

Liberation Technology User's Guide

Module 3: Nonaggression Roots

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In Module 3, the author presents a three-dimensional scheme for measuring the progress of humanity—or an individual—toward the nonaggression ideal. The module presents the “metaphysics” of nonaggression: how progress toward the nonaggression ideal is manifested in a person’s heart, mind, and soul.

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3: The Roots of Nonaggression

Plotting progress toward the NaP in three dimensions

Summary

This module develops a three-dimensional scheme for identifying human qualities conducive to a society based on the Sacred Nonaggression Principle, basis for the “World’s Smallest **Meta**-Political Quiz.”

Module 1 began with some self-evident truths—the Kindergarten Rules (don’t hit, don’t steal, don’t lie)—that most of us picked up from childhood. Then in Module 2, the Kindergarten Rules were formalized into a general nonaggression principle that applies with clear benefits to all of human society.¹

Even though *Module 2: Nonaggression 101* represents a proof of the NaP... showing it to be “sacred,” it doesn’t give a background psychologically for:

- ☐ *why* most people *are not* inclined to aggress directly upon others
- ☐ *why* many people *are* inclined to make exceptions for acts of aggression... especially if certain *authorities* perform these acts of aggression

¹ Note: I’m in good company. Many others have provided detailed and general demonstration of the virtues of the nonaggression principle. Just wander down to your local libertarian meeting place and ask around or StartPage “libertarian reading list”.

However, the SNaPstrip of Figure 2.4 (of the previous module) does point toward some relation between nonaggression and positive movement along the various axes. In this module, I'm going to describe the SNaPstrip in more detail, showing how it can be a reasonable predictor of progress of an individual consciousness (and individuals' consciousnesses) toward the nonaggression ideal.

SNaPstrip Plus

As we have seen, the SNaPstrip diagram contains three axes, each representing a property of an individual human psychology. Figure 3.1 is the same as Figure 2.4, except I've simplified the names for the psychological-property axes to “heart,” “mind,” and “soul.”

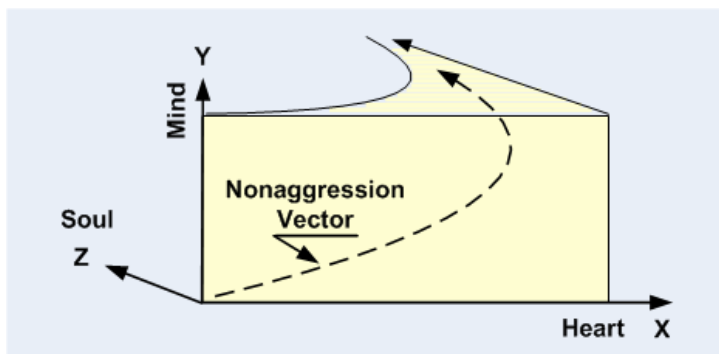


Figure 3.1: SNaPstrip Diagram, Version 2

These psychological-property axes, which I will sometimes refer to as the Nonaggression Axes, are described as follows:

- **Heart**—Along the X-axis, we grow to discard blind obedience to authority and learn to think

for ourselves. This is reflected in our overall psychological independence and heartfelt movement toward truth in life.

- **Mind**—I conceived of the Y-axis as a measure of interest in ideas, also a commitment to natural reason, rationality. At the bottom of the scale an individual takes no interest in the rest of the world at all. Slightly higher, he cares for his job, his family, his local sports franchise, and so on. To the few at the top who, for example, passionately work for peace and justice. {Or, for authoritarian opportunists, passionately work to control and manipulate others. So on the “Mind” scale, unlike the other two, higher does not necessarily mean healthier. Compulsive mind is dangerous.}
- **Soul**—Finally, the Z-axis describes the degree to which a person has proceeded toward spiritual enlightenment. At the lower end, he's insensitive to the suffering of other sentient beings, in the midrange shows respect for the political rights of others, and ultimately manifests a deeply felt connection with Being.

Each of these axes I will describe more completely below, and provide figures to illustrate the quality I'm trying to bring out.

