

Fellowship of Reason®

Mission Statement

The Fellowship of Reason® is an open, benevolent, and vital rational moral community in which we celebrate our lives, our freedoms, and our philosophy of reason.

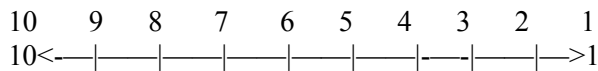
Happy Thanksgiving!

Checklist of Virtues

We are told, and I believe, that if one is to be happy, then one must be virtuous. The relationship between happiness and virtue is direct—the more a person practices virtue, the happier that person shall be.

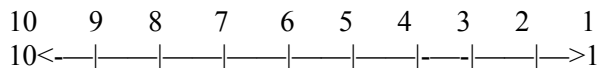
Given the fact that virtue and happiness are directly related, one will benefit from taking an inventory of one's own virtues.

Score yourself on a scale from 10 to 1, 10 being perfect virtue and 1 being a complete absence of virtue.



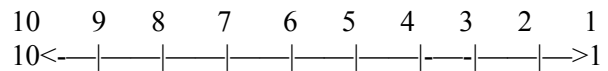
rational v. irrational

perceptive	blind, obtuse
self-aware	unaware, repressed
reflective	non-reflective
consciousness	unconscious
inquisitive	slothful
open-minded	closed-minded



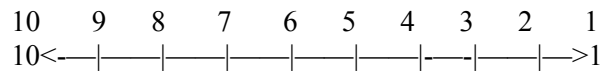
productive v. moocher or looter

worker	rider
generous	miserly
energetic	lethargic
active	passive



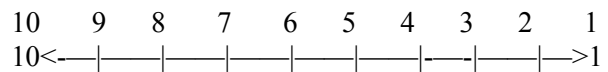
proud v. ashamed

self-esteem	self-loathing
humble	boastful
modest	immodest
dignity	hubris
proud	meek
valuable	worthless



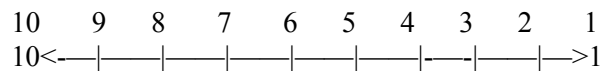
independent v. dependent

responsible	irresponsible
assertive	passive
hopeful	fearful
courageous	cowardly



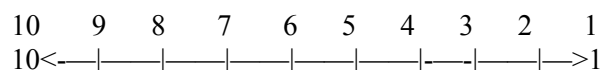
honest v. dishonest

committed to reality	avoids the real
authentic	conventional
self-actualizing	conforming
assertive	passive



integrity v. unprincipled

reliable	unreliable
courageous	cowardly
persevering	vacillating
steadfast	capricious
resolute	irresolute
committed	half-hearted
decisive	wavering



just v. unjust

loyalty	betrayal
fair	unfair
gives others their due	withholds other's due

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benevolent v. malevolent

civil	rude
courteous	discourteous
considerate	inconsiderate
sensitive	insensitive
attentive	talkative
thoughtful	unthoughtful
loving	aloof
kindness	unkindness
generous	miserly
tolerant	intolerant
magnanimous	smallness of soul

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beauty

cleanliness	dirty
orderly, neat	sloppy, slovenly, unkempt
graceful	maladroit
eloquent	tongue tied
enthusiastic, upbeat	depressive
active (physically and mentally)	passive
decisive	indecisive
hopeful	fearful
optimistic	pessimistic
trusting	suspicious
healthy	unhealthy
curious	intellectually lazy
fit	unfit
punctual	tardy
calm	hyperactive
socially graceful	cloddish

The list of virtues is a work in progress. Have I omitted a virtue? Have I incorrectly labeled a vice or virtue? Please call me at 770-471-9800 to share any reactions you may have to this essay.

Celebration Schedule 2000

- Sunday, December 3—a regular Celebration.

- **So far this is the lineup for December 3, 2000:**

Welcome
 Celebration of Freedom—Martin
 Celebration of Visitors
 Celebratory Announcements
 Celebration of Each Other
 Ellen's Corner—Ellen
 Celebration of Art?
 Celebration of Heroes—?
 Celebration of Talent—Linda
 Oratory—**Martin**—"What may FOR ask of you?"
 Celebration of Talent—Linda's son, a Shinkendo Master and teacher (sensei)
 Closing Quotation—Martin

Celebration Schedule 2001

- Sunday, January 7, 2001—a regular Celebration. We need all performers.
- Sunday, February 4—a regular Celebration. We need all performers.

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