EXERCISE: YOUR COSMIC MAP

The following questions can help you identify what you believe about life and how things work. Identify your basic belief and then how it informs how you respond to difficult times (if at all).

	Basic Belief	How This Belief Affects How
		I Handle Challenges
Who/what organized the		
universe (God, nature, etc.)?		
Why did they/it organize it?		
What is the purpose of life?		
How do you believe human		
life fits into the universe? Is		
there anything beyond this		
life?		
Do our actions in this life		
affect anything that comes		
after? How? Why?		
Do we have responsibilities		
in this life to something		
larger than ourselves?		
How? Why?		
Why do bad things happen		
to good people?		
Are there any sayings or		
principles that guide your		
life choices (e.g., Golden		
Rule, follow your heart,		
etc.)?		