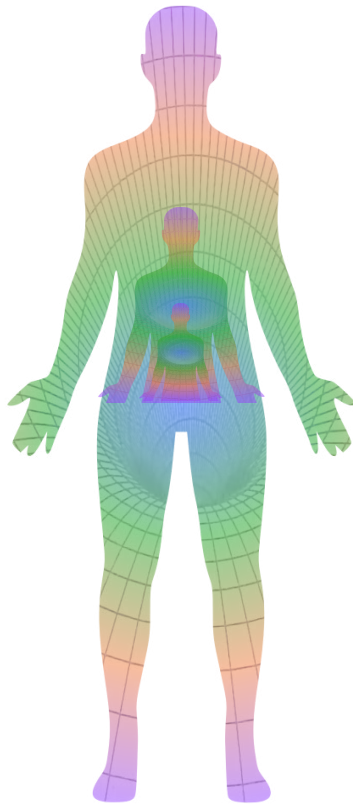
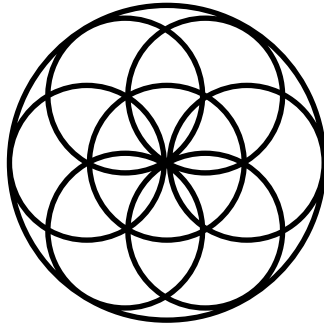


The SolarPunk Compass

Mapping Your Position & Praxis



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Introduction

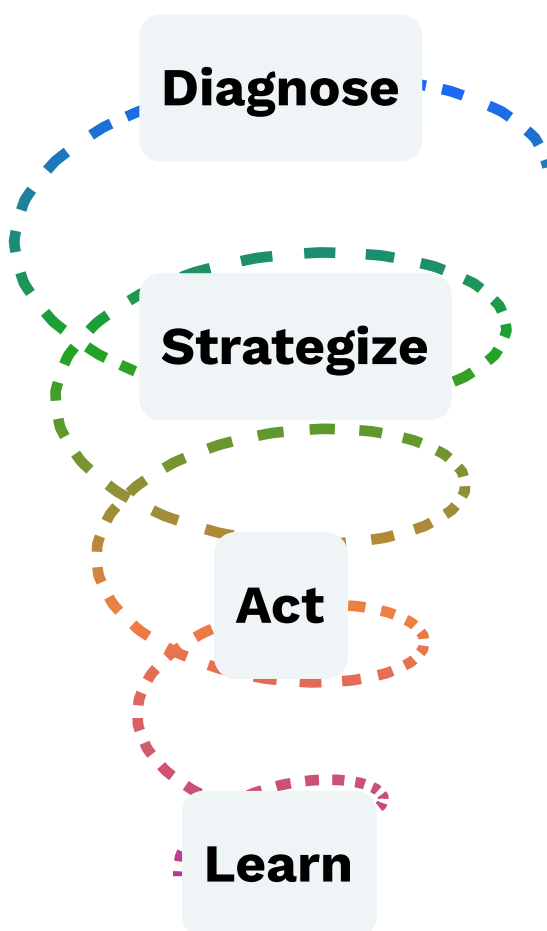
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How to Use This Workbook:

1. Read each prompt and reflect honestly.
2. Use the sliders, checkboxes, and spectrums to mark your current position.
3. Jot down notes in the provided spaces. Your "why" is as important as your "what."
4. The final section will help you synthesize your map and consider your next steps.



Phase 1: Core Self-Assessment

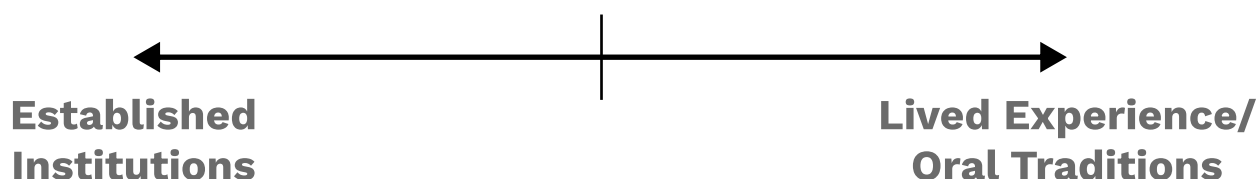
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Epistemic Posture: How You Know What You Know

