

York Texts

21st Century Eden

SECTION I

Read by: Josh Burnell on the 28th July 2014 in St Helen's Square, York

- 1 5 billion less people. Harmony with the ecological systems. A benevolent dictator. Here and now.
- 2 A forest. Respect for others happens.
- 3 Quiet
- 4 Access to free/clean/fresh water.
An Eden based on common sense.
- 5 A world full of ducks that we could feed all day.
- 6 Nachos. Trees, Forests – environment. Close friends – interconnected network of personal Edens. Each Eden has their own set of rules. There may be conflict, but this is natural. No Greed, Contentment. Individual Edens may eventually join together – Like-mindedness. People *do* know what they want.
- 7 Before the fall – unity and harmony – between animals and people. No government. Human nature would be different. Bartering and trading.
- 8 Peace and quiet. Green. Equality. Wine. Simple pleasures. Not many people— not enough to warrant a government. Enough space. Bartering or trade. No ownership of land.
- 9 Love, tolerance and friendship. Beautiful trees, beautiful rocks, waterfalls. Big play areas for children with no problems. No fighting, no wars, just talk – tell people what you mean and tell them to talk to each other and listen. Trust in God, without him there would be nothing. Full of loving animals. People are like Islands – because in our little cog of the wheel we have very little influence.
- 10 Family, friends – companionship. Music, art – creativity. COMMUNITY. No work – we should all just co-exist. Sunshine, trees, seaside, mountains. Self-governance. Kindness as shared value – to others as well as the environment.
- 11 Knowledge over money – the passing of knowledge. CREATIVITY AND STORYTELLING. Acceptance of other people. Community is important. Regeneration of humanity and knowledge. Acceptance of death – respect of life as a journey. Quality of life. Sharing of experience. Common sense a religion.
- 12 Health. Friendship, family, contentment, Love. Democracy – equal share of money, independence and self-reliance “live and let live”. The ladder – in an Eden we wouldn't need to strive for more – this sculpture doesn't fit. Social control – democratically elected local councils instead of centralised government. Big cities – bad – no conglomerates. Self-reliance but with community support. No religion so no war, no fanaticism, no celebrities.
- 13 Safety – community. Empathy. Give and take – compromise. Good transport links, food distribution – agricultural policy – more focus needed. We would need a government – but one that is not focused on money. Not capitalism. Self-awareness, self-reliance. Government should not have invested interest in corporations.

- 14 Friendship – people gathering around and making new friends. Clothes shops. Money. Go into groups and talk to people and settle problems.
- 15 Feeling safe, secure, and happy. The people around you make you feel safe. Memories of safety (in childhood). No technology. Is there money? I'd like to think not but on the other hand like to think you have to be rewarded for your efforts – not want people to have something for nothing. 'When you start thinking about it paradise is similar to here we may as well stay as we are.'
- 16 Plants, animals, trees. Gardening. Keeping things in balance. Safety. Living within your means. Equal distribution. We all have the same worth. Mutually government – made to vote compulsory. Treat people with dignity and respect.
- 17 Meaningful jobs for everyone. Teach everyone to cook – back to basics. Stop war and terrorism. Love. "Just enough religion not to make us hate others and enough to love each other". Bit greener (natural). Learn parenting.
- 18 Peace on earth. Vegetarian. More thought given to why things have become so disarranged/slacked. Change of attitude, less me, me, and me. Not a price tag to everything. To be able to look at things without having to pay. More thought given to one-another.
- 19 I would be a demi-god. Hourly sandwiches by bitches. Hourly praise to a Cube. Role reversal for men and women every Sunday. Free condiments for all. Flatten all buildings – only brutalist buildings allowed. Big statue of me.
- 20 Traveling around with no immigration problems.
- 21 Green world. Eco buildings. All new buildings totally eco-friendly. Tank under houses for water. Solar power on south facing roofs. Any office building should be as eco-friendly as possible.
- 22 Cardiff city. Uncrowded. Need a government (a safe place). A restaurant for Muslims – a closed place because of eating wearing a birka
- 23 Companionship. Family. Garden. Nature
- 24 Peaceful existence. Equality would come into it. 'A workable environment'. 'We need a change of attitudes in the government'. A different kind of people in the government. Money – some kind of exchange is needed.
- 25 No crimes. Nothing else – is the world almost perfect? Welfare state. Looking after the people who need looking after. Health care. It would be like our perception of Eden – all the paintings where Adam and Eve romped. No religion – you are in paradise so 'God' is there, all religions see the truth. No corruption. No nationalism. Diversity. At least 1 of each plant growing – conservation. Less reliant on technology. There can be no Eden because Eden is individual as is perfection. People walking around in bikinis.
- 26 Money, healthy kids, well behaved husband. Look like Thailand. Lady boys everywhere. Have to be visually appealing. Relaxing. Efficient. Natural trees that secrete alcohol. Peace and harmony, there's too much war and conflict. Get rid of lying politicians. No corruption. Attitude – poor people used to be actual poor but these days you get people pretending. Would you want to go back? Yes! Like South America. We need to start again as a race but we can't.
- 27 Peace – no fighting. Mountains and water – peaceful. Local government – equality. Everybody feels equal. Understand nature (people turn a blind eye). Free chocolate.

