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- SEED THOUGHTS
- INCREMENTAL CHANGE
- TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE
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ROBERT E. QUINN'S CHANGE THE WORLD IS AN EMPOWERING BOOK. WHICH GIVES LEADERS-IN PARTICU-LAR EDUCATIONAL LEADERS-THE COURAGE AND INSPIRATION TO USE PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION TO AFFECT POSITIVE IMPACT. QUINN'S LANGUAGE IS ACCESSIBLE AND HIS STYLE ENGAGING, PROVIDING RELE-VANT EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE HOW WE MIGHT ALL BECOME 'INNER DIRECTED AND OUTWARD FOCUSED'. QUINN IS ADAMANT THAT WE ARE ALL POTENTIAL CHANGE AGENTS, BUT QUINN IS ALSO REAL-ISTIC AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT MOST OF US ARE TRAPPED BY THE FALLACIOUS BELIEF THAT WE AS INDIVIDUALS CANNOT MAKE A DIF-FERENCE, EACH OF THE BOOK'S CHAPTERS BEGINS WITH A 'SEED THOUGHT' FROM JESUS, GANDHI, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -THREE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CHANGE AGENTS EVER. EACH CHAPTER EXPLORES HOW WE CAN MOVE OURSELVES AND OTHERS TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF EXCEL-LENCE, CHANGING OUR SCHOOLS-AND WORLD-FOR THE BETTER!

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1 An Invitation to Transformation

SEEDING

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'SEED' IS THE WORD QUINN SELECTS QUITE CONSCIOUSLY TO DISCUSS TRANS-FORMATION. 'SEED' CAN BE BOTH A NOUN, (THE SEED ITSELF), AND A VERB, AS IN BECOMING THE CATALYST OF CHANGE. QUINN'S ENTIRE BOOK IS ABOUT 'SEEDING'. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IT IS ABOUT AFFECTING CHANGE: REAL AND DEEP CHANGE. TRANSFORMATION-DEEP CHANGE-AWAKENS STRONG EMOTIONS AND IS STRONGLY RELATED TO A SENSE OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT, AND HAVING MADE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION.

BEING A 'CHANGE AGENT'

AS THE SEPARATE WORDS IMPLY, BEING A 'CHANGE AGENT' REFERS TO ANY PERSON WHO SEEKS TO BRING ABOUT SOME KIND OF CHANGE. BUT BEING A CHANGE AGENT-TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN OTHERS-IS A PROCESS FRAUGHT WITH FRUSTRATION. BRINGING ABOUT TRUE CHANGE REQUIRES NOT ONLY TRUST, IN AND OF ITSELF A CRUCIAL COM-PONENT, BUT PERHAPS MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, AFFECTING CHANGE REQUIRES A PERSON TO BECOME INTROSPECTIVE AND

WILLING TO CHANGE ONESELF BEFORE ONE ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE OTHERS. QUINN ILLUSTRATES THIS IMPORTANCE AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT BY SHARING AN ANECDOTE REGARDING A MOTHER, TRYING TO AFFECT A CHANGE IN HER DAUGHTER'S ATTITUDE ABOUT SCHOOLWORK. THIS ANECDOTE IS ESPECIALLY ILLUSTRATIVE AND RELEVANT TO EDUCATORS! THE AN-ECDOTE, HOWEVER, TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE INTIMATE AND TRUSTING ENVIRON-MENT OF A FAMILY, AND QUINN ACKNOWL-EDGES TRUST-RELATED CHALLENGES WHEN MOVING BEYOND THIS SETTING.

CHANGE

QUINN POINTS TO A SALIENT DISTINCTION BETWEEN 'INCREMENTAL CHANGE' AND 'TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE'. INCRE-MENTAL CHANGE DESCRIBES THE KINDS OF CHANGES WE USUALLY AFFECT: SMALL PREDICTABLE CHANGES IN PATTERNS OR BEHAVIOUR, WHEREAS TRANSFORMA-TIONAL CHANGES ARE PROFOUND, IMPOR-TANT CHANGES. QUINN ILLUSTRATES THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE CHANGES THROUGH THE QUIET, HEROIC ACTIONS TAKEN BY GANDHI, IN HIS EARLY PROTEST ACTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ACT ~ Advanced Change Theory

PROFOUND CHANGE & ACT

PROFOUND, TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE LIES OUTSIDE OUR NORMAL EX-PECTATIONS. GANDHI'S ACTIONS ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE KIND OF CHANGE UNDERSTOOD BY THE TERM 'ADVANCED CHANGE THEORY' - OR ACT. THEY ARE A BODY OF PRINCIPLES BASED ON SEED THOUGHTS OF MASTERS OF TRANSFOR-MATION THAT REFLECT THE SIMPLICITY FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF COMPLEXITY– AT ITS MOST ADVANCED.