X-Axis: Heartful Action _____

In thinking about the SNaP, what occurred to me first was the correlation of the nonaggression

principle to greater psychological independence. It's very simple: the measure of progress toward a libertarian society—which is another way of saying a NaP-based political-economic system—will be how readily men² discard “social metaphysics.” Social metaphysics is a term from the Ayn Rand oeuvre³ that I believe Nathaniel Branden defined as follows:

*Social Metaphysics: The psychological syndrome characterizing an individual who holds the consciousnesses of other men—not objective reality—as his ultimate psycho-epistemological frame of reference.*⁴

From the footnote, one understands that a social metaphysician regards other minds as his “reality,” as his authority on what is true or false, right or wrong—not the judgment of his own mind. Let's illustrate the property of psychological independence⁵—the long, steady road humankind has traveled to free itself from the domination and manipulation by an “aggressor class”—in Figure 3.2.

² Staying with the male singular pronoun convention for simplicity.

³ Fancy French word for body of work.

⁴ Darn, I've done it again. Another word, epistemology, needs to be defined: For all practical purposes it means “the science or study of how humans *know* things.”

⁵ I realize that this axis is called “heart,” yet here I'm discussing “mind.” The Heart axis is very important; it's my moral **action** axis. In my personal philosophy, morality is shown by a commitment *in action* to the judgment of *one's own* person and *one's own* tool of survival, the reasoning mind. “Ya gotta have heart” is the same for me as “Ya gotta think *and act* for yourself.”

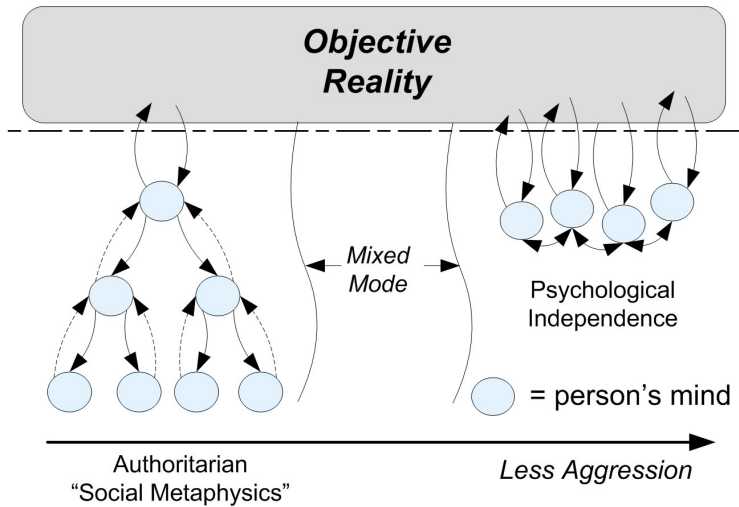


Figure 3.2: Psychological Independence (Heart)

These observations of the tendency of many men to regard other men's consciousnesses—or the Big Daddy consciousness of a god king—as *reality* are consistent with what some have written about the anthropological origins of mind.

{According to Julian Jayne:⁶ Not long ago virtually all humans—those not sacrificed for being different—listened to the voices of their “leaders” very carefully... with one side of their brain. Then used the other side of their brain to follow what the (sometimes literal) voices told them to do.

The normal functioning of this “bicameral” mind—as Jayne called it—would not be recognized today, even among the vast numbers of TV addicts who grovel before the Holy Father of the Network

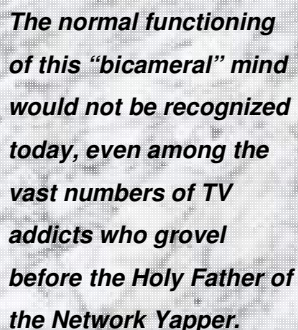
⁶ Author of *The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind*, 1976, 1990, Houghton Mifflin.

