

# Contemplating Compassion

Compassion is that which makes the heart of the good move at the pain of others.  
It crushes and destroys the pain of others.

## –The Buddha

Compassion is the desire that moves the individual self to widen the scope of its self-concern to embrace the whole of the universal self.

—Arnold Toynbee

Compassion is the radicalism of our time.

–The Dalai Lama

Kindness gives to another. Compassion knows no “other.”

–Anonymous

Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things.

—Thomas Merton

Compassion is not sentiment but is making justice and doing works of mercy.

—Matthew Fox



## Our Definition of Compassion

Figure 1 is a 3D bar chart illustrating the percentage of respondents for each age group across five categories: Education, Employment, Income, Health, and Environment. The Y-axis represents the percentage, ranging from 0 to 100. The X-axis lists the categories, and the Z-axis lists the age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, and 65+.

The chart shows that the 18-24 age group has the highest percentage across all categories, while the 65+ age group has the lowest percentage across all categories. The percentage generally decreases as the age group increases.

Category	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Education	85	75	65	55	45	35
Employment	75	65	55	45	35	25
Income	65	55	45	35	25	15
Health	55	45	35	25	15	5
Environment	45	35	25	15	5	0

Chapter 1, Handout 2

*If necessity is the mother of invention, why does so much unnecessary stuff get invented?*

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# Sources of the Pentateuch

	J - Yahwist	E - Elohist	D - Deuteronomist	P - Priestly
God's Name	Yahweh	Elohim	Yahweh	Elohim
Place of Origin	Southern Kingdom (Judah)	Northern Kingdom (Israel)	Northern Kingdom (Schechem/Jerusalem)	Babylonian Exile
Probable Date	950 BC	850 BC	650 BC	400 BC
Emphasis/Theme	God's Promises to Patriarchs	Prophecy/Covenants	Morality/ Living the Law	Temple Worship and concerns of priests serving in the Temple
Overall Contribution	Provided a basic outline for the Pentateuch.	Combined J and E.	Highlighted obedience as the response to God's grace.	Offered a coherent framework for the Pentateuch.