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- 28 Outdoors – all natural. Network – everyone equal, taken forward by voting. No hierarchy. Transaction as time not currency based. 75% live in 10% of the world – wellbeing.
- 29 Wild flowers. Gardens. Peace. Got to have trade but commercialism has gone mad. Emphasis on creative work – art, food, altruism. Community is important. No Bankers. People must be correctly rewarded. Fair wage. Public art in general, it brings a smile to your face.
- 30 No religion. Civilisation. We do need a government and police. We need infrastructure or there would be chaos. Bankers are a necessity. Utopia is physically impossible. We don't have the correct structure to develop a universal utopia.
- 31 Justice (social justice). Greater equality. Stronger moral compass. Danish landscape.
- 32 Loads of money, bigger house and to be comfortable. No government – happy for people to have more.

SECTION 2

Read by: Sonja Crisp on the 28th July 2014 in St Helen's Square, York

- 33 Common welfare. Love the occupy movement. Less shopping culture. Society as a work of art, all a relational aesthetics.
- 34 Happy. To love, to feel safe. To have a voice. Peace. Quiet, wise voice in power. Action. Sweden.
- 35 Peace inside you. The sea, the coast. Diversity. Plants, nature, greenery.
- 36 Decrease global warming. On the moors. Take out peat – start putting it back – help with flooding problem. Shoot all the politicians. Too many professional politicians telling us how to live. I want a more laid back peaceful life.
- 37 Equal between everyone. Everyone has a go at all levels of jobs. Being with people you love; like-minded people.
- 38 Kibbutz – closest to a utopia. 7 billion people on the planet so 7 billion opinions. We need regiment or it would be anarchy. No police or armour. Still in caves. We need government, but I don't know if that's right. No utopia or Eden. Being with people you love and want to be with.
- 39 No idea? Nice apple tree, pure sex, no babies. Before Eve ate the apple and it all went tits up. Operate slightly out of government control, but we do need someone 'in charge'. Women's waists thinner.
- 40 Governed by people. Wide open spaces, not building on them. Peace/tranquil, people getting on. Restrictions on motorcars. 1 car per house. Everybody works/contributes. Everyone equal.
- 41 Flourishing art. Artistic place. Multicultural. People from different backgrounds. Joined up efforts – people working together. Democratic. Quite advanced in everything (also technological but in a green way). Technology with safety for the environment.
- 42 Garden. Whole world like a garden. Cultivated and beautiful. Certain wild areas but structured. People spread about. Each has small areas. No nationality. No borders. Government would come from God.
- 43 Open space. Peace and quiet. No people. Water, wind and trees. Sounds of life.

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- 44 Beautiful place. Absolute freedom. No worries/concerns. Peace. Blissfully happy. Speaking to music. People music. Everybody Is happy. Good sunshine. Green trees. Beautiful flowers. , Exactly where you are now – I am happy now, be at the moment. When you asked me I became aware of it. Eden is enjoying the moment.
- 45 Natural world. Wharfdale! No effects of global warming – nature as it was 300 years ago before internal combustion. Unchanged.
- 46 A very comfortable room. Lots of cushions. Soft lights. Someone doing massage. Lots of food – fruit! Nice smell. Friends coming over for tea. My own perfect personal space.
- 47 A place where we understand the wonder and connectedness of us and the earth. A place where time and knowledge is the currency. A place where there is still much to be curious with. A place to investigate stuff in peace and respect with others.
- 48 On a beach, not a sandy one. Drift wood. Just family. Just a quiet place.
- 49 After retirement you feel a little unsure about what to do. You work hard and sometimes find it difficult but when you look back it is a time when you would be missed for your work. My Eden is place where, when you have retired, you still feel needed for something.
- 50 Solitude – no people close by – but around wildlife, squirrels, and birds. Home-grown food, self – sufficiency, environment. Music. Old buildings – nothing modern. No mobiles, no computers no TV, maybe radio.
- 51 Nature. Woodlands. Architecture – some forms of castle in the woods. Modern convenience – eco – friendly, low impact. Not too far from civilization. Other people. Animals – pets. Wildlife of woods. Dragon – small pet dragon. Unicorn. Lake waterfall. Fantasy world. Not oppressive to anyone else.
- 52 Few blondes. Free beers. Some animals. More music shops. Creativity and art.
- 53 Beach. Money for myself. Sunshine – not too hot. No government. Weston-super-mere. None greedy. By a lake in mountains, no sand, wilder beast, Mombasa. Money as an exchange.
- 54 Harmonised and balanced. Full of acceptance. Nature, surrounded by nature. Any form of nature, it's an essential part of the universe. All sorts of animals, not only fluffy ones, but also dangerous ones to keep the balance.
- 55 We've become less human. There would be no money – I hope not. There would be more farms. More animals. Just to know what we're coming to. Things were better under Russian employment – People had less; people had to give to one another. Having less is more. Less reliance on technology, a greater appreciation of aesthetic. Demolish horrible buildings and replace with nice ones. Smaller population – more countryside. A greater respect of nature and our place in it. Less immediate connection between different parts of the world. Restore the wonder of the mystery of a 'foreign land'. A stronger sense of culture. Less capitalising e.g. no McDonalds in India etc. and fewer Indian/ Chinese restaurants here, keep them rare and therefore a tasty treat. More storytelling.
- 56 Women paid same as men in all jobs and for artworks. Equal opportunities for gender. Damien Hirst doesn't exist. Same arts education regardless of country. All artists get free hobbit holes. All students are millionaires.