NORMAL CHANGE THEORY

QUINN POINTS OUT HOW MOST OF US ARE BOUND BY 'NORMS', ROUTINE PAT-TERNS OF BEHAVIOUR OF A PARTICULAR GROUP; THE WAY WE ACT BECOMES 'NORMALISED' BY CONFORMITY WITH STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS.

'TFP' CHANGE STRATEGIES

THERE ARE 3 GENERAL, FAMILIAR STRATE-GIES FOR CHANGE IN NORMAL SITUA-TIONS, CHARACTERIZED BY: TELLING,

FORCING, PARTICIPATING. THE FIRST TWO ARE PERHAPS THE MOST COMMON, AND OFTEN CO-OCCUR. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, WE TELL (EXPLAIN) RATIONALLY WHY A CHANGE MAKES SENSE, AND PEOPLE WILL RATIONALLY CHANGE. IF THEY DON'T AC-CEPT THE NEED TO CHANGE. THEN WE CON-CEIVE OF A WAY TO FORCE OUR TARGETS TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS. THIS TWO-STEP PROCESS HAS BECOME SO 'NORMALISED', THAT MOST EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS WILL LIKELY THINK OF A MYRIAD INSTANCES FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT ARE ILLUSTRATIONS OF IT. FAR LESS COMMON IS THE THIRD STRATEGY, ENDORSED BY QUINN: PARTICIPATING STRATEGY, LEADING TO TRANSFORMING STRATEGY. IN PARTICI-PATING, EMPHASIS IS ON COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION, INVOLVING THE TAR-GET IN HONEST DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL LEARNING.

DIFFICULTIES WITH PARTICIPATING



Seeding the Transformation

'THIS BOOK IS ABOUT THE PROCESS OF SEEDING THE TRANSFORMATION OF HUMAN SYSTEMS.

IT ASSUMES THAT A SMALL PARTICLE, INTRODUCED INTO A HUMAN SYSTEM AT THE RIGHT TIME, MAY DISRUPT THAT SYSTEM IN A POSITIVE WAY.

IT CAN REDUCE STASIS OR ENTROPY AND INCREASE THE ENERGY, LITERALLY BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO IT. '

Advanced Change Theory Transforming Strategy

Action from Principle ACT & Moral Reasoning ACT & the Freedom Quest ACT & Action Transformational Power Inaccessibility of ACT Connectedness & Sacred Servants Being Transformational is a Choice



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APPENDIX A: A SUMMARY OF ADVANCED CHANGE THEORY

THE FOUR STRATEGIES

Level 4. The Transforming Strategy (ACT)

Method: transcend self; emphasis on emergent reality

- Am I envisioning productive community?
- Am I first looking within?
- Am I embracing the hypocritical self?
- Am I transcending the external sanctions?
- Am I embodying a vision of the common good?
- Am I disturbing the system?
- Am I surrendering to the emergent process?
- Am I enticing through moral power?

Level 3. The Participating Strategy

Method: open dialogue; emphasis on relationship

Is there a focus on human process? Is everyone included in an open dialogue? Do I model supportive communication? Is everyone's position being clarified? Am I surfacing the conflicts? Are the decisions being made participatively? Is there commitment to a "win-win" strategy? Are the people cohesive?

Level 2. The Forcing Strategy

Method: leveraging behavior; emphasis on authority

Is my authority firmly established? Is the legitimacy of my directive clear? Do I understand their fears? Am I capable and willing to impose sanctions? Is there a clear performance-reward linkage? Am I controlling the context and flow of information? Am I using maximum leverage? Are the people complying?

Level 1. The Telling Strategy Method: rational persuasion; emphasis on facts

Am I within my expertise? Have I gathered all the facts? Have I done a good analysis? Will my conclusions withstand criticism? Are my arguments logical? Are my arguments clear? Do I have a forum for instruction? Am I prepared to argue effectively?



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Four Perspectives on Change



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Figure A.1. Four Perspectives on Change.