Yapper. The bicameral mind disintegrated and died out, basically, because the god-king sorts of social systems—the Aztecs, the Incas, the Egyptians, the Babylonians—weren't very good at surviving crises: when the god-king calls in sick, the rest of society stops functioning.}

In general just as a person or a social system moves toward freedom and as it moves toward greater psychological independence—shown in Figure 3.2 as “Less Aggression”—so, too, it moves toward greater intellectual concern for the ideas affecting society. Not only one's own society but the societies of others.

*Y-Axis: The Intellectual Measure*_____

Candidly, the measure of intellectual concern is not easily illustrated in a figure, certainly not a figure that conveys progress toward the SNaP. Part of the reason is that being concerned with ideas doesn't say anything about the nature of the ideas themselves. If someone wants to dominate others in society, he will conspire to control what ideas are to be considered reasonable—for example the notion that government schooling systems represent a positive human development—and filter out those ideas that expose or threaten his intentions.



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Z-Axis: The Spiritual Measure _____

Finally, I am wholly convinced there is a one-to-one connection between spiritual fulfillment and the Sacred Nonaggression Principle. Each is the *sine qua non*⁷ of the other. If you've already achieved some degree of enlightenment, then by embracing the SNaP you assure that your light will be received by the maximum number of kindred souls. If you're heading down the trail of freedom, then the SNaP will naturally lead to the answer to the spiritual question "whatever do you want freedom *for*?"

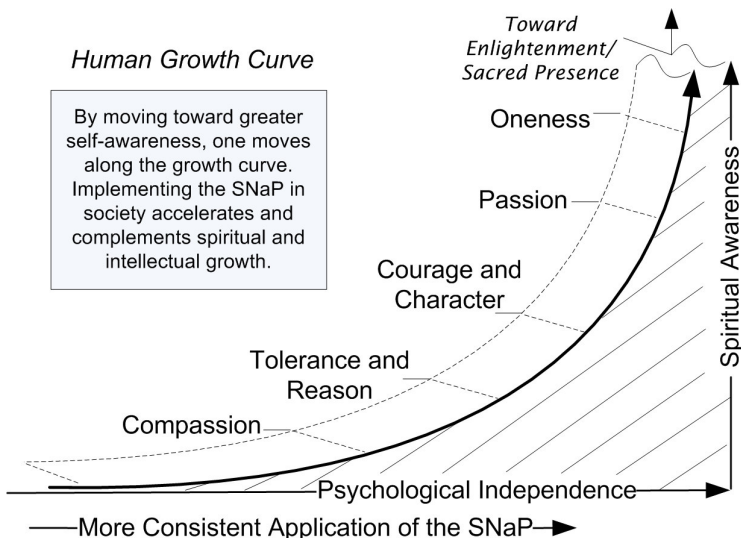


Figure 3.3: Human Growth Curve

Another look at the "human growth curve" from the SNaPstrip is shown here in Figure 3.3, which is

⁷ Latin for "without which, not"

how I might arrange the categories along the growth curve as of this five minutes.⁸

Thus perhaps the greatest benefit of the Sacred Nonaggression Principle is a society in which large numbers of individuals are free to "come alive," to reach their own constellation of understanding of themselves in the cosmos.

*Note: I don't want to rain on anyone's parade but, as artfully demonstrated by Sam Harris in The End of Faith and Letter to a Christian Nation, spiritual enlightenment is **not obtainable** through primitive, authoritarian methods or cultivation of mass hysteria and worship of supernatural beings that by definition are outside nature. Enlightenment is the handmaiden of reason and knowledge; if a religious belief (or any belief) makes no sense, it is of negative value.*

The SNaPplot

Basically, I was in a "what if" mood, and wondered if it were possible to develop good questions for plotting along the psychological-properties axes (the Nonaggression Axes) to predict the inclination of a person toward the SNaP. What follows is my first effort. I feel with more work and play, this "metaquiz" can be a tool of self-discovery and fruitful discussion... especially for the younglings.

