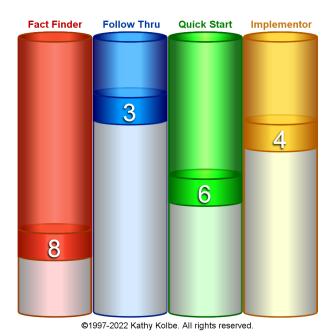
# **CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE**

You Got a Perfect Score on the Kolbe A™ Index

You have an uncanny talent for coming up with unique strategies, prioritizing opportunities, and dealing with the unknowns in complex problems. You thrive when quantifying an opportunity and prospecting for ways to enhance it.

#### Kolbe Action Modes®



How do we know this? You told us when you completed the Kolbe A<sup>™</sup> Index. Our proprietary algorithm sorted out your answers and came up with the pattern of your MO (Modus Operandi).

Your Kolbe result is so individualized, only 5% of the population is likely to have one just like it.





## **GEORGE KRAHN**



# Your Kolbe Strengths



Kolbe Action Modes are behaviors driven by your instinct

Fact Finder: is how you gather and share information.

Your way of doing it is to **Specify**.

Follow Thru: is how you organize.

Your way of doing it is to **Adapt**.

**QuickStart:** is how you deal with risks and uncertainty.

Your way of doing it is to **Modify**.

**Implementor:** is how you handle space and tangibles.

Your way of doing it is to **Restore**.

You can count on Kolbe results being constant over time.





## IT'S WHAT DRIVES YOU, George

Your Kolbe result celebrates your **Modes of Operation (MO)**: **8-3-6-4**. It doesn't have anything to do with what your social style is or how smart you are. It's how you will and won't naturally take action.

Kolbe adds a new dimension. Based on wisdom going back to Plato and Aristotle, the Kolbe Theory™ has proven successful with over one million users.

Conables® Tips, individualized for you, will not only help you explain your way of taking action, they will help you control the outcomes. For example:

## Conables® Tips



√ Tired of Questions like:

Why are you so random?
Why don't you just stick with the plan?

How about saying:

I get better results when I try a variety of things. I get more done when I take shortcuts.





#### What's so different about the Kolbe Index?

Being a 8-3-6-4 in Kolbe has nothing to do with your personality, social style, or if you are a math whiz. Kolbe Index results deal with a different part of the brain/mind that drives your actions.

#### Three Parts of the Mind

Cognitive	Conative	Affective
Thinking	Doing	Feeling
IQ	Drive	Desires
Skills	Instinct	Motivation
Reason	Necessity	Attitudes
Knowledge	Mental Energy	Preferences
Experience	Innate Force	Emotions
Education	Talents	Values

#### Conative?

Action derived from instinct; purposeful mode of striving, volition. It's a conscious effort to carry out self-determined acts.

If **conative** is a new word for you, join the crowd. It's the long-lost term for one of the most important things you need to know about yourself.





# You have a natural strength in each Action Mode that helps you make better decisions

#### **Action Modes**

#### **Fact Finder**

Your best way of gathering and sharing information is to Specify.

#### For instance, you might:



Research in-depth Establish specific priorities Quantify/rank order particulars Define objectives Assess probabilities Define terms with exactness Determine appropriateness Provide historical evidence Create analogies Develop complex strategies

#### Your best way of organizing is to Adapt.

#### **Follow Thru**

#### For instance, you might:



Create shortcuts Revise approaches Thrive on interruptions Diversify Switch tasks frequently Be flexible Cut through bureaucracy Do several things at once Keep everything accessible Loosen up rigid processes

#### **Quick Start**

Your best way of dealing with risks and uncertainty is to **Modify**.

#### For instance, you might:



Participate in experiments Create responses to challenges Try out new ideas Sustain innovations

Sustain innovations
Use metaphors

Navigate through uncertainty Interject spontaneously Adjust deadlines Reduce risks

Mediate between the vision and the given

#### **Implementor**

Your best way of tackling space and tangibles is to Restore.

