

# A Community of Wisdom Seekers

## Wisocracy Members



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# Valuing Wisdom



## Why has wisdom been valued throughout history?

Wisdom has been valued throughout history for its profound role in guiding individuals and societies toward more thoughtful, ethical, and sustainable decisions. Here are a few key reasons why wisdom has consistently held value across cultures:

- 1. Practical Knowledge for Life:** Wisdom is often associated with the ability to apply knowledge in practical ways. Rather than simply knowing facts, a wise person knows how to use that knowledge in real-life situations to navigate complexities and challenges.
- 2. Ethical and Moral Guidance:** Wisdom is tied to moral reasoning and the ability to discern right from wrong. Historically, wise individuals, such as philosophers, elders, or spiritual leaders, have been sought out for counsel on ethical dilemmas, social harmony, and justice.
- 3. Long-Term Thinking:** Wise people are seen as those who can look beyond the immediate moment, considering the broader consequences of their actions. This ability to think long-term has been crucial in planning for the future, whether in governance, community well-being, or personal growth.



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## Why has wisdom been valued throughout history?

- 4. Emotional Intelligence and Empathy:** Wisdom involves understanding human nature, emotions, and motivations. Those with wisdom are often able to show compassion and empathize with others, leading to more harmonious interpersonal relationships and stronger communities.
- 5. Cultural Continuity:** In many traditional societies, wisdom is transmitted across generations through stories, teachings, and customs. Elders, who are often seen as the bearers of wisdom, help preserve cultural heritage and provide continuity in an ever-changing world.
- 6. Resilience in Adversity:** Wisdom also involves the ability to remain calm and composed during difficult times. It provides a framework for resilience, helping individuals and communities survive crises by applying lessons learned from experience.
- 7. Unity of Knowledge and Experience:** Wisdom integrates intellectual, experiential, and emotional intelligence. This unity allows people to navigate uncertainty with a deeper understanding of the interconnection of life's various aspects.

Throughout history, wisdom has been seen as essential for living a good life, maintaining social order, and achieving personal and collective well-being. This enduring respect for wisdom reflects its role in fostering both individual flourishing and societal progress.



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## Why don't some people value wisdom?

These reasons highlight many of the challenges in appreciating and promoting wisdom in today's world. Wisdom's complexity and the fact that it doesn't fit into conventional systems of measurement make it harder to value compared to other traits like intelligence or technical skills. Let's explore some of these points in more depth:

- 1. Difficulty in Teaching:** Wisdom grows out of life experience, reflection, and insight, which can't always be conveyed through conventional teaching. Education systems often prioritize knowledge and skills that can be measured through exams, leaving wisdom, which is harder to quantify, less emphasized.
- 2. Lack of Testing:** Because wisdom doesn't easily lend itself to standardized tests or assessments, it's often overlooked in educational or professional settings. Skills and knowledge that can be tested tend to get more attention, making wisdom seem less important.
- 3. Devaluation by Those in Power:** Leaders or institutions with vested interests in maintaining control may discourage wisdom because it promotes critical thinking and ethical reflection, which can challenge their authority or question the status quo.



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## Why don't some people value wisdom?

- 4. Association with Age:** While many cultures traditionally associate wisdom with age, not all wise people are elderly, and this stereotype can create misconceptions. Younger people who demonstrate wisdom may be overlooked because of this bias.
- 5. Association with Authority Figures:** People sometimes conflate wisdom with authoritarianism or figures of power, assuming that wisdom is only found in those with official titles. This can lead to resentment or rejection, especially if individuals feel disillusioned by traditional authority.
- 6. Association with Religion or Politics:** Wisdom has historically been connected with religious or political leadership, which can create divides. People who are skeptical of religious or political institutions may reject the idea of wisdom if they associate it too closely with those domains.
- 7. Lack of Intelligence and Creativity:** Wisdom requires a blend of emotional intelligence, creativity, and critical thinking, which not everyone possesses or values. Those who don't prioritize these traits may downplay the importance of wisdom.





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## Why don't some people value wisdom?