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- 57 Communism. Millionaires get 75% tax. Mansion tax introduced. Division of wealth. People in power not the decrepit old men. Old white men not making decisions about women's rights. Everybody lives in a concrete house.
- 58 [80 year old] More time to do your own thing. Stronger community. More art lessons. More spirituality. More acceptance of others.
- 59 Lonely island. Dogs/animals. Beaches, sea, hot. No money. Daily delivery of ice cream and pizza, rosé, wine.
- 60 Lack of cars and pollution. Trees, lack of serpents. 'Pretty girls.' Harmonious people having a good time.
- 61 Peaceful. No animals. Nice views. Nature. Sunshine. No need for money.
- 62 Family. I am a localist – no foreigners. Bungalow, retirement, no work, relaxation. Peace and quiet. More pension.
- 63 Pubs. Don't mind paying.
- 64 Like a farm. More of a garden. No buildings. Trees everywhere. Peace, more countryside. Purple bananas. Straight purple bananas. Purple carrots. Life is sweet. I want everything to be happy. More penguins. Everything more natural. World peace and happiness. Well no apples obviously. Liberty and mutual respect. Happiness. It would be exactly the same but everyone is happy.
- 65 Peaceful freedom

SECTION 3

Read by: Steve Hughes on the 28th July 2014 in St Helen's Square, York

- 66 Festival. Small music. VW campervan. Flowers, colours, rainbows. Yurts, didgeridoos, eating. Drinking. Falafel, good food. Bit of a smoke. Chilling.
- 67 A lot of water. Wild flowers. Green trees. Lovely light coming from trees. Wild.
- 68 Flowers. Peaceful. Bright. Colours. Family (grandma).
- 69 Nature. Ecosystem small big. Circle of life naturally. Plenty to eat – sadly someone eating each other. No predators for me. No fear. No funny shapes – flowing. Everything looking relaxed. I would be relaxed. Not sure how Adam would look, younger than me. I would be younger.
- 70 Kindness from other people – more understanding of each other. Less selfishness, and respect for what people are trying to do. The world today is ideal?! When you have lost someone you are just grateful of what you have.
- 71 Built on your favourite moments in life. With people you cared about. Customisable. Natural – fresh. Animals. Trees. Something above the power of humanity. Something greater than us but not god. Energy.
- 72 Quiet country place. Trees. Stream. Family. Small community (like a village) idyllic cottages – everybody liking each other. Nobody drinking – cottage shop, village hospital.
- 73 We need to talk openly about our thoughts and desires and believe we can change things. My Eden would be a place that is safe, kind, caring and full of learning and respect. Almost like where we are.
- 74 Glastonbury festival with sofas. Other people. Rains chocolate. Everything edible.