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Toward Win-Win Negotiation and Long-Term Trust	Toward Equality and Change	Toward Vision Realization and Moral Courage	
The Participating Strategy		The Transforming Strategy	
Emphasis: relationship		Emphasis: emergent reality	
Method: open dialogue		Method: transcend self	
Questions:		Questions:	
Is there a focus on human process?		Am I envisioning a productive community?	
Is everyone included in an open dialogue?		Am I first looking within? Am I embracing	
Do I model supportive communication?		the hypocritical self?	
Is everyone's position being clarified?	and the second	Am I transcending the external sanctions?	
Am I surfacing the conflicts?	Seal and second	Am I embodying a vision of the common good?	
Are the decisions being made	ALL PROPERTY ALL P	Am I disturbing the system?	
participatively? Is there commitment to a	and the second second	Am I surrendering to the emergent process?	
"win-win" strategy? Are the people cohesive?		Am I enticing through moral power?	
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Toward the Preservation of the System		Toward the Pursuit of Truth	
The Forcing Strategy	Iquie de la la la	The Telling Strategy	
Emphasis: authority	Committee In	Emphasis: facts	
Method: leveraging behavior	Same Same Same	Method: rational persuasion	
Questions:		Questions:	
Is my authority firmly establish	hed?	Am I within my expertise?	
Is the legitimacy of my		Have I gathered all the facts?	
directive clear? Do I understand their fears? Am I capable and willing to impose sanctions?		Have I done a good analysis?	
		Will my conclusions withstand criticism?	
		Are my arguments logical?	
Is there a clear	and and the lat		
Am I controlling the context and flow of information?		Are my arguments clear?	
		Do I have a forum for instruction?	
		Am I prepared to argue	
Am I using maximum leverage	e?	effectively?	
Are the people complying?	rada a ser	The second second second second	
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Compliance and	Toward Structure	Emplanation and	
Personal Survival	and Control	Immediate Action	



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Four Strategies of Change: **Dimensions of Differentiation**



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Figure A.2. Four Strategies of Change.

DIMENSIONS OF DIFFERENTIATION NORMAL MODEL DIMENSION ACT MODEL Personal survival Core vision Productive community Spontaneous Fixed by position Leadership contribution Desired Equilibrium system state **Bounded** instability Prevent insurgency Social movement Enact insurgency Responsive Empowerment Self-authorizing Script driven Consciousness Mindful Social expectation Moral reasoning Principle driven Respond to sanctions Sanctions Transcend sanctions Divided-guarded Self Authentic-open **Provokes** closure Stimulation **Provokes openness** Exotelic Motivation Autotelic Symbolic Uses symbols communication Becomes a symbol Controlled Learning Surrender-based Imitation Source of vision Creation Vision transfer Instruction Reframing Problem solving Mode of inquiry Appreciative inquiry Accountability Cause and effect **Co-creation** Expertise Stimulus for change Improvisation **Resistance** and Negative force uncertainty Positive force Other The target of change Self

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2 Envision the Productive Community

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THE NOTION OF THE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY GIVES RISE TO A MAJOR SHIFT IN OUR PERCEP-TION, THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR, I.E. WE CAN BOTH ENVISION AND ENACT A NEW FORM OF COMMUNITY IN WHICH ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN GENERATE EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE PART OF A SYSTEM OF RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH WE SHARE A COMMON PURPOSE AND EACH ONE OF US WORKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

"When people become members of a productive community, they tend to become more inner directed and other focused. They tend to be motivated by a calling that they feel deep within. They make contributions that exceed narrow selfinterest. People in productive communities also have another unusual characteristic. They want to be connected to reality. They want to know what is real, even if the news is had...Jesus, Gandhi, and King were all dedicated to getting difficult things done in the real world. To do this, they envisioned productive community." pp.27-28.

PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY & HIERARCHY

THE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY DOES *NOT* REJECT HIERARCHY. QUINN EXPLAINS THAT MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF US, FALL INTO TWO CAMPS VIS-À-VIS HIERARCHY. WE TEND TO BE EITHER UTOPIAN, AND THUS REJECT THE NOTION OUT OF HAND, OR PRAGMATIC, SHAKING OUR HEADS AT 'IDEALISTIC HIERARCHY. WE TEND TO BE ITHER UTOPIAN, AND THUS REJECT THE NOTION OUT OF HAND, OR PRAGMATIC, SHAKING OUR HEADS AT 'IDEALISTIC

NONSENSE' THAT WILL NOT WORK IN THE 'REAL WORLD'. QUINN ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ALL HAVE 'ASSUMPTIONS' ABOUT THE 'SOCIAL WORLD' BUT REJECTION OF HIERARCHY DOES NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW. QUINN POINTS OUT THAT MANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED PREDOMI-NANTLY FROZEN, INWARDLY FOCUSED, RIGID BUREAUCRACIES (P. 36), BUT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO DISMISS ALL HIERARCHY OUT OF HAND TO LEAD US TOWARD CONCEPTUAL-ISING THE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY, THAT DOES ALLOW FOR HIERARCHY, AND THEN TRANSCENDS ITS ASSUMPTIONS, QUINN LEADS US MORE DEEPLY INTO THE WORLD OF 'INNER-DIRECTEDNESS' AND 'OTHER-FOCUSEDNESS' VIA THE EXAMPLE OF HIS WIFE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (PP. 30-32).