8. **Manipulation:** In a world saturated with information, there is often a "wisdom gap" where the loudest or most popular voices dominate, even if they aren't wise. This creates space for manipulation, with people being swayed by trends or emotionally charged rhetoric rather than thoughtful consideration.
9. **Fear:** Fear can cloud judgment and cause people to act impulsively or cling to simplistic solutions, leading them to avoid or devalue wisdom. In times of uncertainty, people may gravitate toward those who project strength or certainty, even if they lack wisdom.
10. **Difficulty Defining:** Wisdom is multifaceted and abstract, which can make it seem unattainable or irrelevant. The elusive nature of wisdom means that people often prefer more concrete, easily graspable traits, which are easier to define and measure.

These points reflect how modern society's emphasis on measurable, tangible outcomes can sometimes marginalize the subtler, deeper qualities that wisdom embodies. They also suggest that while wisdom is valuable, its complexity and the challenges in cultivating and recognizing it make it harder to prioritize in many contexts.



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## Estimates of the percentage of people who value wisdom.

Estimating the percentage of people who value wisdom is challenging because it depends on various factors such as cultural, educational, and personal influences.

Here is a rough framework based on available insights:

- 1. Cultural Influence:** In societies that have strong traditions of reverence for elders or philosophical thought, such as in many Eastern cultures, wisdom might be more widely valued. In these contexts, a higher percentage of people (potentially 60-70%) could place importance on wisdom.
- 2. Modern, Individualistic Societies:** In more individualistic and fast-paced societies, particularly in the West, traits like success, innovation, or intelligence are often prioritized over wisdom. Here, the percentage of people who explicitly value wisdom might be lower, possibly around 30-40%.



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## Estimates of the percentage of people who value wisdom.

- 3. Personal Experience and Age:** Older adults and individuals who have experienced major life challenges may be more likely to value wisdom. In contrast, younger people or those who prioritize ambition or external achievements might value it less. Among older adults, the percentage could be as high as 60%, whereas in younger populations, it may be as low as 20-30%.
- 4. Educational Background:** People exposed to philosophical, psychological, or spiritual education are more likely to appreciate wisdom. In academic or intellectual circles, the percentage of people who value wisdom could be higher, around 50-60%, whereas in highly commercial or industrial sectors, it might be closer to 20-30%.

Overall, it could be estimated that **30-50%** of people actively value wisdom, depending on these social, cultural, and individual factors. This is a general estimate, and it varies based on the context in which wisdom is framed and appreciated.

# Advanced Collaboration Skills

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**Dear Friend of Wisdom, Earth & Humanity,**

**As people become more educated you would think they would recognize the need for collaboration. Unfortunately, there are few incentives for collaboration in capitalism.**

**In the education sector, academia is highly competitive. Yet, we need collaboration to work together to build a peaceful, sustainable world.**

**Wisocracy has facilitated a Creative Thinker's Group for Earth & Humanity that can be developed into an online Creativity Lab, a unique opportunity to build a space that encourages collaboration for the common good, showing that it can be not only beneficial but essential for addressing the most urgent issues facing humanity today.**

**Before we can do the work of building the Creativity Lab, we know we need a Core Team of Collaborators. That is the reason we are providing the following information on Advanced Collaboration Skills on the next slides.**

**Sandy Hinden  
Wisocracy Founder**

# Intelligence & Collaboration for Solutions

Many highly intelligent people are highly competitive.  
We need collaboration for solutions to prevent  
biospheric collapse and human extinction.

		Collaboration		
		Low	Medium	High
Competition	High	High Intelligence & High Collaboration		
	Medium			
	Low	Low Intelligence & Low Collaboration		

We need people who care and collaborate to solve local, national, and global problems.  
 We need to find ways to communicate it is in people's interest to support peace and nature.