#### For instance, you might:

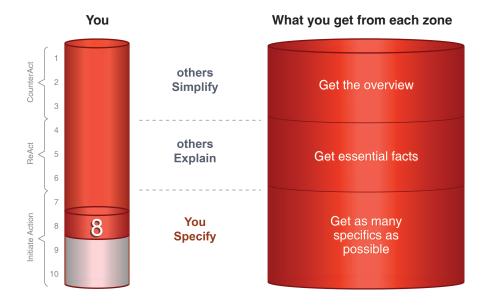


Relocate and refurbish Renovate structures Test ingredients Fix moving parts Convert space Remove obstacles - both real and imagined Utilize mechanical equipment Interpret sign and body language Reinforce tangibles Connect concrete paths





# Deal with information in the way that's best for you and let others do the rest.







Take charge of your Fact Finder instinct!

Do



#### Don't



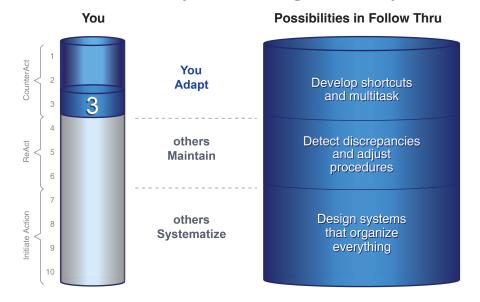
- → Be precise
- Rate probabilities
- Correct errors
- Define differences
- Question frequently and thoroughly

- - Generalize
  - Make snap judgements
  - → Give yes-or-no answers
  - Answer off the top of your head
  - Decide without prioritizing reasons





# When organizing, you have an instinct to *Adapt*. Don't let others force you into doing it *their* way!



## Conables® Tips



It's how YOU Follow Thru that matters.

Do



- Find shortcuts
- Keep what you use easy to see and reach
- Try random approaches
- Actively pursue multiple projects
- Deal with tasks as they arise

Don't

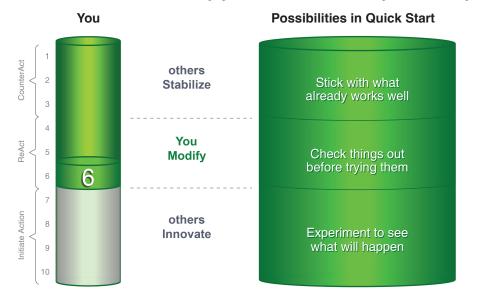


- Stick with step-by-step procedures
- Repeat patterns
- Adhere to redundant systems
- Be overly scheduled
- Succumb to rigid routines





## In the midst of uncertainty you shine because you Modify.



#### Conables® Tips



How you deal with uncertainty is actually quite certain.

Do



- Respond quickly to challenges
- Make adjustments on the fly
- Handle last-minute changes
- Seek alternatives
- Mediate risk

Don't

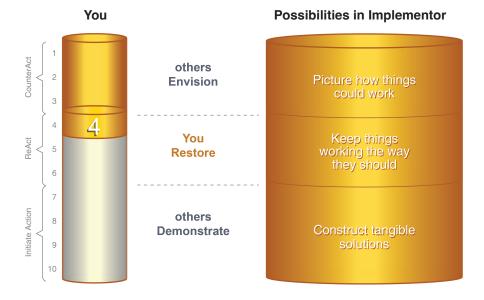


- Change for the sake of change
- Create uncertainty
- Leap into many major changes at once
- Take on too many competing deadlines
- Try to get consensus on innovation





# How you show what you mean is part of your "charm." You're perfect just the way you are.



# Conables® Tips



## Handle things YOUR way.

Do



- Protect what has been built
- Restore functionality
- Maintain tangible quality
- Use tools well
- Fix things that break

### Don't



- Commit to build something that won't break
- Use lousy equipment
- Be literal about a solution
- Present information without props or photos
- Draw conclusions without a walkthrough





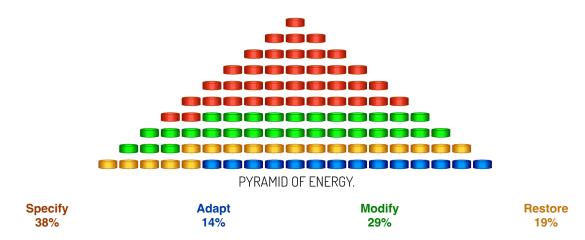
## TIME AND ENERGY

### Everyone runs out of time and energy.

You can't get time back - once it's used, it's gone - but energy can be renewed.