CERTAINTY & FEAR

STATUS-QUO HIERARCHIES OFFER US CERTAINTY, QUITE DIFFERENTLY FROM 'CHANGE'. INCRE-MENTAL CHANGE IS OFTEN EXCITING, BUT TRULY DEEP CHANGE CAN BE QUITE INTIMIDATING, ESPE-CIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE 'SAFETY' OF THE STIFLING MEDIOCRITY OF THE STATUS QUO. BUT THE NOTION OF THE SAFETY OF 'PERMANENCE' IS AN ILLUSION, AND TO GROW WE NEED TO GO BEYOND OUR USUAL UNDERSTAND-ING, AND TO SURRENDER TO THE 'FLOW OF EN-ERGY' IN THE GREATER FLOW TOWARD A 'SYNERGISTIC COLLECTIVITY', (P. 49) IN ES-SENCE, CREATING A 'SOCIAL MOVEMENT' IN WHICH ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE. "FACILITATES THE LEARNING OF OTHERS." (P. 54)





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FEATURES JESUS, MOHANDAS MAHATMA GANDHI AND DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AS SACRED SAGES, WHO PROVIDE 'SEED THOUGHTS' AT THE BEGIN-NING OF EACH CHAPTER, AND ARE EXAMPLES OF TRANSFORMA-TIONAL PEOPLE.

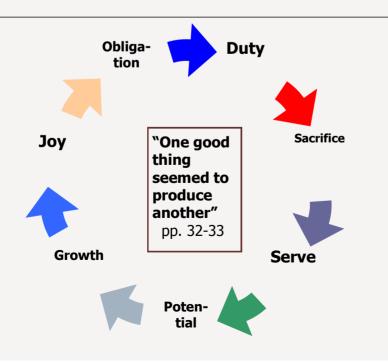
"TRANSFORMATIONAL PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED. CLEARLY, ABRAHAM, MOSES, MOHAMMED, BUDDHA, LAO-TZU, AND CONFU-CIUS WERE TRANSFORMATIONAL PEOPLE. THEIR CORE EXPERI-ENCES WERE INNER DRIVEN AND OTHER FOCUSED. THEY LIVED BY PRINCIPLE AND CHANCED THE WORI D."



"Feelings of achievement are often mixed with a sense of awe and humility. I believe the sense of awe stems from experiencing the magnificence of transformation. The humility stems from knowing we are necessary but, alone, are insufficient. The process of transformation is always bigger than we are." p.3.



Productive Community & The Sunday School Teacher



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3 First Look Within

REFORM FROM WITHIN

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QUINN RECOUNTS HIS EXPERIENCES WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN OF RESOLVE, AN UPPER EXECUTIVE AT A HOSPITAL. WHEN FACED WITH BUDGET AND STAFE CUTS. SHE REFUSES TO COMPROMISE ON KEY ISSUES CONCERNING HER UNIT, RISKING HER JOB. SHE EXPLAINS THAT SHE WAS NOT FIRED BECAUSE HER BOSS "KNOWS THAT I AM NOT DOING ANY OF THESE THINGS FOR MYSELE MY CENTRAL CONCERN IS THE GOOD OF THE CUSTOMER. I WILL DO ANYTHING HE TELLS ME THAT IS GOOD FOR THE SYSTEM AND ITS CA-PACITY TO SERVE THE CUSTOMER. I WILL NOT DO ANYTHING THAT IS NOT FOR THE GOOD OF THE SYSTEM" (PP 60-61) OLINN DESCRIBES HER AS A "WOMAN OF COMMITMENT AND PURPOSE, A HEROINE ON THE TRANSFORMATIONAL PATH. HER POWER CAME NOT FROM STUBBORNNESS OR PRIDE, BUT FROM AN INNER TRUTH THAT SHE KNEW SHE COULD NOT COMPROMISE.'