⁸ I'm not being flippant. It's simply that this section, even this entire module, is presented at the level of a **working hypothesis**. I do believe the sequence of spiritual qualities along the curve is reasonable, but by no means carved in stone tablets. ☺

I came up with a series of categories and questions for that purpose, and constructed a three-dimensional framework for laying out a series of points. The points represent “scores” for the ‘quiz’ takers. The data from the 3-D graph may possibly be worthwhile for some future Keirsey-Bates sort of profiling exercise,⁹ or for libertarian space explorers trying to find a good crew... or simply as a parlor game.¹⁰

Table 3.0 shows the high-level categories and questions. To create the “SNaPplot”—a sample of which is shown in Figure 3.4—and for ease of determining locations, I’ve tipped the SNaPstrip Diagram forward, so we’re looking from the top of Figure 3.1.

The Nonaggression Vector has a curved shape heading toward infinity on the spiritual scale but to finite limits on the others. This shape makes sense to me, but certainly bears further discussion.

⁹ *Please Understand Me* (1984)

¹⁰ With sophisticated computer display, it would be nice to see how different groups plot ... say government employees vs. libertarians, men vs. women, young vs. old, and so on.

Table 3.0: World's Smallest Meta-Political Quiz

#	Category	Meaning/General Question	A
1.1	Core/ Conviction	Do you <i>hold</i> your heartfelt intellectual convictions above external authority?	
1.2	Core/ Action	Do you <i>assert</i> your heartfelt intellectual convictions above external authority?	
1.3	Ethical Conviction	Do you hold your moral values above external authority?	
1.4	Ethical Action	Do you practice your values above external authority?	
1.5	Social Pressure	On general social matters are you at peace with your own choices?	
(For each question: Yes=20, Maybe=10, No=0) Total Heart:			
2.1	Psychology Domain	Do you care what happens in the rest of the world?	
2.2	Reason/ Emotion	Do you resist following your emotions, rather preferring to think out an issue?	
2.3	Conceptual/ Perceptual	You prefer activities of consciousness requiring critical, creative thinking?	
2.4	Personality/ Disorders	Are you largely free from psychological disorders, whether genetic or other?	
2.5	Primitive Brain	Do you judge critical information by <i>your own</i> mind's authority?	
(For each question: Yes=20, Maybe=10, No=0) Total Mind:			
3.1	Compassion	Is there a feeling of connection with and sensitivity to other beings?	
3.2	Tolerance/ Reason	Do you accept how other people live so long as they leave you be?	
3.3	Courage/ Character	Should humans live honorably without aggression, <i>act</i> to create a free world?	
3.4	Passion	Do you have a fire in your belly to see your dreams come true?	
3.5	Oneness	Have you found a oneness with being, a deep inner peace?	
(For each question: Yes=20, Maybe=10, No=0) Total Soul:			

The SNaPplot framework is shown below in Figure 3.4, with the sample plot of $X=50$, $Y=50$, and $Z=40$ shown.

