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## Donor 3982 Interview Notes

I find myself almost nervous around Donor 3982 because he is so perceptive. He is calm and friendly, but his mellow demeanor belies his deep understanding of the world around him and the people he comes across. He seems to see beyond the surface of people and get genuine and authentic reactions from the people he meets. He is extremely attentive and intentional in the way that he behaves and interacts with those around him - what comes across most strongly is his caring for others. Donor 3982 is not satisfied to merely talk about himself, but finds a way to consistently bring the conversation back to the person he is speaking with.

I was so surprised that Donor 3982 remembered my name after a first initial meeting, even after a few weeks. He seems comfortable in his own skin but humble- much more interested in talking about his family than his own accomplishments. He spoke with a wry, understated humor about he and his brother's childhood rivalries and their current closeness. He seems too gentle now to imagine him as a grumpy younger brother, but his descriptions of he and his brother's fights were funny and touching. He did not go into detail about his graduate work in theology, but when I asked him whether he had any Jewish ancestry his eyes lit up. He said no, he wasn't, but found Judaism so fascinating. It is clear he loves what he studies and takes great enjoyment and pride from being a student and learning new things, which intersects nicely with his goal of becoming a college professor.

Donor 3982 brings his conscientious outlook to his everyday life, particularly his vegan diet and exercise, as well as to his decision to be a sperm donor. He has a friend who was born through donor insemination and brings that human perspective to his choice.

I loved talking with Donor 3982 about his improve work. He has been involved in theater for a long time, but improve is relatively new, and he brings to it a genuine enthusiasm and excitement which is both refreshing and

extremely interesting to hear about. We spoke about the unpredictable nature of improv and he said that it acted as therapy for him, reminding him to stay in the present and be fully engaged in his life. Donor 3982 succeeds in this as much as anyone I've met.

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