FUNDAMENTAL CHOICES

QUINN EXPLAINS THAT A CHANGE AGENT MUST LOOK WITHIN. MAKING FUNDAMENTAL CHOICES MEANS NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE 'OUTSIDE WORLD', RATHER DETERMINING DIREC-TION FROM WITHIN. IT IS NOT SO MUCH ABOUT FINDING A PURPOSE, AS BEING OPEN TO A PUR-POSE FINDING US. THIS VERY FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE PROCESS HAS TO DO WITH "OUR STATE OF BEING OR BASIC LIFE ORIENTATION." (P. 61) THE FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE IS SUPRA-PRIMARY- IT IS DETERMINING TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR HIGHEST SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. THESE CHOICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN WE FINALLY DO MAKE A FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE, THE **COMMITMENT ITSELF IS TRANSFORMATIONAL.**.

BECOMING A CREATIVE FORCE

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNISE, HOWEVER, THAT MAKING A FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE IS NOT A GIMMICK OR A TECHNIQUE: THE CHOICE TO BE THE PREDOMINANT CREATIVE FORCE IN YOUR OWN LIFE DOES NOT MEAN FORCING YOURSELF INTO A DIFFERENT VIEW OF REALITY, NOR IS IT A FORM OF SELF-MANIPULATION THROUGH WILLPOWER, A CHANGE OF 'ATTITUDE', A MOTTO TO RECITE, AN AFFIRMATION TO MAKE, OR A POSTURE TO AS-SUME. IT IS A CHOICE. IT COMES FROM A DESIRE TO BE THE PREDOMINANT CREATIVE FORCE IN YOUR OWN LIFE."

DANGERS OF THE NORMALISED WORLD: SOCIALISATION & EMERGENT REALITY

ANTICIPATING HIS READER, QUINN ASKS: "IF EX-PERIENCING OURSELVES AS A CREATIVE FORCE IS SUCH AN ESSENTIAL DRIVE, HOW IS IT THAT WE GET SO FAR OFF COURSE?" QUINN REVEALS THE DANGERS THAT OCCUR WHEN THE HIERARCHY IMPOSES ITS VALUES, INDICATING HOW THIS INSU-LATES THE GROUP FROM EMERGENT REALITY, A PHENOMENON COMMON TO ALL HUMAN ORGANI-SATIONS: "WE ARE CONTINUALLY TAUGHT TO ENGAGE SECONDARY REALITY, THAT IS, REALITY ALREADY INTERPRETED AND DEFINED BY OTHERS."



"If you make the fundamental choice to be true to yourself, then you will act in ways that are true to yourself, whether you feel inspired or depressed, whether you feel fulfilled or frustrated, whether you are at home, at work, with your friends, or with your enemies...When you make a fundamental choice, convenience and comfort are not ever at issue, for you always take action based on what is consistent with your fundamental choice."

Fritz, 1989, as cited by Quinn, p. 61.

Changing Self First ~ Boxed In

SOCIAL ORDER & STANDARDISATION

Socialisation and standarsization are hardly new concepts for the teacher, and most teachers would agree when Quinn asserts that they are necessary, since they provide "order, equilibrium, predictability, and efficiency" (p. 68). But Quinn cautions us of the 'trade-off'

"Socialisation and standardisation keep us from examining emergent reality." This is of particular danger in the educational setting. It is 'easier' to 'go by the book', rather than 'doing any research on [one's] own" (p. 68).

SOUL FORCE

LOOKING WITHIN WHEN MAKING FUNDA-MENTAL CHOICES IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF PURPOSE AND ENSUR-ING WE KNOW 'WHO WE ARE'. LOOKING WITHIN IS CRUCIAL TO "REVISITING OUR FUNDAMENTAL CHOICES AND CONTINU-OUSLY REALIGNING OUR BEHAVIOUR AC-CORDINGLY. BY HONOURING AND ACTING IN ALIGNMENT WITH OUR IDEALS, WE GROW WITHIN AND INCREASE WHAT GANDHI CALLED 'SOUL FORCE'...THE CLEARER WE ARE ABOUT OURSELVES, THE GREATER IS OUR CAPACITY FOR CHANGE. INSTEAD OF RESPONDING IN EXPECTED WAYS, WE CAN STEP OUTSIDE OUR ROUTINES." (P. 68)

BOXED IN

MANY OF US FEEL 'BOXED IN', I.E. WE DO NOT SEE ALTERNA-TIVES IN GIVEN SITUATIONS, AND SEE OTHERS, AT LEAST PARTIALLY, AT FAULT OR AS THE PROBLEM, FOR EXAMPLE, A

DIFFICULT PRINCIPAL OR DEPARTMENT HEAD. BUT IT IS OF FAR GREATER HELP TO UNDERSTAND THAT: "THE WORLD CREATES



US AND WE CREATE THE WORLD" (P. 70). WE CAN MAKE CHOICES & INFLU-ENCE OTHERS! is highest in them, or when they make a choice to fulfill a purpose in their life, they can easily accomplish many changes that seemed impossible or improbable in the past." p.62.