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- 75 Stripping back of modern technology – back to basics. Face – to – face less reliance on gadgets. Preservation of green spaces. Some kind of structure and food, shelter, water and companionship. 1970's – less striving for consumerist aims.
- 76 I don't know. I suppose waterfalls and greenery, very foresty and very quiet except for the sound of running water and a bird chirping. And no chavs allowed. It's very traditionally Eden-y but that's what I like. Also free Wi-Fi and unlimited nachos. Everything to be made out of food – in particular chocolate and cake. Still look like a garden, like, peaceful with a river etc. no 21st century technology. A GM apple tree. No weapons at all. No religion at all. If there's no religion, nobody has an excuse to argue – I'm roman catholic but I still think no religion. If we didn't have weapons and religion the world would be a better place.
- 77 No wars – living peacefully. Countryside – community – not too big. Self-sufficient. Back to basics – home-grown – no electronics – but a few home comforts. Somewhere warm.
- 78 Home and family. Lovely gardens. Fair shares for all. Health and happiness. A big willow tree by a brook.
- 79 Nature and animals. Two women. No profit – exchange for services. Government to help people. Build habitats. Not a city – log cabins. Every tree from around the world. An Eden within Eden's, all connected.
- 80 Don't know. I would automatically think of a place in terms of surroundings. You would have the chance to be alone, but there was social space.
- 81 Other people being close to people. Swimming pool and God. Perhaps some kind of benevolent government (guidance rather than ruling) not wanting more than it was possible to have.
- 82 Money – you would have to have a medium of exchange. You should never have everything you need. – It makes you complacent. There can't be a uniform level of satisfaction. The perfect palace – no conflict between groups or individuals. People are allowed to aspire. The perfect place isn't perfect for everyone but everyone would have a sense of equal self-worth.
- 83 No idiots. No politicians, no religion. No pollution – people caring for each other. More rollercoasters. Eden would be a rollercoaster with water slides, adrenaline fuelled.
- 84 Peaceful beach – palm trees – no government. Music. Maypole. No money – exchange goods and skills. Lots of dolphins. A man tree that grows your partner. A woman tree that grows your partner.
- 85 Living high up on a mountain but with sunny weather – sliding down the mountain in the snow. At the bottom would be a beach with straw bales on it to sleep on. Small community. No money. Eden inventions: Dogs' hearing aid. Cars ecologically friendly. Teleport device for going down the hill.
- 86 Warm, sun and tropical place. Tree house – sustained ecology. Group of people living as simply as possible. No money – exchange of talents. Helping people. Eden is connected through a group of friends all helping each other.
- 87 World peace. People caring for each other. Equality of opportunity. A government. An Eden where people look to future and not only respond to here and now.
- 88 No money, swap. If there is no goal of money people will co-operate. People need to be less self-centred. A system set up to help those who could not contribute. Too multicultural, lost identity. Too over crowded. Equality. Fear of the big

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brother world. Communist at heart. – Forever young. Education in all areas and everyone should try a range of jobs – understand the sacrifices people make. Go back to nature – isolation – primitive situations.

- 89 Social contract. Not over populated but not sparse. Police are serving not empowered. Harmony, nature, not packed into concrete monstrosities. Built into landscapes. Happiness focused on empathy. Fewer houses. Don't be a dick to each other – higher order. Policed by consensus.
- 90 perfect place is landscape – the dales, hills, nature.
- 91 Photograph of perfect place. Holy island Northumbria. Only appears part of the time, no tourists. Calmness, quiet, subdued. Eden where Christianity comes across best to me. The tide comes in and locks out the world so I can talk.
- 92 Abolish dictators. No need for a leader if people are responsible for their own conduct. Chief of all would be to care for others.
- 93 Peace and harmony. Stop fighting but it will always happen. Money is the route of all people. Shops for trade, barter, exchange of skills. Local government/election. It would look old, keep traditional buildings.
- 94 Contraception/child limitation. Tackle tree diseases so no need for council interventions. Not selfish people not thinking of the future. Maintain the planet, not to use. Government look after family not individuals. Work before child benefits apply. With growth of population there is a strain on people's quality of life.
- 95 Care for those who are vulnerable/ how we look after the elderly/ disabled. Equality and compassion.
- 96 The world is not black and white so we shouldn't treat it as such. Laws/ religion try to give definitive answers to complex situations. The world is the way it is for a reason, money exists because it needs to. Perfect societies don't exist because people are naturally selfish.
- 97 It would be clean and quiet... things would just be. I don't think money would need to exist as everyone would have what they needed. But what if what one person's need contradicts another's needs? Hmmm, I don't know I guess that's why it doesn't exist.
- 98 A place to express yourself where you don't get judged. No money. Local governance – really democratic. Sunny all day, grow stuff. Lots of music, green place with mountains.
- 99 The perfect place – the Stray on Harrogate – vast amounts of green grass. People haven't developed spiritually at a pace with technology – that's the problem. People lose focus; we need something to focus on. Birds and animals we should talk to them, they crave being talked to.
- 100 Peace and quiet.

SECTION 4

Read by: Angel Scott on the 28th July 2014 in St Helen's Square, York.

- 101 the Wolds and perfect solitude – no noise.
- 102 Cloud – nothing can be wrong – it's always sunny. Somewhere that gives you a sense of achievement and simplicity. The perfect action? "Something selfless I guess".