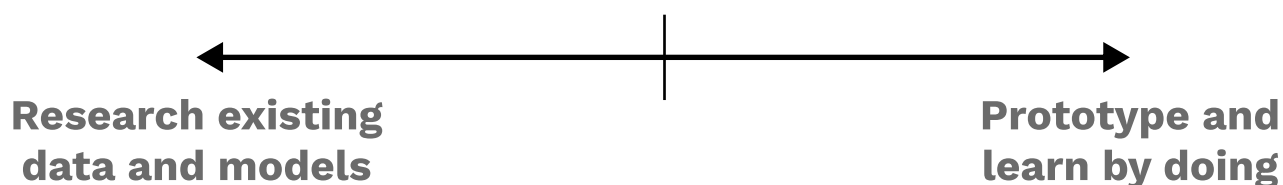
This dimension explores your relationship with knowledge, truth, and learning. Circle, mark, sticker or take mental notes where you find yourself agreeing with the most.

I trust knowledge that comes from...



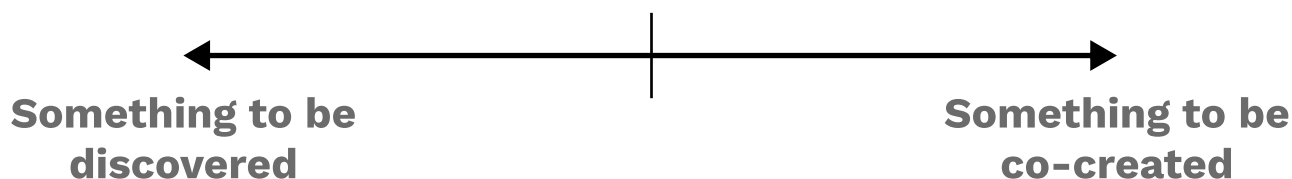
Sustainability Domain Reflection: Which domain (Society, Dharma) do you rely on for truth?

When faced with a new problem, my first instinct is to...



Sustainability Domain Reflection: Does this lean toward a methodological approach (Yoga, Society) or an intuitive one (Spirituality, Nature)?

I believe wisdom is primarily...



Sustainability Domain Reflection: This touches on Dharma (inherent order) vs. Society (constructed order).

Core Self-Assessment

The Five Dimensions

Teleological Drive: Your Purpose and Direction

This dimension explores your primary motivations and what you feel called to do.

**Which of these drives resonates most deeply with you?
(Check all that apply)**

Stewardship: To care for, maintain, and protect existing systems of life.

☐

Liberation: To free myself and others from oppressive or unsustainable systems.

☐

Connection: To deepen relationships between people, species, and ideas.

☐

Understanding: To comprehend the underlying principles of the universe.

☐

Creation: To build beautiful, new, and functional systems and art.

☐

Renewal: To heal, restore, and regenerate what has been damaged.

☐

Core Self-Assessment

The Five Dimensions

Relational Nexus: Your Web of Connections

This dimension maps how you relate to communities and collectives.

Visualize your relational world. In the innermost circle, place yourself. In the next ring, place your immediate family/tightest community. In the next, your broader community or bioregion. In the outermost, the global community and the more-than-human world (plants, animals, ecosystems).



Research and Application

Toward an experimental ecology of human development.

