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I'm not even sure where to start with this sort of thing. How does one sum themselves up in a written document? To convey personality, beliefs, values and an emotional connection through words on paper is monumentally difficult. But I will attempt to sum up the way I live my life and my perspective on who I am as a person.

I was born in South Africa and lived there up until the age of ██████. After which I moved to the UK with my parents ██████ before returning to South Africa. This means I changed schools a lot, changed friend groups and constantly (sub-consciously) searched for an identity through the people that I surrounded myself with and the activities I took part in. As expressed ██████ I've had a very eclectic past. I've tried many sports, hobbies and professions. This is both beneficial but also a hindrance in the sense that I was never able to develop a strong enough talent or interest in a specific activity or industry. I always searched for assurance and stability in friend groups which led to insecurity and a longing for 'fitting in'. (I have now found this across many parts of the world!). After finishing school, I started my own small business ██████ had various low-level jobs and eventually developed into a sales person and furniture designer with a very comfortable life. 2 years into this comfort, I felt a strong desire for more. That the world had more to offer me and I needed to find my identity somewhere, so I moved ██████ yet again, this time alone.

Since then, I've matured and developed monumentally. In fact, the majority of the people close to me and a lot older and frequently comment on my maturity and their amazement at my age in comparison to my emotional intelligence.

As a child, I was quite the trouble maker. I did some things I'm not proud of but I always had good intentions and constantly put people's interests and happiness ahead of my own. I was passionate, dedicated and lazy. I've since grown out of my laziness and being oblivious to life. In fact, I consider myself a philosopher. A curious person who questions everything in life in a positive sense. What makes us human and why are we here? How do we gain more deep connection with other fellow humans?

To touch on a few points which may help you make your choices:

Religious views – I'm not a religious person. I grew up Catholic but removed religion from my life quite early. I have nothing against religion, or anyone who is of faith. In fact, I respect the value it can add to people's life. If faith and religion is what gets you through problems in life, then good for you. I, however, am a believer in science and evolution. I could talk a lot more about this, but will not for now.

My career – I've worked in many fields and industries: Sales, Customer Service, Photography, Furniture design and woodworking, Marketing and Digital Advertising. It's a constant transitional journey of discovery ☺ I strive to achieve impact in people's lives and want to work with inspirational and creative people. I consider myself an intelligent person and I love to learn and develop my mind. I read a lot, listen to many podcasts and connect with many successful people/companies

My physical attributes: I consider myself to be a handsome man with a healthy, fit body. I've never broken any bones, never had major injuries although I do have some bad back problems (sciatica).

My personality and mental attributes: I'm a very emotionally driven person. I constantly analyse and evaluate myself and others around me. I'm very strong minded and ambitious but can also be very hard on myself. I long for physical and emotional connection. I'm very relaxed and calm person and very rarely get angry, but have had my fair share of bouts of depression – nothing that I haven't dealt with healthily though!

What activities I'm currently doing: I say currently because this changes a lot. Rock climbing, cycling, skiing, football, working with wood, reading and writing, meditation.

I hope this helps and gives you a solid understanding of who I am.