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- 103 Harmony. Somewhere that supports people. Simplicity.
- 104 Right here, right now.
- 105 A beautiful garden – a place with a view. Strong economy – enterprise. Clean water for all – helping people – caring. There would be a place for the public sector but that would be reduced – made more efficient.
- 106 A place to surf, which feels brilliant. Yes I would keep money as an exchange. Governed by a kind dictator. Sea and big beach with a small harbour town.
- 107 Here and now in York. Local democracy. In my Eden I would eat and shop. Medium size city.
- 108 World peace – peacefulness of the rural and the buzz. Money: just enough to get by, no more. Government to make global decisions. Walking around York and travelling. Festivals for everyone.
- 109 An organic meadow, with no fertilisers. Unspoilt, you can't replace the ancient woodlands. It takes 100s of years. I don't want to give to a charity where they give all the money to a CEO. Betty's give 1/4 million a year to the rainforest to keep the native people there so it is not ruined by loggers. I'm tired of people I'm more interested in the environment.
- 110 Quiet seaside village because I like places that are peaceful and calm. I like walking in the countryside, meeting up with people and having a chat. I would need a dog, probably a border terrier.
- 111 A world of peace. A place of sky. A garden that sustains – barley to brew beer in the garden.
- 112 Cats. Open space.
- 113 Ideally there will be a mixture – get in the van and go somewhere different every day with the dog.
- 114 Everyone here is obsessed with their house. Australians live for today. [From Australia – has lived there for 12 1/2 years.] Is England better than Australia? So much traffic. We live 100miles from Perth. We can drive 50 miles without seeing anyone. Wages in Australia are double what they are here. I love the greenery. Social life is a lot better here for young people, not many jobs, their friends get very spread out.
- 115 My perfect place would be heaven because I would be with Jesus – he is life. There would be a lot of light and no darkness. Heaven would be a new Earth but 10 times better.
- 116 Somewhere warm. New Zealand. Bay of islands. Language/culture/location of New Zealand. Sailing in the sea. Interesting and challenging places. By the ocean. Me in a boat sailing around the world, nomadic – sailing boat with an engine. I can pick up and set down my anchor when and where I want.
- 117 Equality for everyone. Forests and woods. In my Eden I would walk a lot. Trade and exchange goods. Workers self-run co-operatives.
- 118 Lake district – on top of mountains. An Eden that has more time and less rushed. Keep money as transaction. In my Eden I would climb and sing. Less technology, simpler ways.
- 119 It would look like York, Greenery, big old trees, and open space. In a city when you look up – big open space of sky and landscape of building tops.

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- 120 Lots of nature and the sea. Lots of books and music. Mutual respect. Connected communities.
- 121 People using their creative skills for making money. Everyone get together in art. Making money through creativity. Making it happen. Environment – recycling units in the centre to do with creativity. Workshop to get rid of trash. People on benefits creating new housing with abandoned shops for poor people. Poor people get opportunities first if they can prove they have ideas. Big waterfalls. More music, more art centres – more open and free, everyone can join in. More inclusive one you’ve proved that you are capable.
- 122 No religious connotation (I am not religious) Ancient woodland. Unchanged old countryside. (England used to be a great forest) No people. (not even me) – Breed too fast.
- 123 Living uninterrupted – by other people and government. Freedom – [referenced first sculpture] – let people grow – legalise drugs etc., personal freedom. “I don’t want to impose” democratic structure of each person’s Eden. Laws – don’t kill people. Self-governing communities.
- 124 Anarchistic. No government. Free market rules – supply and demand in economy replaced government. Free dogs. Peace, no war, no conflicts. People are tolerant. No religious fundamentalism. No poverty no diseases. I own a lot of Picassos.
- 125 Somewhere remote – not big lover of crowds – that’s why I moved to a village. “Probably because I’m a Gemini” – peace and quiet. “I tend to do my own thing” – “I live alone” (since my wife died) Not many people – very small communities. If I like a place I go back. Less modernised technology. Self-reliance, self-sustenance – back to basics. “There are times when you do have to rely on others skills” – localised – using the land. “Everyone should have knowledge of the world around them”.
- 126 ‘Oh, I’ve been [to Eden] – an island in Mauritius! No people, just the sea, fishing line, peaceful – if a seagull flies I’ll shoot.
- 127 Mars. Peace flags on Mars (ironic being god of war).
- 128 A place of kindness and love – gentle warmth – emotionally, as well as weather. Community – friendship and family – relationships are important. Everybody is involved and taking part. Participatory – *truly* democratic. Without pain, loss or suffering.
- 129 Family and friends. Just company of these wherever it was.
- 130 I believe in heaven – being minus hate, war, hunger, poverty, people sleeping on the streets. No evil – that leaves every possibility of beauty, colour and design. – Positivism. Very much localised, lots of small communities – co-operatives. Yorkshire dales – with a city that’s clean and open – more artisan shopping.
- 131 Most beautiful place for me is the jungle in Uganda. It’s about nature, lush scenery, and free animals. Basic and survivals. Gorillas running at you.
- 132 Everyone is free. Do what you like without hurting anyone. More about values. No religions. Purer self’s. Anarchist – local decisions. Local easy voting system (York example) – everyone should be heard.
- 133 Do not believe in Eden. If you try to get to Eden, you’ll be dissatisfied. Eden was never meant to be for humans, living in sinful place is part of being human.

