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Five Things I Believe

I believe that people are what they believe. Like a piece of clay molded with every curve and point and emotion and event and action and belief. They are ever changing. Flowing like thoughts, but not as clear; murky, confusing, but beautiful.

I believe that the world is only what we make it. I believe that with no action behind it, beliefs can't truly be genuine. Aspirations and dreams are nothing without the execution that makes them, and even if it is small, accomplishments of any size are what shapes our lives into what they are.

I believe that we are powerful when we unite; that the strongest of forces comes from the smallest of places. We must surround ourselves with people who disagree with us, not to ignite hate, but to reach a common understanding. All so that we can search and reach out and just maybe get a grasp of the essence that is our truth.

I believe that people are overwhelmingly smart. That each of us is living our own version of the world, isolated, but intertwined at the same time. I also believe that everything else in existence is equally as smart in their own way. And all of everything, in one way or another, deserves whatever we want in the universe, love, happiness, or maybe even despair, whatever it is, as long as we are willing to put in the effort to achieve it.

I believe in simplicity. That everything happening before us adds to our intricate view of the world, with bulbs and knots and twists and turns and loose strands, and that if we step back, very, very far back, we are all one life, on a tiny little lumpy ball in a tiny little ball of dust in a tiny little incredibly small cosmos, all in a tiny little universe.



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