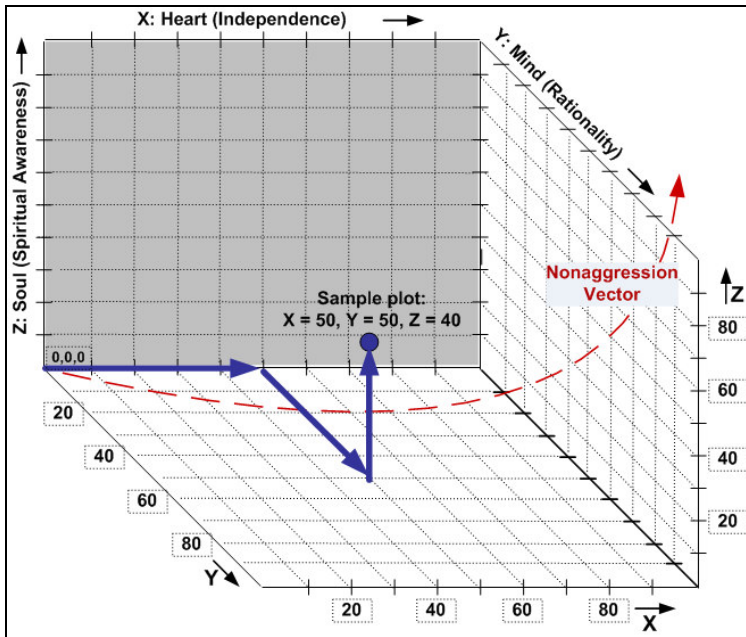


Figure 3-4: The SNaPplot Framework

The specific 3-D location of an individual's characteristics on the SNaPstrip may be considered a predictor of where he'll wind up on the Nolan Chart (Figure 2.2 (in Module 2 of the Liberation Technology series)). That's because positive movement along each of the axes corresponds to more agreement with the SNaP. Interestingly, the Nonaggression Vector viewed without the 3D perspective on Figure 3.1 is very close to the upward, right-pointing vector of the Nolan Chart.

Table 3.0 is a general version of the SNaP mapping exercise, or the World's Smallest *Meta*-Political Quiz. It is a graphical tool for locating a quiz taker's position along the ideal path of the Nonaggression Vector. At the end of this module, Tables 3.1 thru 3.3 are version 1 of my own personally designed SNaP mapping exercise.

In the normal taking of the quiz, each person can simply write his or her own illustrative example questions for the main questions. Or not. The short form of the quiz simply lays out the fundamental question for each category.

The scores on this sample test are $X = 50$, $Y = 50$, and $Z = 40$. So please refer to the general SNaPplot of Figure 3.4 where these example points are illustrated.

Before going any further, I need to caution readers, again, that by writing such tables as the above I am not suggesting the dimensional framework, the categories of behavior, general and specific questions, and meaning or ranking of answers are in any way *scientific*. Simply reasonable.

Let's look at this quiz and mapping of characteristics as a tool for self-discovery, especially as our aggregate characteristics (we hope) tend toward a social system based on the nonaggression principle.

SNaPplot Elaborated

In this section, I want to make a few comments on each of the elements in the forgoing political mapping idea. Under each of the psychological property axes (heart, mind, and soul), I have created a “category” for a kind of human behavior. Then for each of the categories, I describe what I mean by the category and—in the full Quiz (a sample of which is shown at the end of the module)—there would be a specific question written that ideally illustrates the presence or absence of that category/characteristic in the person responding.

It may be desirable to develop the quiz so one option—say if psychologists wish to derive a more deeply meaningful profile for an individual—would be to have the quiz taker create the specific questions (or even the general-category questions) himself.

Table 3.1: X: Heart _____

This category relates to a person’s ability and inclination to face the world first hand.

1.1 Mental Conviction

*Do you **hold** your heartfelt intellectual convictions above external authority?*

In this category I’m indicating the willingness to adhere to one’s own private conclusions—whether or not one considers it prudent to act on them—esp. when someone claiming superior authority has different conclusions.

1.2 Mental Action

*Do you **assert** your heartfelt intellectual convictions above external authority?*

Choosing to publicly assert one's intellectual convictions is much more difficult—indeed, not such a good idea if the state actually prohibits freedom of thought. I think for the sake of the table we have to assume that the harshest penalty for asserting politically incorrect opinions is ostracism from the in-crowd.

1.3 Ethical Conviction

*Do you **hold** your moral values above external authority?*

In this category we're talking about whether or not you hold that a particular *action* is right or wrong, irrespective of the conclusions of external authorities. *Qua* conviction, it does not necessarily entail action.

1.4 Ethical Action

*Do you **practice** your values above external authority?*

Has to do with moral *action*, especially in the face of popular disapproval. A good example is what one does regarding the federal 'income' tax. Or how one responds to the official story of who is behind a major state crime. We will not reach the milestone of restoring the republic until sufficient numbers of individuals take moral *action* in accordance with their knowledge.

1.5 Social Pressure

On general social matters are you at peace with your own choices?

The example in this category may be any of the lesser actions one takes that may elicit disapproval from your friends. The point of this category on the “Heart” axis is that our psychological independence depends partly on what we’re willing to accept in terms of social censure.