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- 134 Not necessarily a tangible place (generally seen this way). State of mind – experimental drug use if that’s what we want to do. Acceptance – collection of objects and mind-sets. Comfort – not all at the expense of other people. Animals – not for human use – Vegan. No hierarchy – self-governing, collaboratively mothering – gender would exist – but there would be no binary – self-prescribed and defined. Permaculture – if there is land, it must be farmed correctly – making (creation) and baking. No currency (Anti-capitalist heaven).
- 135 If conflict didn’t happen we would all be bored – more like a set of circumstances that fits every individual moment. It would be nice to find a universal Eden – but no one would be excluded. No one is inherently bad.

SECTION 5

Read by: Stephen Pittam on 28th July 2014 in St Helens Square, York

- 136 Natural space. Keep natural space – not too much development; along the lines of ancient Greece governing. Everyone casts a vote. Common concerns and sense. Mass decision with today’s elements. Knowledge of masses.
- 137 No people. No society. Ideal world would not have human beings but if you have human beings do you need society anyway? Maybe, yes, but then you’d have to make it an ideal with everyone giving up their personal ideals and values. One person’s ideals would necessarily lead to an ideal society. In an ideal world personal ideals are bound to lead to collective ideals.
- 138 Peace and freedom – inside of an arts university – Dusseldorf. A step away from the normal environment – your own thoughts and visual expression. Competition – students work for their right to create art.
- 139 Big tree that you could constantly take fruits from – all kinds of fruit – and cheese. Infinite tree. Few of those trees. As our world but with changes. No wars.
- 140 “Eco – warrior” No man made products – no cars. Grass – nature. No modern technology. Growing crops – self-reliance. Work less – enjoy life more. No money – exchange skills for produce. Self-governing
- 141 Surrounded by friends. No poverty. People can work and get reasonably paid. Family stay in touch with each other. Government made up of ordinary people and real people (us rather than distant and rich)
- 142 I wouldn’t actually know. What is it? Where your loved ones are. Where there is no pain or anything like that. Where there is no money or anything like that
- 143 Ocean front – perfect temperature – but I like rain – seasons but perfect temperature – changing nature, plant things going on all the chocolate and cheeses, nice things. Peaceful, loving and respectful community. No politics – total acceptance and love. Animals, adorable ones who don’t use their teeth. Happiness and togetherness. Meaningful work and art, music, magical toys.
- 144 Fly! – no transport. Many sports fields – available teams already. Loving wife. Nature – both wild and tamed. Organised tolerant world. Colourful and multicultural. Harmonious relationships between people. Not only sunny but also rainy. Changing. A lot of water, a big lake to swim. No motors, no easy vehicles. Only pure freedom. No authority, no hierarchy – all the same
- 145 Me and my family – don’t like crowds. Classical music – orchestra.
- 146 Very philosophical question! [lots of thinking] It’s really hard. In the bible god allowed Adam and Eve to live very freely, finally they are tempted by the snake and Eve. They were free then. Some countries aren’t free. So if all the countries

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were free... Thinking of relating with art, any material can be art, artists can use everything it is very different with contemporary ones. Contemporary art is more about the philosophy, not the material itself. One is the priority to live our lives; God sets rules but just one. If you could have one rule, like don't touch the apple tree, [they stop and think about what the one rule should be] – maybe should be to protect the environment.

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- 147 I honestly haven't got a clue. Eden What? Garden of Eden? [Try to explain – if you could recreate it, what would be features] It's deep thinking that is. I suppose 'a perfect world' but it's not going to happen.
- 148 Roof over my head. A friend. Warmth – from the sun. Growing out of the idea of living under a tree. Chaos. I'm not very demanding. No plastic bags.
- 149 As a Christian, a Catholic Eden. Garden.
- 150 Space I would say. As an ex-gardener I would say flowers. Worked with children to grow flowers and vegetables. I would like different seasons in the garden of Eden.
- 151 [Pickler institute, Budapest]. Dismantle neo-classical economics – so that the wealth of the earth is more distributed. 1% should not earn 90% – mega picture. Micro – we've got to do better raising our infants and toddlers and we cannot go "Chuckling" them into nursery and thinking that it won't have a huge impact on society. Every family should have the choice to raise their children and not to have to scabble to survive.
- 152 Your utopia can be between two people. Two people who are happy being together or the whole world with people living together in harmony. A perfect world, the world has a lot of imperfections. My Eden is my husband and I being together. My soul mate, my confidante, my mentor.
- 153 I've got one Eden in my backyard. A pile of 12 car bonnets in the backyard and they look beautiful. I was inspired by them [the JN works] – they caught my eye and use your imagination. Anything can be beautiful. My Eden is in my heart and my head and more specific parts of my body.
- 154 Eden does not change, the love, values of truth, morality, love thy neighbour. Truth is the most valuable thing that we have which is why it is silenced so much. World peace – a really tall order. Tolerance – you don't have to respect someone else's opinion. No one will bend a knee to anyone above them. I'll remember you at church.
- 155 A place where we are no longer aware of the gaps, psychological material, and opportunities between us. An Eden where our restless selves are given more and more thoughts, knowledge and questions about our lives and the environment. A place where this would be the valued reward.
- 156 [Band called UK subs.] I love creativity. Total creativity and adventures forward. Digging a bit deeper every day. Art is the food of mankind even the ancient pyramids are art. Money sometimes outweighs art. I'd love a Morris minor. "You are human it is in your nature to destroy yourself"
- 157 Eden needs to be architecture of careful consultation. The architecture needs to reflect our needs for space and reflection. Eden architecture could begin to change our quests of self and planetary destruction. The domestic house is the place to properly evolve this new approach.
- 158 Fairhope Alabama – coastal bay – small community, people know each other and great food. People need to look after other people. Shared history and the more local the more you cope and help others. Very green and very 'artsy' community. Respect and care in an environment of beauty.

