Module 2 Homework

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**4. Review your responses to assignment #3 above. Think of ways in the past (especially recently) that you have exhibited, to some degree, these same behaviors, thoughts, emotions, and motivations. In a digital document, briefly write a summary of at least one such case and save your work in the document. You will submit this work along with your responses to assignment #8 below.**

I feel that “Mr. I” is a very extreme example. His egocentric thoughts and him feeling that he was superior was causing harm and giving distress to others. I studied acting, and the industry is one that attracts and creates many egocentric people, even I could be considered one of them. However I do not think I could go to such extremes as “Mr. I” had.

I love to know that somebody likes my work or when someone praises me but I can hide this feeling as an adult would instead of showing it like a child, as Dr. Elders said in her talk.

Nevertheless, I'm sure that many of my friends in the acting industry and some artists do not hesitate to act like children and express their self-centered thoughts easily.

We, as artists may need such a child's energy and curiosity to create and “play” around our art but we still need to control our egocentric thoughts.

**8. Identify the Impact of Group Influence**

List some of the groups you believe have had the strongest impact on your thinking.

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2. A Group of Friends at a Tourism Course in college
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I believe that my family was one of the strongest impact on my thinking. Even though we call the family a group, each member of the family contributes differently.

With the problem-solving effort that developed with my father constantly giving me 3D brain teasers, puzzles or asking me to fix broken items at home, combined with the spirit of service that my mother tried to instill in us and have us show to our family and loved ones, perhaps the cornerstones of my thinking fell into place: Try to serve the others and solve theirs problems...

2. The following ideas within this group seem incompatible with one another…

My mother was more spiritual and fairmended and my father was more rational but egocentric.

3. I would now question the following beliefs I “received” from this group…

I questioned faith the most because what was written in the holy book did not match what people did. After a while, I decided to read and learn about different religions on my own instead of learning about them from my family or others.

1. A Group of Friends at a Tourism Course in college
2. This group has influenced my thinking the following ways…

While studying this course in college, I became friends with a group of people who tried to communicate with everyone, regardless of their political views, and also tried to express their feelings and thoughts through art. When I started hanging out with this group, I started reading a lot because I was trying to understand their conversations as they were very intellectual and most of them were studying literature and trying to be writers or poets. They helped me think differently. Thanks to them, I started to enjoy different forms of art.

2. The following ideas within this group seem incompatible with one another…

Most of them did not believe in God, their ideas were more socialist but at the same time they were very egocentric. Their deeds did not match their thoughts and when they thought of their own benefit, they would forget the rights of others easily.

3. I would now question the following beliefs I “received” from this group…

I questioned their atheism, because their statements about life were not any better than the statements given by those who are religious.