<b>SURVIVING</b>	2 billion people	Can't afford to care	Struggling to survive	Finding water, food, shelter	Living day-to-day
<b>STRIVING</b>	2 billion people	Can almost afford to care, may not seem to care	Struggling to succeed	Finding work, transportation	Living week-to-week
<b>SUCCEEDING</b>	1 billion people	Can afford to care, but don't seem to care very much about the environment or future generations	Average status quo	Climbing the ladder of success	May have no time May vote for who supports cheap gasoline Fear of crime and competition, support police & military to preserve gained advantages Very high CO2 emissions
<b>ADVANTAGED</b>	1 billion people		Elite status quo	Competitive Protecting wealth Some are proud of high-carbon lifestyle	
<b>CARING</b>	2 billion people	Can afford to care, and do care	Many NGOs, Nonprofits, Health & Human Services, Educators Philanthropists	Competing for attention, positions resources, and recognition	Attend many conferences Little to no incentives to collaborate

# Advanced Collaboration Skills

Advanced collaboration skills go beyond basic teamwork and communication, focusing on fostering deep cooperation, innovation, and effective problem-solving in complex or high-stakes situations.

These skills include:

- 1. Emotional Intelligence (EQ)**
- 2. Empathy and Listening**
- 3. Active Listening**
- 4. Constructive Feedback**
- 5. Conflict Resolution**
- 6. Conflict Management and Consensus Building**
- 7. Cultural Competence**
- 8. Facilitation**
- 9. Creative Facilitation**
- 10. Collaborative Leadership**
- 11. Adaptability and Flexibility**
- 12. Consensus Building**
- 13. Strategic Thinking**

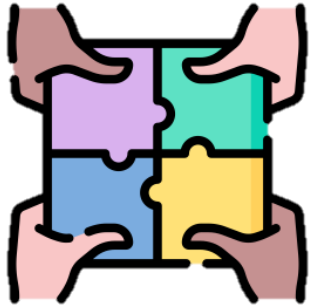


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- 1. Emotional Intelligence (EQ):** Understanding and managing emotions—both your own and others'—to navigate team dynamics smoothly, handle conflict, and create a positive working environment.
- 2. Empathy and Listening:** Emphasize the importance of understanding different perspectives to create solutions that work across different cultures and disciplines.
- 3. Active Listening:** Going beyond passive hearing to truly understand others' perspectives, concerns, and ideas, making team members feel valued and heard.

# Advanced Collaboration Skills



- 4. Constructive Feedback:** Providing balanced, actionable, and specific feedback in a way that promotes growth rather than defensiveness.
- 5. Conflict Resolution:** Managing disagreements in a way that resolves issues without damaging relationships, using negotiation, mediation, or other techniques to reach a win-win outcome.
- 6. Conflict Management and Consensus Building:** Develop a culture that encourages healthy debate and ensures all voices are heard while keeping the overall mission on track.

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7. **Cultural Competence:** The ability to understand, communicate with, and effectively interact with people across different cultures, which is crucial in diverse teams.
8. **Facilitation:** Guiding discussions and meetings in a way that encourages participation, keeps the team focused on goals, and fosters creative problem-solving.
9. **Creative Facilitation:** Provide guidance on how team members can lead creative sessions, such as brainstorming or innovation workshops, to keep the group dynamic and forward-thinking.

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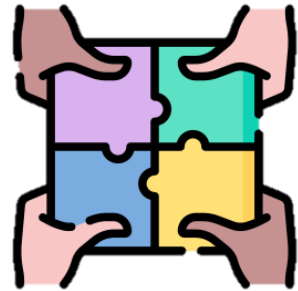


- 10. Collaborative Leadership:** Leading in a way that empowers others, promoting shared responsibility, collective decision-making, and nurturing creativity within the team.
- 11. Adaptability and Flexibility:** Being open to change, new ideas, and different working styles, which is essential in a rapidly changing environment.
- 12. Consensus Building:** Facilitating agreement among diverse team members by ensuring everyone's input is considered and working toward decisions that benefit the whole group.

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**13. Strategic Thinking:** Collaborating with a long-term view in mind, aligning team efforts with broader goals, and seeing how individual contributions fit into the bigger picture.

These advanced collaboration skills help teams innovate, manage complex challenges, and reach their highest potential.