- 159 Love and peace. I'm trying to think of a more urban... people have to get along to make everything visible or we end up destroying everything. More in harmony with nature, renewable energy, bio, organic with technology. Technology in harmony with nature. Buildings with gardens in them – we now have the technology to harness this. Ideological Utopia.
- 160 Peace, harmony, universal love. Everyone is treated equally and loved equally. A world without religion – associated with hate, war, money/greed, control system. Everyone is as one.
- 161 Peace – everyone gets on. Make the most of what we have. Give opportunity to other 3rd world nations like India. Peaceful environment to allow people to grow – to get out of survival. 'Good news; people moving together holding hands.'
- 162 Like a garden with walkways without fear of being run over. To walk freely wherever without fear.
- 163 Wherever it's hot. Wherever feels like home. Wherever you're prepared to die. The last stop. A place where you're not going to leave. "If I die here, that's fine" More environment than state of mind.
- 164 I think it would look very green, like a large kitchen garden. I think people would be a little nicer, I suppose. There would be no more homeless people for a start. Life would be so much easier than it is now. I have a mentally ill husband so I don't like to think about the future.
- 165 Coast and sand. Surrounded by the natural – plus you need people around. Everyone to live only about an hour away from the coast – people would travel to other people's Edens – kind of renting or exchanges of other Edens. Yes money would be necessary.
- 166 I was at a wedding and the priest described Eden in terms of marriage. Father in laws – God. They create life that experiences the world. They then create life and the cycle continues.
- 167 My ideal society would be for everything to be more slowly paced and that would allow people to communicate with each other, like from past times. World peace. Everybody should be as one and love each other.
- 168 People to work less. Less inequality. I would like an ideal world and mainly in my society for people to work less and for less inequality
- 169 I'd prefer to be living in past Roman times when things were strictly traditional and open. I like cities like York where you think you're stepping back in time. The idea of walking in a historic city makes you feel more natural in a sense.
- 170 Free of diseases. World peace. Unlimited supplies e.g. food, electric, gas
- 171 Free Wi-Fi and freedom of speech. Chickens and fairies. Somewhere green and empty. Empty of humans. I don't know, somewhere like the North Yorkshire moors I suppose. A fairy tale not in a city. It would be the Isle of Wight; it would look like it anyway. Don't know what would be in it.
- 172 The beach, hot with blue skies, fresh coconut water. "Fish and Chips" I don't know why I said that, typical British thing. I don't even like Fish and Chips. Pizza, a couple of people – wouldn't want to be surrounded by masses. I do prefer English food, but I will eat foreign foods, Indian, Chinese, French, you know. With my loved ones. Safety.

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Read by: Julia Davis on the 28th July 2014 in St Helen's Square, York.

- 173 DAD: Sun, water, beach – never cold.
 KID: Fairies bringing anything you like. Chickens on the farm, no foxes.
 DAD: Only eat vegetables. Rainbow slide. Some people all sorts of people love and no hurt.
 KID: Only fairies, nice terriers. All sorts of animals, children with big wings to fly with the fairies. A school where the children are in charge and play all day. 16,000 moons, loads of trees to climb.
- 174 Abbey road studios – knowledge of the history of the place. “Music temple” things to make music
- 175 [let the children answer] water, air. [Dad prompted a lot]
 MUM: love, contentment
- 176 Seashore – tranquillity, beer. Lots of people – Hawaiian music, a float plane for personal use.
- 177 Defined through spiritual means – state of mind, life at peace with rest of humanity. Life about others and not myself – at peace. Altruism, selflessness, a unison [?] [Gone from very materialist life (business etc.) now adopted father of disabled children discovered the value of living for others]: Life full of challenges – not happy but fulfilled. Working towards Eden.
- 178 World is becoming too aggressive. It's time to reverse it. More peace. People should help each other out. No guns.
- 179 My farm in Crete, organic veg, plenty of energy, peaceful, animals are free, environment and animals – nature – mountains instead of buildings – beach every morning. Wild flowers in spring. Bush walking
- 180 Field, sheep, nature, trees, “When I was a little girl in the country” not many people, but a small friendly community. No cars – safety to play hopscotch in the road. Old – fashioned, animals, birds, butterflies. Childhood as Eden. No big noisy crowds. “I see other people as threats, because of my life experience”
- 181 Lots of wine. No one allowed to moan. Everyone enjoying themselves. Lots of people, like the Garden of Eden with wine and no chavs allowed.
- 182 Sandy beaches, turquoise sea, fish and jelly fish to swim with but no stings. Nature, Big sound systems, beer, a fair few hand-picked people – strangers but lovely people. (Accepting, generous, no judgement) off the beach and shambles to buy homemade foods and cheese and meats. (Spanish theme) Sun with cool breeze.
- 183 Flowers. Yes to both people and animals (not sure how many) animals, trees, rivers
- 184 Bright. Vibrant. Lots of trees/green/apples. Bible view (not religious) naked people. My house. Lots of animals / raccoons that could talk
- 185 Absolute personal liberty that don't cross over. Not hurting anyone with your own liberties in a perfect scenario – in a Utopia. Unicorns. Nature – huge trees. Really big and old trees –Branches to swing on when you're bored of riding the unicorns. People living in small communities rather than big countries. 50 people max with a head of the community but not pure power to a person.