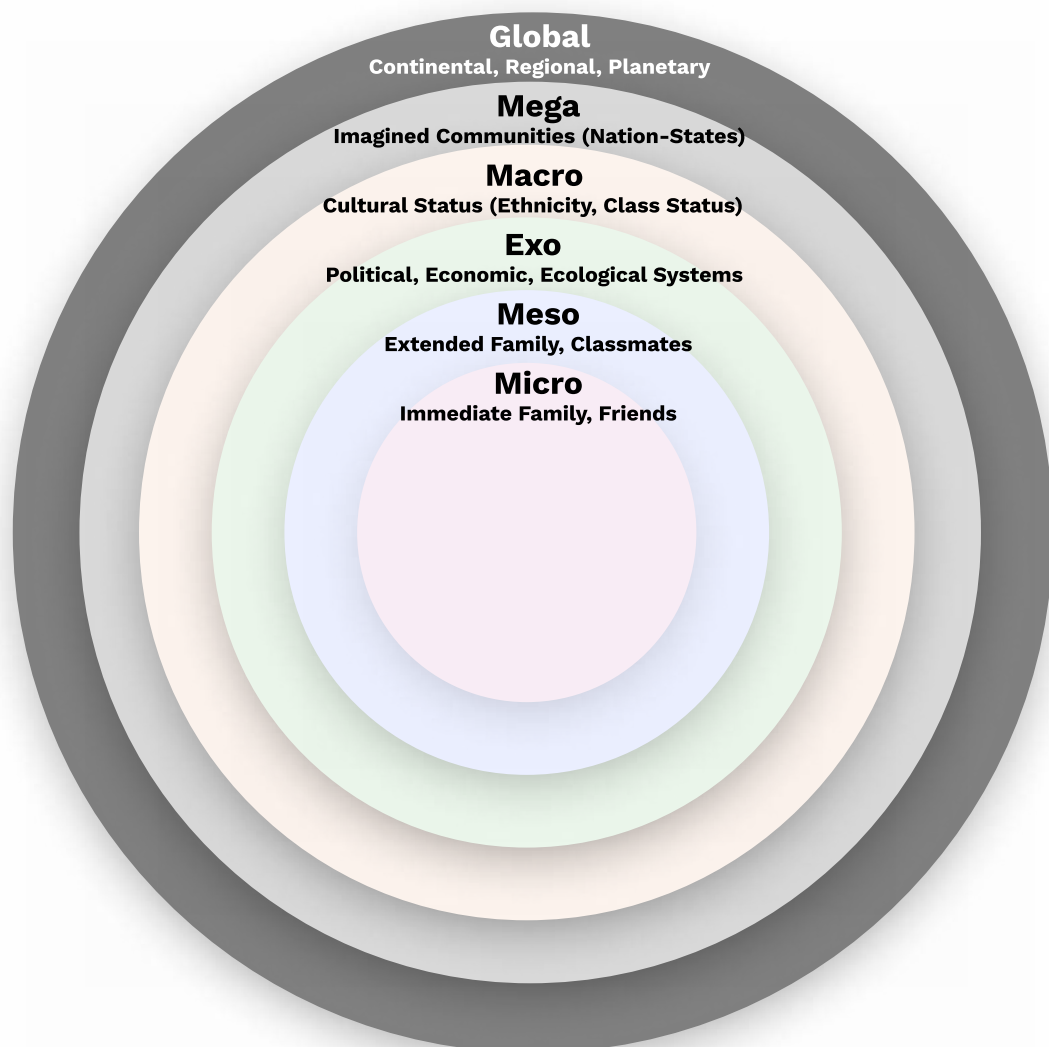
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**Where does your energy flow most naturally?
Toward the inner circles (local, intimate) or the outer circles (global, systemic)?**

Place dots or labels representing themselves, their immediate circle, their community, and the world.

This directly illustrates your practical engagement with Society and Nature.



Core Self-Assessment

The Five Dimensions



Axiological Foundation: Your Core Values

This dimension identifies the principles that guide your decisions.

Choose Your Top 3

Justice / Equity

Compassion / Care

Autonomy / Freedom

Curiosity / Wisdom

Resilience / Adaptability

Beauty / Creativity

Community / Solidarity

Simplicity / Sufficiency

How do these chosen values show up in your daily life?

Values are the bridge between internal Spirituality and external action in Society.

Core Self-Assessment

The Five Dimensions

Praxis Mode: How You Enact Change

This dimension focuses on your preferred methods of action.

Distribute your energy and time across these four modes of praxis:

Write down the percentage of energy and time (out of 100)

 Social Praxis Organizing, Community Building	 Technical Praxis Building, Gardening, Engineering
 Inner Praxis Reflection, Healing, Mindfulness	 Cultural Praxis Education, Art, Narrative

This is the direct application of your profile into the world, engaging all five domains through action.

Phase 2: Assessing Power

Power Distance Index (PDI) Assessment

Power Distance Index (PDI) measures how we perceive and interact with power hierarchies. A low PDI preference indicates a desire for flatter, more egalitarian structures. A high PDI preference indicates comfort with clearer hierarchies and chains of command. Neither is inherently "good" or "bad," but understanding your preference is key to working effectively in groups.

1. I am most productive when I have a clear supervisor or leader to report to.

Strongly Disagree

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Agree

2. I am most productive when I have a clear supervisor or leader to report to.

Strongly Disagree

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Strongly Agree

3. Challenging someone in a position of authority is generally inappropriate.

Strongly Disagree

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Agree

4. In a group project, I prefer we elect a facilitator rather than everyone having an equal say at all times.

Strongly Disagree

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Agree

5. Titles and formal positions are not very important to me; what matters is a person's actions and ideas.

Strongly Disagree

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Agree

Scoring & Interpretation:

- Add your scores for questions 1, 3, and 4.
- For questions 2 and 5, reverse the score (1=5, 2=4, 3=3, 4=2, 5=1) and add them.
- Total Score: _____
 - 5-12: Low PDI Preference. You thrive in flat, collaborative, self-managing groups. You may feel frustrated by rigid top-down structures.
 - 13-17: Moderate PDI Preference. You are adaptable and can work well in various structures, though you likely have a mild preference for one over the other.
 - 18-25: High PDI Preference. You prefer clear hierarchies, defined roles, and respectful chains of command. You may find completely flat organizations chaotic.