# Member Benefits



## Join Wisocracy: Be Part of Creating a Wiser, Healthier World

**Dear Friend of Wisdom, Earth & Humanity,**

**Wisocracy is dedicated to fostering a healthier planet by developing wiser people, wiser systems, wiser leaders, and a wiser democracy.**

**By joining us as a member, you will be part of a Community of Wisdom Seekers and a global movement to create meaningful change for a wiser world.**

**For just \$60 a year, you will gain access to:**

- **Monthly member meetings to nurture personal and collective wisdom**
- **The *Wisocracy Guidebook to Wisdom & Wellness***
- **Exclusive access to live Zoom programs and learning resources**
- **One-on-one Zoom conversations and newsletters with updates**

**Become a part of this Community of Wisdom Seekers, share your insights, and help shape a sustainable future for all.**

**Sandy Hinden  
Wisocracy Founder**

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WISOCRACY GUIDEBOOK  
to Wisdom & Wellness

**The Journey to What You Like**

Sandy Hinden



	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Wise Recovery</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Every Friday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 PM ET</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Creative Thinker's Group for Earth &amp; Humanity</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st Friday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 PM ET</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Wise Earth Collective</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 PM ET</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Wisocracy Community Monthly Member Meeting</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 PM ET</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Rule of Law on Earth Forum</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">4th Tuesday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 PM ET</p>

# Member Daily Practice

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Return to Wisdom & Wellness

Take Care of Your Feelings & Needs

No Attachment to Outcomes

Do What You Can

Limit Your Negative Inputs



# Member Meetings



## Welcome to Our Monthly Meeting

**Dear Friend of Wisdom, Earth & Humanity,**

**Welcome to our monthly gathering where we celebrate the timeless wisdom of humanity and the beauty of our shared connection with the Earth.**

**Each month, we come together to nurture our collective spirit, to reflect, heal, and grow — individually and as a community.**

**Our gathering follows a 5-part format designed to guide us through meditation, compassionate healing, serenity, peace, and a collective inquiry.**

**Together, we build towards a shared understanding — our collective wisdom.**

**Join us on this journey to explore new horizons, deepen your connection to the Earth, and discover the power of wisdom in shaping a better world for all.**

**We look forward to your presence and participation.**

**Welcome to our wonderful world of shared wisdom for all.**

**Sandy Hinden**

**Wisocracy Founder**



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Monthly Meeting

Third Sunday, 1 PM, ET



Collective Wisdom

Collective Inquiry

Peace, Serenity

Compassion Healing

Meditation



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# Qualities for a Wiser World

## **Wisocracy**

**seeks to create a healthy planet Earth by developing wiser people, wiser systems, wiser leaders, and wiser democracy.**

## **Wisocracy Members**

**are forward-thinking, open to change, and driven by a sincere desire to contribute to a better future for humanity and the planet.**

**They come from diverse backgrounds but share a common vision of creating a more sustainable, ethical, and wise world.**



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# Qualities for a Wiser World

## Wisocracy meetings explore:

1. **Timeless wisdom** gathered from around the world throughout the ages.
2. **A deep concern for the well-being of the planet** and a commitment to environmental sustainability and protection.
3. **An open-mindedness and willingness to learn**, grow, and develop greater wisdom, both personally and collectively.
4. **A systems-thinking approach** recognizes the interconnectedness of various aspects of society, the economy, and the environment.