"When people make a funda-

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4 Embrace the Hypocritical Self

HYPOCRITICAL CHANGE AGENT

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QUINN SHARES THE STORY OF A CHANGE AGENT, A YOUNG CONSULTANT, TRYING TO AFFECT CHANGE IN A LARGE CORPORA-TION. HE HAS BEEN STRESSING HONESTY AND FORTHRIGHTNESS TO THE CORPORA-TION'S STAFF. WHEN HE HIMSELF IS FACED WITH AN AWKWARD REQUEST FROM THE CORPORATION'S POWERFUL, ANGRY CEO. HE BECOMES FEARFUL AND SEES SERIOUS POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS IN NOT DOING THE CEO'S BIDDING. QUINN POINTS TO THE FACT THAT THE CONSULT-ANT, WHEN TRAINING OTHERS, TELLS HIS 'DARK STORY'. IN SO DOING, HE IS NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE 'DANGERS' OF THE WORLD, HE IS ALSO CONFIRMING THAT WE ARE ALL DRIVEN TOWARD HYPOCRISY IN THE TRANSACTIONAL WORLD.

HYPOCRISY & CHOICE OF SLOW DEATH

QUINN CITES CHRIS ARGYRIS CONCERN-ING THE UBIQUITY OF HYPOCRISY IN COL-LECTIVE SETTINGS (P. 73). EACH ONE OF HAS AN 'ESPOUSED' THEORY OF HOW WE BEHAVE-HOW WE BELIEVE WE ACT, AND A 'THEORY IN ACTION'-HOW WE ACTUALLY DO BEHAVE. MOREOVER, WE ARE FOR THE MOST PART UTTERLY UNAWARE OF OUR BEHAVIOUR AND THIS DISCREPANCY. THE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR HYPOCRISY ARE SERIOUS. OUR HYPOCRISY CAUSES "MISCOMMUNICATION, SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES, AND ESCALATING ER-RORS" (P. 73). BECAUSE OF OUR HYPOC-RISY WE FAIL TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY. INSTEAD, WE CREATE "RELATIONSHIPS OF DISTRUST AND SUCCUMB TO LIVING IN A COMMUNITY THAT PREVENTS VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER FROM ACHIEVING [HER/HIS] POTENTIAL."

DISSOCIATION

QUINN PROVIDES VERY VIVID PERSONAL ANECDOTES OF INSTANCES OF 'THE PROC-ESS OF DISSOCIATION'. IN KEEPING WITH ARGYRIS' THEORY, WE STRIVE TO:

- 1. REMAIN IN CONTROL;
- 2. WIN;

3. Suppress Negative Feelings; 4. Pursue rational objectives. As long as 'we' win, 'we' win together, but when 'we' lose, 'they' lose, 'you' lose, s/he loses—but we do not lose together. The relational impact of this hypocrisy is overwhelming.



"When we become ineffective in our efforts, we dissociate from the person or persons we are trying to change. In doing this, we do a very natural thing: We refuse to look at our own hypocrisy." (p. 78)

In choosing to create a hypocritical self, we receive a hypocritical world in return. We are modelling unauthentic behaviour, and communicating unauthentically, presenting the world with a self that is divided and unempowered.

Instead of distancing ourselves from others, we could create a productive community and engage others in the 'dance of co-creation'. Perhaps the most empowering act of all would be to tell others what we are experiencing." (Paraphrased from p. 78).

HYPOCRISY & EMERGENT REALITY

ENGAGING EMERGENT REALITY

ENGAGING EMERGENT REALITY REQUIRES CONFI-DENCE. "IT CAN MEAN LEAVING THE COMFORT OF OUR PRESENT KNOWLEDGE BASE. FOR EX-AMPLE, WE MIGHT BE WORKING WITHIN A WELL-ESTABLISHED HIERARCHY, WHERE WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US, HOW WE ARE TO RELATE TO OTHERS WHO ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THAT HIERARCHY, AND WHAT WE NEED TO DELIVER TO BE ACCEPTED AND VALUED. BUT TO ENGAGE EMERGENT REALITY OFTEN MEANS THAT WE WON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, WE WILL HAVE TO LEARN AS WE GO. IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY, WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH CREATIVE SOLUTIONS" (P. 79).