- 186 Peace and harmony – heaven as the physical embodiment of Eden. “Everybody is religious”. “People are created to respect God to love and honour God” No disease, corruption and death. Heaven “is what it is” – I can’t change it. Heaven exists outside of us.
- 187 Library – round reading room – like a time machine. Quiet and relaxing. Thinking and contemplation (not anti-technology but quiet is nice) – “free personal private education” – Study anything you like.
- 188 Beach – the oceans, walking on the beach, rocks, bush land, animals, birds. No people – except some little kids but not too many. Not too hot.
- 189 Like monumental sculpture. Modern monumental sculptures. More public art.
- 190 In simple terms... Acceptance for all. Love. – Company with the people who make you happy / inspire you / comfort you when you need it and space to be alone when you need space. Democracy to actually be a democracy. Make it a requirement to vote, so many people say they don’t vote green as voting green is pointless. If they all did they would do better. Fair wage/living wage for all. The opportunity to do the type of work you want without having to worry about money. But above all the knowledge that you have love and acceptance for whom you are.
- 191 Won the lottery. Palace. 72 foot yacht. Caribbean. Servants, chauffeurs. Lie back and enjoy. Any left goes to charity – good charities, local charities.
- 192 Nobody starving. Everybody fulfil their potential. Sea, green, surrounded by nature. West coast of Ireland touches my soul. Waterfall, trees and nature. Fruit on trees. Back to nature. Don’t have to think about money or jobs. Move away from social structure. Childhood and freedom from responsibility.
- 193 People – mix of people – different people – love mix of people. I need beautiful architecture, old green space. Trees and flowers. Colour. Perfect weather. Sunnyish – between 20 and 25 degrees centigrade. No mosquitoes – the only species we obliterate. No scorpions as well. Must be beautiful – my idea of beauty.
- 194 Trees – good old English trees. Grass, possibly a rocky stream. Birds, squirrels, rabbits, maybe an otter in the stream. Not sure about people, as just me – very selfish. Sunny, with occasional showers 10pm–6am overnight to keep the nature flourishing. Wild flowers.
- 195 Full of flowers.
- 196 Peace, nature, plants. Natural textures. Shade. No precious metal.
- 197 Somewhere quiet and green. Not too many people. Nature. We should know these things when we are asked. Soft playing music, water, countryside.
- 198 York needs to be a bit friendlier. I like the history. I like the river, combines the past with the present. Modern shops.
- 199 Full of food and beer and loved ones. Home with no work commitments. The ideal home. Million pound house that you can’t afford. In the countryside – plenty of animals.
- 200 Food – meat, animals. People. Friends. Colourful place. A drink.
- 201 Friendlier, cleaner, more drink awareness – I do Street Angels. Nicer.

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- 202 South facing environmentally friendly houses with compost toilets. Green space – lots of trees, some water, benches because I need to sit down. One's first instinct is not to say 'shop around the corner'. Surprised at myself for not including other people. Impressed by bunting in Bishopthorpe Road – brings back memories of Mayday in Knutsford in Cheshire. Everybody was happy, or it felt that way when you were 7. New Lanark – first place to have infants school to enable workers to work. Very interested in Utopianism when at University, tied into capitalism – productive, happy workers.
- 203 Things growing – vegetation – streams, waterfalls. Nice sounds. Family, people, friends. Live on my own. Simple life. Back to basics. A little technology.
[prompted]
- 204 Nice scenery. Countryside. My family.
- 205 Things to make me happy. People I love. Kind people. Flowers, trees, grass, fields. Really sunny. Streams.
- 206 A timeless, sublime, divine space where I can just be, where Alph the sacred river ran through caverns measureless to man down to a sunless sea. Connected to all whom I love, living or dead. Eternally being with my partner – loving, just being.

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