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## This I Believe

When thinking about what the world has to offer, the true question is what does it not have to offer. Everything that is imaginable, the world presents to us. That is what the world is. Everything that we know exists is this world, our world. It is our ideas, our realities, our dreams, our feelings, our fears and the things we hold most dear as humans. It surrounds us in every sense, touch, sight, smell, taste, and sound, entrancing us to get lost within its meaning that is never quite clear. The world offers you everything you define as possible, reachable, and existent. There is no limit, if you don't define one. This life that we all live can be anything we believe. We are offered the world, by the world. This I believe.

Given this gift, I want to experience the world in every way possible. I want to go places, see things, meet people, and expand my understanding. I believe one must try to live every moment to the fullest and take advantage of all the opportunities presented by the world. My world is full of opportunities, opportunities that fill me with passion and make me excited to be alive, which I think is a little of what everyone needs. I believe one must experience the world.

I will never forget the first time I touched the ocean, an experience that was new to me and which influenced me to take part and immerse my life in something bigger. After riding in a car for ten hours, I decided to stop spontaneously and ran out of the vehicle as quickly as possible. But instead of standing there, I found this pathway that led to the ocean and a beach. It was so beautiful, the ocean seemed to be infinite, creating feelings of freedom. I ran down the beach without a care in the world, running in and out of the water, splashing, laughing, and spinning around in circles until I just fell to the ground. As I let the waves gently roll over me, I had a permanent smile and I remember my heart was beating so fast. It was one of the happiest moments of my life, one I came upon by chance, which I choose to experience to the fullest.

I fell in love with the ocean and the thought of all the world has to offer, which has just inspired dreams inside me. To have more memories like this and broaden my experience of the world I believe one must travel. It is what I think defines the aspects of life. Adventure, experience, memories, thought, enlightenment, and self-discovery are all apart of traveling. When I say traveling I don't meant go on a vacation with your family to Hawaii, on a resort with a pool and staff catering your every need, I mean going to the middle of India and walking in a market with many other people, going to Antarctica and seeing the northern lights, learning a tribal dance in the plains of Africa, with people that are so different from you that life has no choice but to become a little bit more meaningful. We are offered this world and I don't understand why anyone would not want to experience it in every way possible, to unravel the mysteries. It is our home and it is astonishing that there is so much that we do not know about something that is the very purpose of our existence. The importance of traveling is un-measureable, there are no words to describe how much it really could impact your life. Everyone tells me that it is impossible unless you have money, but that has never discouraged me. I have seen how important it is to travel, experiencing what the world has to offer, and that you just need try, regardless of obstacles.

Sometimes I am afraid because I fear that I could never truly uphold my most fundamental of beliefs, or live up to what I make the world out to be. But I do believe that we all just have to take the steps and never forget who we are and what we love. No matter how little the steps or how big the obstacles, I think it does not matter, as long as we move forward. At times things can seem overwhelming, but if your dreams don't scare you they are not big enough. This is earth, our world, and our world offers itself to take your breath away, to open your eyes, to make you fall in love and to create something we all call life. This I believe.