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS CHALLENGING IN THE EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION. WOULD-N'T IT BE EASIER FOR A TEACHER TO 'STICK TO THE CURRICULUM', OR FOR A PROFESSOR TO STICK TO LAST YEAR'S SAFE & TRIED SYLLABUS?

ACTION LEARNING & UNCONDITIONAL CONFIDENCE

MOLDING THE POTENTIAL SOLUTION THROUGH TRIAL & ERROR, IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS 'ACTION LEARNING' OR 'ACTION INQUIRY'. ESSENTIALLY, THIS IS THE

CONFIDENCE OF KNOWING THAT WE CAN LEARN OUR WAY THROUGH VIRTUALLY ANY SITUATION.

TRANSCENDENCE: 'GETTING OUT OF THE ENVELOPE'



TRANSCENDENCE IS ENERGY SHIFTING. "WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF SOME THINGS AND REACT TO THEM IN PREDICTABLE WAYS, BE-CAUSE PREVIOUS LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE ORGANIZES AND DIRECTS OUR CONSCIOUSNESS. WE MIGHT SAY THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED *SCRIPTS*" (P. 85) WHICH TELL US WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO REACT IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. **OUR SCRIPTS ARE OUR ENVELOPES.** AS LONG AS WE HOLD THOSE SCRIPTS THEY DEFINE WHO WE ARE. THEY GIVE US **COMFORT.** BUT THEY ALSO **LIMIT OUR GROWTH...**" (P. 85).

> TRANSCENDING HYPOCRISY REQUIRES SURRENDER

"We cannot change, we cannot move away from what we are, until we thoroughly accept what we are. Then change seems to come about almost unnoticed." Rogers, 1961, as cited by Quinn, p. 83.

Honest engagement of emergent reality leads to new meanings, and new meanings lead to transformation...With the acceptance of our hypocrisy we begin to close our integrity gaps.

(p. 87)

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5 Transcend Fear

TRANSCENDING FEAR

NOT MUCH UNLIKE A CIRCUS ELEPHANT, OUR LIVES ARE CONSTRAINED AND CONDI-TIONED. EVEN WHEN WE ARE NO LONGER 'PHYSICALLY' SHACKLED BY A CHAIN, LIKE THE ELEPHANT, WE DO NOT STRAY FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE 'NORMALISED WORLD'.

SHACKLING CONFORMITY WE ARE, ALL OF US,

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CONFORMISTS. WE ALL SEEK A CERTAIN LEVEL OF 'SOCIAL APPROVAL'. IN ORDER TO HAVE A 'SELF', WE MUST INTERACT WITH OTHERS.

"OUR SENSE OF SELF ARISES OUT OF OUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS. WE INSTINC-TIVELY SEEK ACCEPTANCE BY THE GROUP TO WHICH WE BELONG."

THIS POINT IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT IN THE SCHOOL SETTING, WHEN THIS IS SO, EVEN WHEN A TEACHER IS DEALING WITH A 'NEGATIVE' GROUP, SUCH AS A DESTRUC-TIVE GANG. WE OFTEN BANDY THE TERM 'PEER PRESSURE' ABOUT IN THIS REGARD. CONFORMITY IN ORGANISATIONS

FEAR IS OFTEN THE OPERATIVE FORCE BEHIND CONFORMITY IN ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT HAS AN INCREDIBLY STIFLING EFFECT IN TERMS OF AVOIDANCE OF EMERGENT REALITY. CREATIVITY IS STIFLED, NOBODY 'DARES' TO EXECUTE A 'RISKY' DECISION, NOBODY WANTS TO FIND HER/ HIMSELF ON 'THE EDGE'. OUR FEAR-DRIVEN BE-HAVIOURS CORROSIVELY UNDERMINE OUR PO-TENTIAL PROGRESS.

...AND THEN THINGS REALLY GET BAD...

WE BECOME INCREASINGLY INSECURE AND DE-FENSIVE. HONESTY DISAPPEARS. QUINN ENUMER-ATES A LONG LIST OF SPIRALLING, DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOURS, WHICH BEGIN TO MOVE INTO THE LEVEL OF THE UNCONSCIOUS. SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS CANNOT BE INVESTIGATED, SINCE PROBLEMS ARE NO LONGER DISCUSSED. ANGER AT OUR INCREASING INAUTHENTICITY FESTERS. ULTIMATELY, THE 'REAL' SELF, THE SELF THAT ENCAPSULATES OUR POTENTIAL FOR GREAT-NESS, BEGINS TO SUFFOCATE AND DIE.