Reflect

- How does your PDI score align or conflict with your Teleological Drive (e.g., Liberation vs. Stewardship)? How can this awareness help you navigate collaborative spaces in the SolarPunk movement?

Phase 3: Synthesis

Your SolarPunk Compass

You have charted the constellations of your inner self. Now, let's map them onto a compass that can guide your actions in the world. This SolarPunk Compass Rose integrates your five dimensions and plots them against the five Systems of Activity.

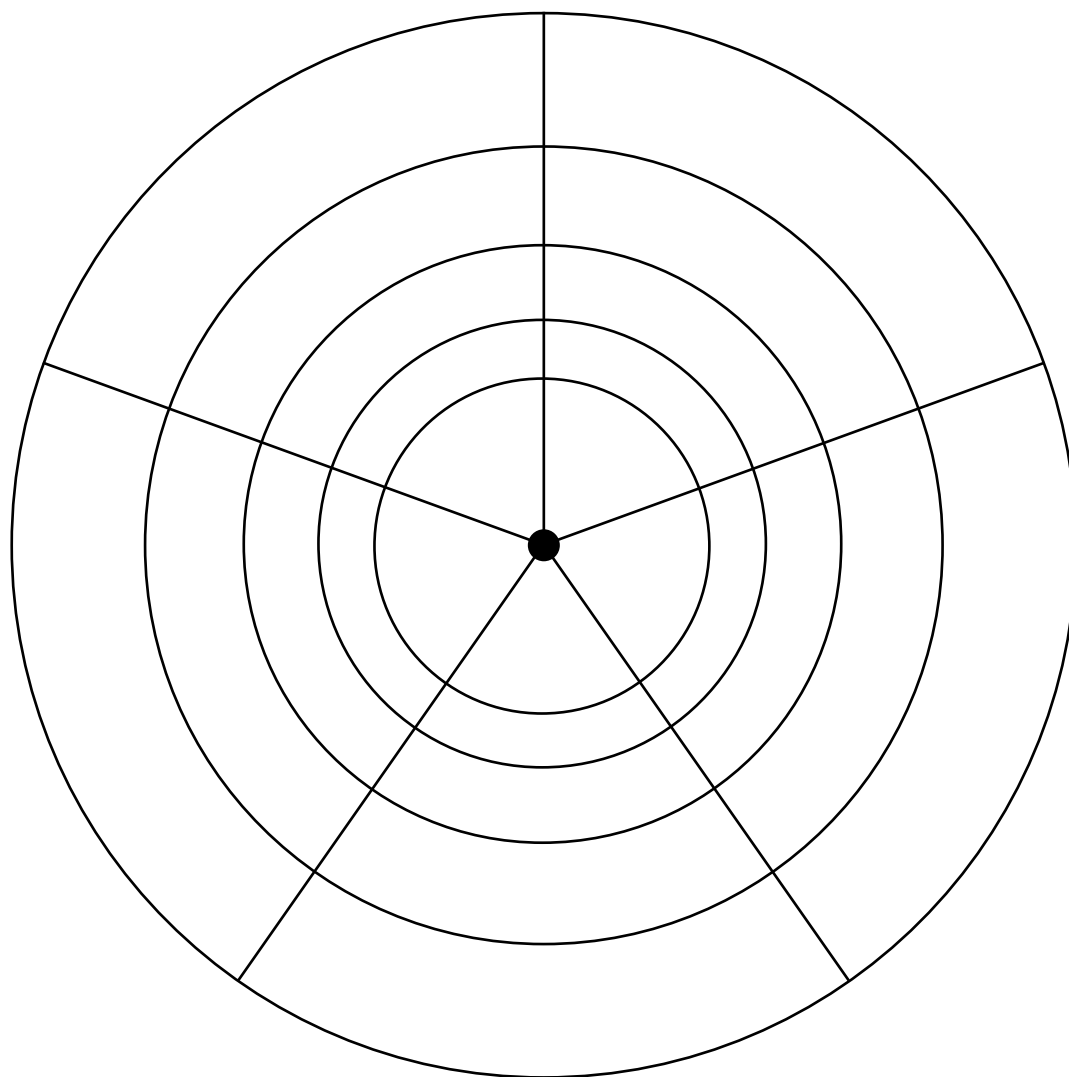
Your position is not fixed; it is your unique location from which to begin your journey. The center represents balance and integration, while the points of the compass show areas of focus and growth. Assuming the compass on the next page is printed, proceed with the instructions below.