Table 3.2: Y: Mind _____

When first I was thinking of this category, the focus was on an individual’s “concern with universals,” meaning whether he or she cared about general concepts affecting society: reason vs. faith, individualism vs. collectivism, liberty vs. the state, and so on. Hence the name, which relates to the nonaggression ideal through the interest of one’s mind in the affairs of the world. It also includes the commitment to natural reason as a value.

2.1 “Psychological Domain”

Do you care what happens in the rest of the world?

Are remote worldly matters inside your “psychological domain” (a term used by professionals in psychology to denote the range of what an individual thinks or feels about). A wide psychological domain tends to characterize people who wish to see a world of freedom and abundance for their species.

2.2 Reason vs. Emotion

Do you resist following your emotions, instead preferring to think out an issue?

Not trying to claim reason and emotions are inherently at odds, only that a measure of genuine intellectual concern lies in being mature and honest about one's feelings. It's easy to fly off the handle in a world full of addictions, especially when one's addictions are attacked.

2.3 Conceptual vs. Perceptual

Do you prefer activities of consciousness requiring critical, creative thinking?

Granted, different strokes for different folks. I wanted to suggest the life-saving, planet-saving *humanity* of facing the world primarily via one's rational, conceptual faculty. The emotional-perceptual mode of consciousness is a primitive- or mid-brain (limbic system) vestige.

2.4 Disorders

Are you largely free from psychological disorders, whether genetic or other?

To be sure, one cannot do much about a genuine psychological disorder, except possibly to have some awareness of it. Unfortunately, if one does suffer such an affliction, one's ability to achieve the higher states of consciousness that attend a fully functioning, free society is hampered.

2.5 Primitive Brain

Do you habitually judge critical information by your own mind's authority?

The limbic system, also known as the paleomammalian brain, is a transitional human mental structure that still contains powerful disincentives to rational thought. In brain structure terms, it can act as a closed loop preventing access to critical thinking in the cerebral cortex. This category is a measure of how well one's limbic system is managed.

Table 3.3: Z: Soul_____

Although the idea of a “spiritual” scale or dimension to the development of the NaP was a later one in my thinking about mapping progress toward the nonaggression ideal, it is probably the most important.

In general the spiritual dimension drives the other dimensions, leading the enlightened to a live-and-let-live philosophy and a firm conviction in the value of the individual and his/her reasoning, life-giving mind.

3.1 Compassion

Is there a feeling of connection with and sensitivity to other beings?

There are any number of stories about man's inhumanity to man and to other beings. Without a universal compassion there is no such thing as a free and benevolent society.

3.2 Tolerance and Reason

Do you accept how other people live so long as they leave you be?

The Tolerance and Reason category flows from the Compassion category. When one acquires a degree of feeling for others, it's not a big step to *understanding*, to realizing that as humans we're all in this together. Let's not beat each other up, not kill one another, not fight holy wars for some faith-based phantasm.

3.3 Courage and Character

Do you feel humans should live without aggression and act to create a free world?

You can see the historical spiritual development in these categories. When we reach tolerance and natural understanding, freedom becomes systematic knowledge: qualities of character move front and center. For it is one thing to have compassion and tolerance, to *seek* a world based on benevolence and the concept of individual rights, and another to *achieve* it.

3.4 Passion

Do you have a burning desire to see your dreams come true?

However you come to your passion for excellence in life, recognize that it's a penultimate step toward enlightenment and fairly represented in the SNaPplot (Figure 3.4) along the Nonaggression Vector.

3.5 Oneness

Have you found a oneness with being, a deep inner peace?

I've found the work of Eckhart Tolle to be at once exhilarating and unburdening. So, too, words of the Buddha, Lao Tzu, the prophet Jesus, Thoreau, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Li Hongzhi (Master Teacher of Falun Dafa), and others, ring out with the fundamental truths of the universe. The movement along the Nonaggression Vector is a true and immediate reflection of spiritual progress.

SNaPplot Example

These tables show the combination of basic questions and categories for a SNaPplot, accompanied by specific questions that the author has supplied. These specific questions help to concretize¹¹ the more universal basic questions for the category. But they are also personal—since not everyone will agree on the specific application of the question.

