

The Global Sounding
How to use It In business, government, politics,
science, education, writers, the media, nonprofit
and religious organizations, and philanthropists and
foundations

The Global Sounding is designed to be used as a leadership guide to the investment of time and money in all of the above and other situations calling for the *right* decision in our lives today.

Focus on whatever cause, project, or policies you are considering putting time and/or money into. Then follow these steps using the Global Sounding User Form.

1. Write down cause, project, or policy in the bracketed blank at the top.

2. With this subject in mind, scan down through the Indicators of Progression (+) and the Indicators of Regression (-).

3. For each level or activity of evolution (first column), ask yourself whether by investing time or money into the proposal for testing (your entry in the blank at top) you are likely to influence evolutionary *progression* (second column).

Or evolutionary *regression* (third column).

Or neither.

Or the question at this level or activity for evolution is just not relevant in your case.

4. If it seems the proposal might influence evolutionary *progression*, in the fourth column enter a plus (+ 1) in the blank.

5. If it seems it might influence evolutionary *regression*, in the fourth column enter a minus (– 1) in the blank.

6. If it is hard to guess whether it would be of influence either way, or otherwise seems irrelevant, enter zero (0) in the blank.

7. At the end, add up your pluses, minuses, and zeros, and enter the result in the blank for the Global Sounding Total.

The Global Sounding Blank Form for Universal Use

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Levels of evolution	Indicators of progression (+)	Indicators of regression (-)	Enter impact (+, -, 0)
Cosmic	Sustainability of complex life forms	Environmental devastation	_____
Chemical	Gaia hypothesis/ symbiosis	Environmental devastation	_____
Biological	Health and longevity	Environmental devastation	_____
BRAIN	Parental love and nutrition	Lack of love and nutrition	_____
Psychological	Self-actualizing	Lack of fulfillment	_____
[Cultural]	High priority for arts	Low priority for arts	_____
Social	Freedom and equality	Control and inequality	_____

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Levels of evolution	Indicators of progression (+)	Indicators of regression (-)	Enter impact (+, -, 0)
Economic	Balanced private/public	Imbalanced private/public	_____
Political	Democracy	Authoritarianism	_____
Educational	Capacity for learning and independent thinking	Curtailing of facilities for learning and independent thinking	_____
Technological	Emphasis on technologies of actualization	Emphasis on technologies of destruction	_____
Moral	Living by the Golden Rule	Power of greed and corruption	_____
Spiritual	Sense of identity with humanity and greater being	Slavery to materiality	_____
Consciousness	Cognitive, affective, and conative scope	Curtailing of scope of mind	_____
ACTION	Encouragement of progressive social action	Repression of progressive social action	_____
	GLOBAL SOUNDING TOTAL		_____

**The Global Sounding
Matrix for Pilot Test of Regressive
G.W.Bush Years Policies**

Levels of evolution	Indicators of progression	Threats and indicators of progression	Regressive syndrome policies
Cosmic	Sustainability of complex life forms	Environmental devastation	Opposition to environmental action and global concern
Chemical	Gaia Hypothesis/ symbiosis	Environmental devastation	Opposition to environmental action and global concern
Biological	Health and Longevity	Environmental devastation	Opposition to environmental action and global concern
BRAIN	Parental love and nutrition	Lack of love and nutrition	Minimize governmental support
Psychological	Self-actualizing	Lack of fulfillment	Maximize defense, minimize growth
[Cultural]	High priority for arts	Low priority for arts	Minimize support for arts
Social	Freedom and equality	Control and inequality	Maximize control and inequality

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Levels of evolution	Indicators of progression	Threats and indicators of progression	Regressive syndrome policies
Economic	Balanced private/public	Imbalanced private/public	Maximize imbalance thru privatization
Political	Democracy	Authoritarianism	Oligarchic probe toward authoritarianism
Educational	Capacity for learning and independent thinking	Curtailing of facilities for learning and independent thinking	Radical de-escalation for progressive education
Technological	Emphasis on technologies of actualization	Emphasis on technologies of destruction	Radical escalation for the military
Moral	Living by the Golden Rule	Power of greed and corruption	Living by the Brass Rule
Spiritual	Sense of identity with humanity and greater being	Slavery to materiality	Celebration of absolute power of wealth
Consciousness	Cognitive, affective, and conative scope	Curtailing of scope of mind	Devaluing scope of mind
ACTION	Encouragement of progressive social action	Repression of progressive social action	Encouragement of <i>regressive</i> social action

The Global Sounding Moral Code
A translation of the fifteen basic indicators into
equivalent tenets for a new Global Ethic

1

Honor and respect rather than plunder and rape our living environment.

2

Honor and respect Earth as the Mother of us all rather than sell her into slavery.

3

100 years of science tells us Earth can still provide the resources for health for all of us if given a fair and practical human distribution system. Establishing health systems for the many rather than the chosen few is the moral requirement, and must be our goal.

4

100 years of science tells us that a healthy brain and healthy mind depends on adequate food and love in childhood. Thus nurturing and expanding, rather than starving and blighting, is the moral requirement for the feeding of brain and mind, which must be our goal.

5

Mind is the precious gift of life to be nurtured, enlightened,
and celebrated, rather than orphaned at birth and
thereafter degraded and exploited.

6

Culture is *the most precious gift of evolution*,
to be cherished and nurtured in the wonder of its diversity,
rather than seized, shucked and twisted to serve low ends.

7

Over thousands of years freedom and equality have been
and will remain the most precious goals for evolution,
rather than just words to be used by power-mad
deceivers to sell control and inequality.

8

Three hundred years of capitalism and two hundred years
of communism have shown us that a fair, peaceful, and
practical distribution of Earth's bounty requires
a balance of public and private governance,
rather than the breeding of misery, war, and
corruption with a shift in overwhelming
power to one or the other.

9

Democracy,
rather than the sham of the oligarchy of
wealth, the creep by stealth toward
fascism, or the prison of
any other form of tyranny, is a moral requirement,
and must be our goal.

10

Education for all,
rather than the fact of good schools for some
and bad schools or no schools for all
others, is a moral requirement,
which must be our goal.

11

Develop technologies to strengthen and expand the voices
of caring and reason and the abundance of life,
rather than technologies that ever more
powerfully threaten to, and indeed then
are driven to, launch and kill life

12

Differently stated but the same for all, the message
of thousands of studies of progressive science is exactly
the same as for thousands of years for progressive religion:
Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you—rather than
do it unto others before they can do it unto you.

13

Affirm our identity but also our responsibility in tandem
with a greater being, a greater reality, or a greater
mission, rather than fool yourself by claiming
some one and only holy being, idea, or cause
for your own low ends.

14

The most precious gift of evolution is consciousness.
Love, nurture, and expand it, rather than
automatically seek to narrow, blunt,
or otherwise slap it into shape
and seize the pitiful remnant
for your own low ends.

15

For over 100,000 years the choice before our species
has been unchanging. Either join those who take action
on behalf of the better world, or fall back in shame or ignorance
with those willing to sell out to the highest bidder and
join the march to extinction.

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