Instructions

- 1. Review Your Findings:** Look back at your answers from Phase 1 (Core Dimensions) and Phase 2 (Power Distance).
- 2. Plot Your Coordinates:** For each of the five Systems of Activity below, place a dot on the compass segment. Place it closer to the center if you feel this is an area of latent potential or inner focus. Place it closer to the outer edge if this is an area of active expression and strength.
 - Nature: Based on your Relational Nexus (connection to the more-than-human world) and Teleological Drives like Stewardship/Renewal.
 - Society: Based on your Relational Nexus (community circles), Power Distance Index, and Teleological Drives like Liberation/Connection.
 - Spirituality: Based on your Axiological Foundation (core values) and Teleological Drives like Liberation/Connection.
 - Dharma: Based on your Epistemic Posture (how you find truth) and Teleological Drive of Understanding.
 - Yoga: Based on your Praxis Mode (how you enact change) and Epistemic Posture (learning by doing).
- 3. Connect the Dots:** Draw a line connecting the five dots you've made. This shape is your unique Compass Rose. It shows your current profile of engagement.
- 4. Mark Your Power Distance:** Draw a small sun symbol (☀️) on the compass. Place it closer to the center if you have a Low PDI (comfort with flat hierarchies). Place it closer to the edge if you have a High PDI (comfort with clear hierarchies). This shows how you "show up" in the space between yourself and others.

Phase 3: Synthesis

The SolarPunk Compass



- **Describe the shape of your Compass Rose.**
 - Is it balanced? Is it lopsided? What does that shape tell you about your current path?
- **Which System of Activity is your strongest "True North" right now? Why?**
- **Which System is your "Southern Cross" – a guiding light you'd like to develop further?**
- **How does your Power Distance (the sun symbol) interact with the shape of your rose?**
 - Example: "My rose is strong in Society and Spirituality, but my high PDI sun means I sometimes wait for permission to act on my values rather than initiating collaboration."

Phase 4: Reflect then Collab

Setting Your Course

Now that you have a map and a compass, it's time to set your course. The goal is not a "perfectly balanced" compass, but a conscious one. Your unique shape is your gift to the collective.

1. My Offering:

Based on my strongest points, the gift I can bring to a collaborative praxis is:

2. My Learning Edge:

To grow and contribute more fully, I want to explore the domain of [] by:

3. My First Step:

One small, concrete action I can take this week that aligns with my compass is:

Bring this completed workbook to the Praxis Workshop. We will use these maps to find fellow travelers whose compasses complement our own, allowing us to navigate toward a sustainable and beautiful future, together.

Final Note: This compass is a snapshot of you in this moment. Revisit it. Redraw it. Let it evolve as you do. This is the practice of self-knowledge (svadhyaya)—the foundation of all authentic and effective action.

Thank You!

Now go change the world!

You now hold a toolkit for changing worlds.

This workbook isn't a finished product; it is a seed. And a seed only grows with water, sunlight, and good soil.

You are now part of a community of practice, experimenting with new ways to organize, resist, and build. Here's how you can help this seed grow into a forest.

Share Your Harvest

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- What clicked? What felt confusing?
- What actions would you add to the catalogue?
- What did we miss?

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- Grow this ecosystem of tools for liberation.

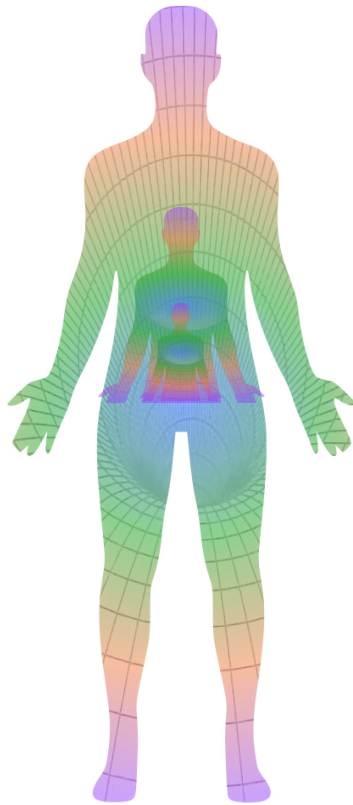
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