AN ETHICAL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE
17 Great Ideas from Felix Adler by Jone Johnson Lewis, 2015

1. A philosophy of life grows out of life experience.
2. A deep longing is the root of a philosophy of life.
3. We attribute infinite, inherent worth to every person.
4. Individuals are infinitely interconnected, interrelated and interdependent.
5. Actions of individuals make a difference beyond that individual.
6. We call a life "ethical" when it is lived in relationships which bring out the unique best in others and ourselves.
7. In all relationships and groups, we attend to both outward purposes of coming together and to the quality of the relationships.
8. In all groups and communities, we work to create “spiritual democracy” -- where every individual participates and matters.
9. Diversity and pluralism are essential to “spiritual democracy.”
10. Individual ethical development and the development of “spiritual democracy” depend on and co-create each other.
11. Ethical living requires active engagement in building a more humane world.
12. In ethical living, failure and frustration are inevitable and can be transformed to ethical learning.
14. As individuals and as the human community, we are also interconnected and interdependent with the rest of the natural world.
15. A priority in our ethical work is where human uniqueness and worth are now least recognized or actualized, or are most threatened.
16. Individual and community commitment to ethical development can be described as religious or a religion.
17. Our community expression of a philosophy of life – a religion – is shaped by the philosophy's ideas and goals.