Someday, a team of psychologists may devise a MetaPolitical Quiz with more universal categories and general questions. Then perhaps standard specific questions can follow. Until then, quizzers at the specific-question level may wish to require that each user supply his/her own questions.

¹¹ To concretize means to bring into practical immediate reality.

Table 3.1 Example: Heart: X-Axis (Independence)

#	Category	Meaning/Example—Sample ans. →	A
1	Mental Conviction	Do you <i>hold</i> your intellectual convictions above external authority? Example: I imagine myself an astronomer in the Middle Ages. My observations say Earth revolves around Sun. Church 'scientists' say no. Do I keep my conviction, albeit quietly?	Y M N Pts: 10
2	Mental Action	Do you <i>assert</i> your intellectual convictions above external authority? Example: Same situation as #1. I <i>know</i> Earth revolves around Sun; Church says no way. Pope is coming for dinner tonight. Do I tell Mr. Pope what I think (probably only risking social shunning)?	Y M N Pts: 10
3	Ethical Conviction	Do you hold your moral values above external authority? Example: Framers held that direct taxes were repugnant, and banned them in Constitution. The feds want to apply the 'income' tax as direct tax on ordinary earnings. I <i>hold</i> firmly this is wrong.	Y M N Pts: 10
4	Ethical Action	Do you practice your values above external authority? Example: Same situation as #3. I learn that fed 'income' tax does not legally apply to me; income means privileged earnings, and I have none. Thus, I am a Nontaxpayer and keep my earnings.	Y M N Pts: 0
5	Social Pressure	On general social matters are you at peace with your own choices? Example: I have found that wearing sandals with socks is comfortable. ☺ Most women recoil, some guy friends say it's gay. Do I wear socks with sandals anyway?	Y M N Pts: 20
Sample X-Axis Test Total			50

Table 3.2 Example: Mind: Y-Axis (Rationality)

#	Category	Meaning/Example—Sample ans. →	A
1	Psychological Domain	Do you care what happens in the rest of the world? Example: During the recent Mideast wars, more than 2,000 tons of depleted uranium munitions were used, causing a long-term humanitarian catastrophe. Will I look into this issue, find the truth?	Y M N Pts: 20
2	Reason vs. Emotion	Do you resist giving into your emotions, instead preferring to think out an issue? Example: I'm a baseball fan who idolizes the greats. Modern players used steroids and eclipsed old records. I <i>feel</i> they should go to jail. But I stop, reconsider, decide government should butt out. This is a private matter.	Y M N Pts: 10
3	Conceptual vs. Perceptual	You prefer activities of consciousness requiring critical, creative thinking? Example: Larry McMurtry's latest book has just become available in the library, and I love his writing. Also, I love video games: Xbox Doom has arrived in the stores. I read the book first.	Y M N Pts: 0
4	Personality Disorders	Are you largely free from psychological disorders, whether genetic or other? Example: A woman I've met is connected to wealth and power; I do not like her, but she worships me, and I can use her. Do I eschew a false relationship that can aid my career?	Y M N Pts: 10
5	Primitive Brain	Do you judge critical information by <i>your own</i> mind's authority? Example: Researchers discover that X-rays of JFK have been doctored by government hirelings to display an intact rear skull. Do I consider the validity of this new evidence and, if valid, do I discard the official story?	Y M N Pts: 10
Sample Y-Axis Test Total			50

Table 3.3 Example: Soul: Z-Axis (Spiritual Awareness)

