### **/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:**

WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING A PURPOSE IN LIFE, PARTICULARLY SOMETHING THAT IS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS; HOW THIS FITS YOUR REALITY AND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.

Purpose

Cognitive
Behavioral
Affective

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### What this tells you:

This graph shows only one dimension – behavioral meaning that you are action- oriented, without much engagement of your feelings and without necessarily thinking about this aspect intellectually. You might use this information to seek ways to expand your understanding and explore your emotions.

### YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE

**THAT** you have a good understanding of the demands of our times. Meaning, you realize that we live in a context where there seem to be more obligations and things we are expected to take care of, than hours in a day.

Knowing how to set priorities is key, and what is urgent needs attention before what sounds important, like thinking about what is our purpose in life.

Aligned with this thinking, you tend to get impatient with people who talk about having a

purpose or a mission in life, or "changing the world." You compare these words with your current reality, and they sounds overoptimistic, grandiose, or unrealistic. Perhaps these people don't have the same challenges you have to manage, or maybe they just want to look good. Either way, it's not your reality.

### /A NOTEWORTHY FINDING:

This said, you indicate that you have already found your purpose in life, through actions that serve others. It is possible that a large part of your daily obligations and responsibilities are, in fact, in service to others, attending to their needs or expectations. Your work, family, and relationships form a large part of your reality and may use up all of your available energy, and you perceive this as your service.

How does this make you feel? Do these activities feel like your "calling," or like an obligation that lands upon you? Sometimes we don't see that we have a choice, and this may place an extra burden on us, which is perceived very differently than when we intentionally decide and choose where and how to "serve."

### /THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY BE HOLDING YOU BACK:

Research has shown that individuals who engage in activities of service to the community, volunteering or some kind of initiative for the greater good have a higher sense of wellbeing than those who do not. This includes benefits to health, feelings of joy, increased self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.

Have you personally experienced this? Or perhaps focusing on the demands of your life does takes a toll on your health, your mood, creates tension or anxiety, disrupts your sleep or impacts how you interact with others.

If this is case, have you asked yourself what you could do to feel better, to lower your stress? Perhaps you have, but the answer you found may have been as long as your demands remain high, there is not much you can do.

## So here, again, some thoughts to evaluate:

Which of the activities that you engage in are a necessity, a "must-do," and which ones represent a choice? Who would do these activities if it were not you? What would it take to let go of some activities, or perhaps of "how" you do them?

These questions have an agenda: to help you free up some time and space to try out a different experience, one that consists of something you do for others outside your inner circle.

# /THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:

The research regarding core aspects for a sustainability mindset identified the role of activities intentionally done for the "greater good." The state of our planet is such that it requires each of us to step up and play an active role in shaping a better world.

The actions needed, whether large or small, share a similar result: they provide us with a feeling of joy, which then we want to replicate in order to feel good again, thus creating a reinforcing loop. Interestingly, we tend to think that we need to take care of ourselves first, before helping others, but the facts show that when we do small acts of kindness for others, we feel much better ourselves.

### **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

With this in mind, what are some new experiments you can try? What are some different things for the greater good that you already did, and perhaps could repeat, do regularly, or improve? Which of your natural gifts and skills could you put into service for the greater good, in a cause for which you have a passion?

Don't get intimidated by grandiose words like 'changing the world" or having a life mission or purpose. In fact, each small action of kindness has already an impact that we may never be able to imagine. That is also changing the world, one interaction at a time.

Defining our purpose provides an unconscious compass, and when it is grounded in values of our higher self, we actively shape a better world.



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