

## IN PRAISE OF INTELLECTUALS:

- Statement 1: It takes a certain distinct perspective on life to be an intellectual - usually not a very happy one.
- Statement 2: To be an intellectual, one needs a degree of egotism that often makes other people uncomfortable to be with.
- Statement 3: It is sometimes useful and necessary to consider life from the intellectual viewpoint.
- Statement 4: As long as one doesn't do it all of the time – then, it becomes tedious for others and damaging to the Self.
- Statement 5: A healthy society needs a proportion of intellectuals - like good bread needs yeast to raise the leaven.
- Statement 6: Make it the same in about the same proportions - a very little yeast to a fairly large amount of leaven.
- Statement 7: Intellectuals tend to show up sloppy thinking in other people – and enjoy that aspect of themselves.
- Statement 8: Other people tend to show up the lacks that exist in intellectuals - and there are many.
- Statement 9: For intellectuals, include those who think a lot, also philosophers, poets, students, scientists, social psychologists, radical political thinkers, true theologians, and some essayists (a dying breed). This does not necessarily include academics.
- Statement 10: Beware - only a little thinking is a very dangerous thing. Maybe meditate more!
- Statement 11: An intellectual who does not apply the wisdom of their heart directly to their thinking is even more dangerous.
- Statement 12: A scholar, a blue, an academician, cerebral, learned, egghead, geeky, schooled, brainy, highbrow, philosopher, pundit, researcher, sage, savant, erudite, thinker and hopefully ... perhaps ... a wise man.