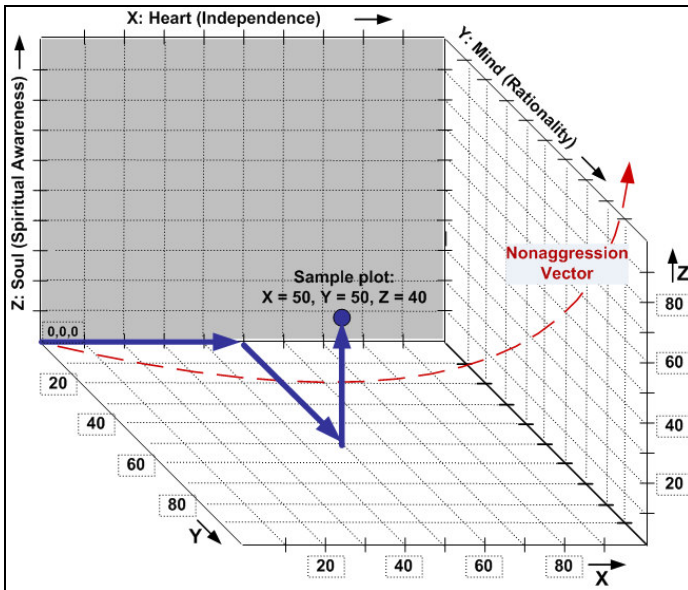
#	Category	Meaning/Example — Sample ans. →	A
1	Compassion	Is there a feeling of connection with and sensitivity to other beings? Example: I put out this mousetrap, later hear a racket. The trap has caught a mouse partially; it's writhing in agony. I put the mouse out, knowing it will die; I feel awful about it for a week.	Y M N Pts: 10
2	Tolerance and Reason	Do you accept how other people live so long as they leave you be? Example: In 1200 I'm a low-level priest in a 99% Catholic village; some nonbelievers have arrived. My superiors want to massacre them. I argue with the bosses to let them be.	Y M N Pts: 20
3	Courage and Character	Should humans live honorably without aggression, <i>act</i> to create a free world? Example: Early 1770s, I run a brewery/tavern in Nashua, NH. My ancestors came here to escape tyranny. British king sends soldiers. I fund/join militia to challenge them.	Y M N Pts: 10
4	Passion	Do you have a fire in your belly to see your dreams come true? Example: As a boy scraping by in London during the WW2 bombings, I see a business man who leads the rebuilding. He's confident, well-dressed, w/ladies on his arm. That image becomes "burning desire" in my life to achieve supreme success.	Y M N Pts: 0
5	Oneness	Have you found a oneness with being, a deep inner peace? Example: It is said that the greater part of enlightenment proceeds from giving up attachments. Mine are wine, women, and golf. If I let go of addiction to all three: 20, two or one: 10, none: 0.	Y M N Pts: 0
Sample Z-Axis Test Total			40

SNaP MetaPolitical Quiz Instructions

Briefly the instructions for completing the SNaP MetaPolitical Quiz are as follows:

- 1) Each answer is either Y (Yes = 20 pts.), M (Maybe = 10 pts.), or N (No = 0 pts.).
- 2) Enter the number corresponding to your answer on the row of the question.
- 3) Calculate the scores for each subtable: Heart, Mind, and Soul.
- 4) Plot Heart score along X-axis, Mind score along Y-axis, and Soul score along Z-axis.

The figure for the sample quiz is shown below:



Obtain a clean quiz sheet with a full-sized frame for plotting (and other information for participating in SNaPplot data gathering) from:

brianwright.com/Sacred/Quiz.pdf

Summary

In this module we have looked at a method for representing progress toward the ideal of the SNaP in social reality. The SNaPplot is solely a tool of self-discovery; as such it helps resolve the myriad social problems we encounter in the world today. These social problems are universally caused by systematic aggression. The “Nonaggression Vector” diagram shows our natural progress toward overcoming aggression.

If you consider intellectual and spiritual history of the human species, you can see how spiritual development along what I’ve designated the Z-axis is a driver for both psychological independence along the X-axis and intellectual “concern” along the Y-axis. By each of us understanding who we are in terms of these three categories, we can more readily “reach for the stars” of that ideal society.

Next Module

Ever since coming up with the Sacred Nonaggression Principle—and seizing on the self-evident observation that most people do not aggress and, further, despise aggression in others—I've wondered about the psychological and physical origins of the massive amount of aggression (99.9% of this force is clearly wielded by governments) in our world. Module 4 presents, I believe, a new and useful hypothesis. Knowing where aggression comes from enables us to target those areas for intelligent, expedited resolution.

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