#### YOUR PYRAMID OF MENTAL ENERGY

Your 100 "ergs" of mental energy are equal to the energy available to every other human being. This gives you the same potential power as any CEO or rock star.



Each of your 100 ergs has the same intensity - whether it is in the Initiating, ReActing, or CounterActing zone.

You lead with background information, making sure it helps promote future possibilities. You also use your Fact Finder strengths to justify the Quick Start need for urgency. This sets you up for using all your conative strengths to make unconventional, yet practical decisions.

Don't let anyone stereotype you as contributing or "being" just one of the Action Modes. Your contribution begins with specifying and continues until you adapt the solution.

Self-manage your use of these limited, but renewable, resources. Use them purposefully and they will bring joy to your life.

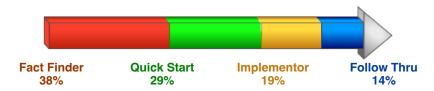




#### TRUSTING **YOUR** SENSE OF TIME

It's tough to allocate your time, especially when no one but Kolbe has explained the role of your conative assets.

You use time according to <u>your</u> MO. So forget time management advice that doesn't take it into consideration. Everyone has an equal amount of conative energy, used in differing amounts and orders. You use it in your particular order and percentages per mode.



When free to use your strengths:

- 1. You'll start the problem solving process by fact checking and determining practical and appropriate priorities.
- 2. Next you adjust to changes.
- 3. Then, you check the strength and durability of available materials.
- 4. Finally, George, you look for several alternative routes.

If you work against your grain, you'll never have "enough" time. You will squander it by taking non-productive paths.





#### GET MORE DONE IN LESS TIME.

We can't give you more time, but we have proven leveraging your conative strengths can more than double your productivity.

Here are some ways you can get the multiplier effect from your MO of 8-3-6-4.

#### Conables® Tips



- Commit—but to very little. Target your top priorities. Unlike time, you can replenish conative energy, but it takes downtime to do it.
- Save time by calculating the odds of success before taking on a challenge.
- Protect your energy by walking away from what your instincts tell you are deal breakers.
- Self-Provoke to get where you want to go. You're responsible for goading yourself to initiate necessary action.

# Apply Your Results to Improve Your Life

Join us for a FREE Webinar (http://www.kolbe.com/activate-your-

A-now] to deepen your understanding of your instinctive strengths and use them to improve your life.



#### **Expand Your Horizons**

Listen to customized audio of Kathy Kolbe discussing YOUR initiating strengths. Gain great insight into how to make them work for you in the **Natural Advantage - Manager Audio** (check **Audible.com** to purchase download).





#### Get Conative, George!

Set priorities and allocate time for the top three or four, making sure you have gathered appropriate resources and background information.

### Conables® Tips



Because most of the world hasn't recognized conation, you may actually have been taught ways of taking action that are absolutely wrong for you.

The truth is you need to vary activities to keep your mind engaged.

A good way to start your day is to zero in on the top priorities and get them done first.

Don't just take our word for it; try it! You may surprise yourself with how much you can get done, and by how natural it feels.

#### Conables® Tips



You're likely to procrastinate if you have to fill in lots of forms.

When you need to be persuasive in an unfamiliar situation, play off what others say and respond to their needs.

You may be acting against your grain without even knowing it. When we work against our grain, we are not only unhappy but also unproductive, wasting our time on things that require too much energy. Instead of robbing yourself of your valuable time and energy, modify the things you need to do so that you can accomplish them in your own way.





### **COMMUNICATION & RELATIONSHIPS**

#### Communication is at the Heart of a Relationship

Communication involves Action, ReAction, CounterAction and InterAction. Of course, emotions cause the desire to communicate while thoughts provide the content. However it's your conative instincts that drive how it plays out.

If you aren't communicating through your conative strengths, you are likely to come across as acting out of character or not being authentic.

We're taught that there is a "right way" to do things. Our essays have the same structure and our resumes look like we've all had the same experiences.

How can you be true to who you are, and win approval too? We give you individualized Conables Tips for communicating in your own way without turning other people off.



