiker's Guide)  
Welcome aboard!  
You tee off in ten minutes  
Ok, you have lived enough lives, now you can stop.  
Your family and friends are here waiting for you  
You were right!  
You're forgiven  
Heaven does not exist, it is brainwashing from childhood

Welcome aboard! Make yourself at home.  
You got it.  
I contributed to making a better family, children with a heart to give back and not just take, and a little better world for all.  
Good effort but I know you could have done more  
You were basically a good person  
Hello  
How was the trip?  
Welcome. You've lived a good life  
Everyone you love is here  
You've been a good guy in your life on earth, and you've cared about others.  
I like the way your kids turned out.  
Walk right in, sit right down, and have a beer!  
You did a great job  
All is forgiven; you have tried to be a good person.  
Hope you enjoy your stay!  
Please forgive my many faults  
Ah, another secular humanist, welcome.  
I'll keep watching out for your children and grandchildren. You've done all you can.  
WTF?  
We've been waiting for you for a long time —  
You are a good man.  
We told you so.  
You will now have an opportunity to apologize to all those you have wronged.  
'What would you like to know?'  
It's about time!  
Look, he is still alive  
When I asked who will go for us? You answered 'Send me' and you did.  
Are you prepared to stay?  
Servant, well done.  
Well done, you didn't betray your standards  
You lived a productive and balanced life  
Good job!  
Welcome. We've been expecting you.  
Welcome home — all your dogs are here!  
Hi Welcome  
Welcome and enjoy!  
You can have the penthouse  
Finally, we can get some things done around here!  
We've got a job for you  
Welcome; you have led a good life.  
I was a good man and lived a good and virtuous life.  
Well done, take a break  
Welcome 'Home', you have lived a meaningful, caring life and your parents and dogs are waiting to see you.  
What's your password? Just kidding!  
Even though you believe I don't exist, I do and I welcome you to heaven.  
'You did OK, if not as good as you could have.'  
Let's have a beer together.  
Hello  
'Welcome!'  
The fitness center is right over there.  
You were a kind and thoughtful person. You helped many thousands of people through your practice of medicine.  
Congratulations, you lived a good life. Things will get even better going forward.  
Good to see you

Welcome to Heaven, you didn't make it here on your own, but your here because I love you.  
'Your sons will be happy all of their lives.'  
Welcome home  
Anything indicating that I still have an identity and a future.  
I put up many obstacles but you persevered!  
Well done, good and faithful servant.  
Surprise! I do exist.  
You were compassionate  
You earned it.....  
You cared about your fellow mankind  
You're lucky, sucker (for a non-believer).  
Thank god you're here....I've got some important things I'd like you to do...  
Surprise.  
What are you doing here?  
You did everything I wanted you to do even though you did not believe I existed.  
Surprise  
Your mother and father and friends who are already here have been waiting to greet you.  
Thanks for not giving up...and continuing to try to hep  
Good try  
Welcome, join us.  
If heaven exists, God doesn't make conversation - maybe the angels sing Bach...  
Nice try.  
Have a nice day.  
Hey, Bro, who let you in?  
Your folks are in the next room and we are holding reservations for the rest of your family as well.  
You always remembered, and tried to help, the little guy.  
You can finally rest in the knowledge that you did your best with what you have been given.  
Is that really you?  
Thank you for a life well lived.  
Welcome, you will see your departed family members soon  
See, I do exist despite your atheism.  
Welcome Home!  
No shit, who-da thunk it?!  
'Your best is good enough'.  
Well done my good and faithful servant  
Job well done, great job and giving love and support to my kids and my friends.  
We've been waiting for you. Now get to work!  
Don't worry... it's not as boring as you think.  
There were times I wasn't sure I would see you here, but you are warmly welcome.  
Congratulations!  
Welcome, John! You will enjoy it here.  
Welcome, and thanks for your contributions on Earth  
You did well!  
At least your intentions were always good  
'As I told you before, I went to prepare a place for you, so that where I was, you could be there also.'  
See, I really do exist.  
You were a good man even though you didn't believe in me.  
I'm glad you're finally here  
Welcome. You did a good job for me.  
I exist after all  
Welcome aboard  
Sinners are welcome!  
Can't really respond to this question-too many hypotheticals...  
Let's party!  
Why are you here?

Come see your family!  
'I've been waiting for you ever since 2065.'  
Welcome, your friends and family have been waiting for you for a long time.  
It's okay that you don't believe I exist.  
It's forever  
Welcome and congratulations on qualifying for Heaven. You can find you're lost SO at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (followed by directions on how to get there).  
Well done my good and faithful servant  
You are forgiven  
I know you tried  
Thank you for living your life for the most part in an exemplary manner  
Come meet your parents  
Hi - I fooled you!  
Congratulations, you have earned it.  
You contributed to the happiness of those around you.  
Welcome. I wasn't so sure you would make it.  
You were a loving, Helpful, constructive person who thought of others, almost more than yourself.  
I have no idea  
Silly question  
You lived a moral life  
'Welcome dude, let me show you around the Universe!'  
No need for Viagra here.....and how many virgins was that?  
Hello. He would speak English, wouldn't he?  
ENJOY YOURSELF, IT'S ON THE HOUSE  
You have lived a worthwhile and honorable life.  
You came too early, go back and be 30 years younger  
Fooled you.  
Well done  
Welcome to eternal happiness.  
Welcome! I will answer your questions.  
Good job  
Sorry I didn't make it easier for you see I exist.  
I told you so  
Well done, good and faithful serfant  
Well, you just really squeezed in. Go clean the toilets.  
Your parents are good.  
Well done, Marine  
How's it going?  
Welcome - I celebrate your good deeds and forgive you for your bad  
'Fooled you!'