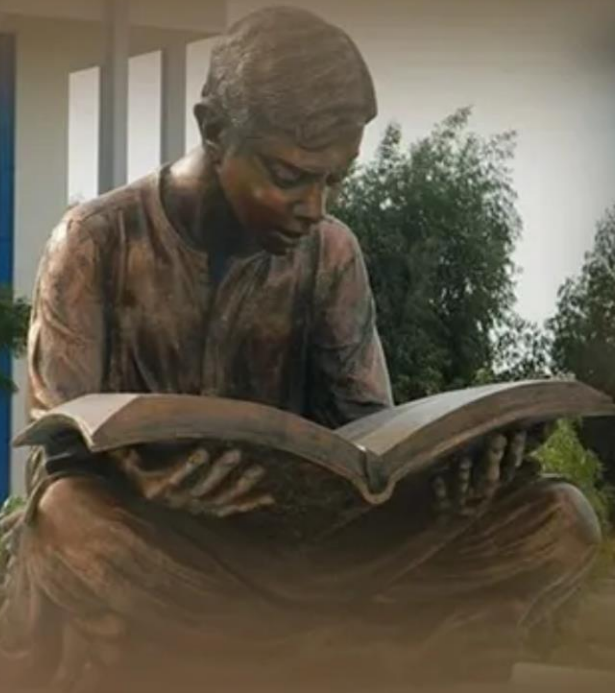


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# Qualities for a Wiser World

## Wisocracy meetings explore:

5. **A desire for personal growth and self-improvement**, coupled with a willingness to challenge one's own biases and assumptions.
6. **A belief in the importance of ethical and moral leadership**, guided by principles of integrity, compassion, and a long-term vision.
7. **A commitment to democratic ideals** and a recognition of the need for continuous improvement and reform of democratic processes.
8. **A collaborative and inclusive mindset**, valuing diverse perspectives and experiences, and embracing the power of collective wisdom.



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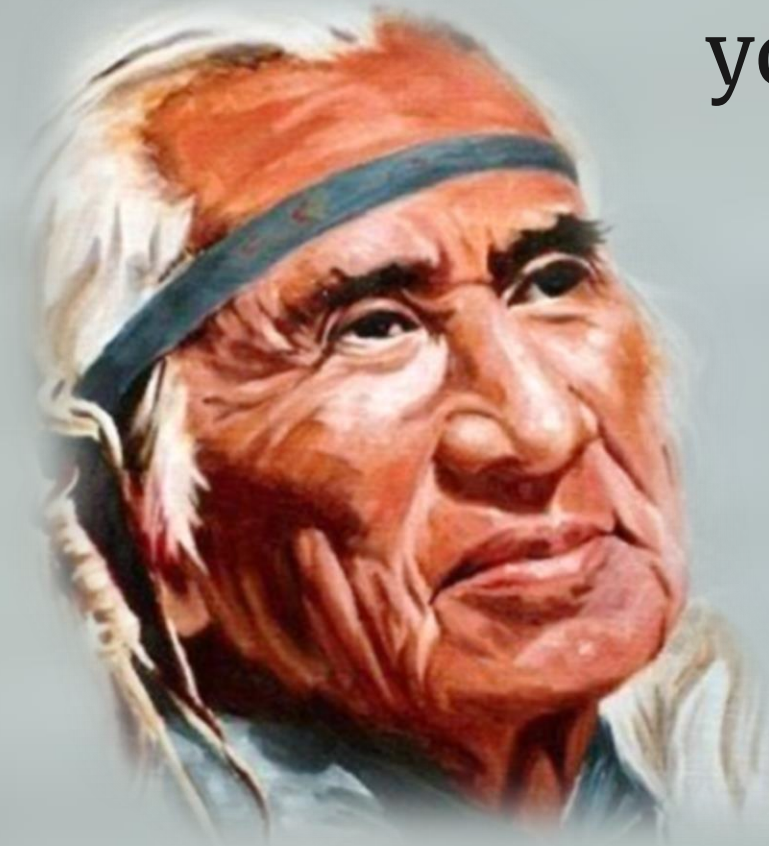


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# Qualities for a Wiser World

## Wisocracy meetings explore:

9. **A sense of global citizenship** and a concern for the well-being of all people transcends narrow self-interests and national boundaries.
10. **An appreciation for the role of science**, reason, and evidence-based decision-making in addressing complex challenges.
11. **A willingness to engage in constructive dialogue**, respectful discourse, and a commitment to finding common ground and shared solutions.



“May the stars carry  
your sadness away...  
May the flowers fill  
your heart with beauty...  
May hope forever  
wipe away your tears...  
And, above all,  
may silence make  
you strong.”

**Chief Dan George**



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