"If you get out of kilter with your MO, how do you expect others to "get" who you are?" Kathy Kolbe

## It's Not Just What You Say, It's How You Say It

## Conables® Tips



You can be so good at convincing people of your point of view that they buy your argument, but later have buyer's remorse. Avoid the boomerang effect by championing shared causes. Your combination of strengths is like a boxer's one – two punch: First, you give others substantial written evidence; and second, you give the oral arguments targeting benefits.

It's best if you consider the end-game before you get in the ring. Knowing the conative strengths of the people you're dealing with will help you know who will be the best sparring partners and with whom not to get in the ring.





#### George, Communicate Your Way

# Conables® Tips



- Your instincts won't change with age. Be obstinate with people who expect you to conform to age stereotypes – or any other kind of stereotype.
- Position yourself as an expert. State your case with examples.
- Assert your need to march to your own drummer. Others can take you out of your game by making you match their rhythm.

#### WIN-WIN RELATIONSHIPS

There is no perfect combination of Kolbe results for relationships. The ideal spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, colleague or friend will respect your conative truth and allow you the freedom to be yourself.

"Trying to avoid conflict between people with strong conative differences is impossible. No use pretending – it will come out sooner or later. Discussing the differences doesn't resolve them. It involves them. It turns a clash of wills into a meeting of the minds. You are impelled to act according to your instincts, but you can't compel others to respond the same way." *Conative Connection* by Kathy Kolbe

People trust what they sense comes from your conative truths.



Conative action never happens in isolation from the other two parts of the mind, the affective and cognitive.





You can improve relationships by understanding similarities and differences in your conative MOs.

**In situations with someone who is pretty much your conative clone**, you might be able to finish each other's sentences, but it could also lead to: inertia in what you do together or competition for who could do things better or more than the other.

## Conables® Tips



#### When working with someone whose MO is similar to your own:

- Avoid getting stuck in your shared methods by bringing in others with diverse approaches.
- Don't evaluate others by what works best for both of you. For instance, when parents think kids should do things the same way they do them, it often leads to false expectations.

In situations with a person who has very different conative strengths than you do, you can benefit from the resulting Synergy, or the differences can cause conflict and stress.

### Conables® Tips



#### When working with someone whose MO is very different than yours:

- For you, togetherness may mean doing different things in the same room.
- Don't try to get the other person to work toward shared goals the same way you do.





## CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

#### Look for Opportunities to Contribute Your Conative Strengths

George, you do your best work when you strive according to your MO. You're most likely to succeed in jobs that use your conative strengths according to each of the Action Modes.

- Elaborate, compute, document, substantiate, validate
- Diversify, disguise, diffuse, randomize, switch
- Interject, convert, assimilate, incorporate, substitute
- Renovate, repair, reproduce, upgrade, simulate

# Finding Careers that Give You the Freedom to Be Yourself

You have many strengths that could contribute to an organization.

In job interviews, people often say things they think employers want to hear. Yet if they get a job based upon false promises, they usually become frustrated and regret having to live up to them.

Finding a job that lets you use your natural strengths is a formula for success.

It pays to be truthful in promoting your MO

# Conables® Tips



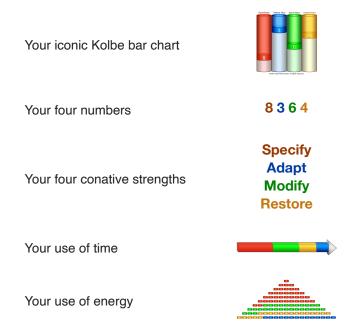
- Evaluate career
   opportunities not only for
   the ways you will be able
   to Initiate Action, but also
   ways to use your energy
   to CounterAct. Steer
   away from careers
   where your
   CounterActing abilities
   will be perceived
   negatively.
- When considering a specific career, see if you can find out the MOs of those who are successful in that role.





#### **SUMMARY & SHARE**

George, the information in every section of this report was individualized for you, whether you remember it by:



However you visualize your MO – it's important to keep the message of your conative strengths in the front of your mind as you make life empowering decisions.

Now that you know the power of your MO, it's up to you to use it for good purposes. The world needs your conative strengths!

We hope you find this analysis will help you maximize your time and energy and communicate more effectively.

If you took the Index through your organization, check back with your Kolbe Consultant or Administrator for additional services.

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