TOXIC CONTENT

AT ITS WORST, THIS SITUATION SPIRALS DOWNWARD TOWARD ONE IN WHICH PEO-PLE SEEK TO 'GET EVEN', WHICH IRONI-CALLY DOES NOTHING TO HELP THE AT-MOSPHERE IN THE ORGANIZATION. EVEN-TUALLY PEOPLE GROW COMPLACENT IN THE TOXICITY, AND MAY RESIGN THEM-SELVES TO THE DYSFUNCTIONAL SITUA-TION.





BREAK THE ROPE! SOMETIMES THE ELEPHANT BREAKS THE THIN ROPE. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE ELEPHANT IS NO LONGER WILLING TO COLLUDE WITH THE INSTITUTION IN LIMITING ITS FREEDOM AND POTENTIAL.

Fears, Impressions, Authority

QUINN MAKES A FEW COMFORTING OBSERVA-TIONS AT THIS POINT. HE SHARES PERSONAL ANECDOTES IN WHICH HE REVEALS HIS OWN 'FAILURES' AND FEARS AS A RESULT OF 'NOT MEASURING UP'. THE STIGMA OF 'MENTAL HEALTH' CODE WORDS AND HIS INSECURITIES DURING HIS GRADUATE STUDIES REVEAL HIM AS VULNERABLE. HE THEN ILLUSTRATES HOW HE WAS SURPRISED WHEN HIS PROFESSOR CON-FESSED THE SAME INSECURITIES. RATHER THAN DISCUSSING OUR FEARS AND INSECURITIES, THOUGH, WE REMAIN SILENT AND INTERNALISE THEM. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH BEING RATED LESS 'EFFECTIVE', NOT COMPETENT, NOT IN CONTROL.

FEARS IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

HOW MUCH DO WE AS EDUCATORS HONESTLY ENTER INTO THIS DIALOGUE? QUINN RAISES A POINT THAT WE ARE ALL WISE TO REFLECT ON. PERHAPS, AS EDUCATORS WHO ARE GRADUATE STUDENTS IN EDUCATION, WE ARE BEST POSI-TIONED TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION. WE ARE, OR CAN BE, AT ONCE BOTH THE 'TARGET' OF FEAR AND ITS SOURCE IN THE CLASSROOM.

> ENGAGING OUR FEARS NEGATIVE EMOTIONS AS THE ENGINE OF GROWTH

ADVANCED CHANGE THEORY MEANS THAT CHANGE ALLOWS US TO BECOME NOT ONLY MORE EFFECTIVE PEOPLE, BUT ALSO MORE IN ALIGNMENT WITH OUR TRUE SELVES, AND THIS NECESSARILY MEANS EXPERIENCING SOME KINDS OF NEGATIVE EMOTIONS, TOO. ON ONE LEVEL WE KNOW THIS, BUT ON ANOTHER WE TRY TO DENY THIS TO OURSELVES, NOT WANTING TO LET ANY 'CRACKS SHOW'. WE ARE FOCUSED ON HOW OTHERS SEE US, AND DELLUDE OURSELVES INTO BELIEVING THAT THIS MIRRORED SELF IS OUR 'REAL SELF'. WE STRIVE FOR POWER AND OB-JECTS OF STATUS.

TRANSCENDENCE...

PRACTISING TRANSCENDENCE BY LETTING GO GRADUALLY OF OUR OBJECT REFERENCE CONDI-TIONING IS NO SMALL FEAT. QUINN SUGGESTS THAT FOR MOST OF US THIS IS NOT PRACTICAL UNTIL WE HAVE FOUND A 'UNIQUE MISSION', WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO RESIST 'EXTERNAL SANC-TIONS'. THE COURAGEOUS EXAMPLE OF VIKTOR FRANKL IS GIVEN, WHO STRESSES THAT WE AL-WAYS HAVE CHOICE, AND THAT HAVING A PUR-POSE PROVIDES POWER. QUINN CITES PARKER PALMER IN RECOGNISING THAT 'NO PUNISHMENT COULD POSSIBLY BE WORSE THAN THE ONE YOU LAY ON YOURSELF BY CONSPIRING IN YOUR OWN DIMINISHMENT." (P. 111) "In a seemingly invisible manner, socialisation shapes what we believe about ourselves. We then act on those beliefs, and in doing so we co-create the world in which we live." (pp. 89-90)



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6 Embody a Vision of the Common Good

PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY REVISITED QUINN BEGINS THE CHAPTER STATING THAT IF A CHANGE AGENT WISHES TO BRING ABOUT PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY, THEN S/HE MUST NECESSARILY EMBODY THE CORE VALUES AND COMMON GOOD OF THE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY. DRAWING ON PREVIOUS CHAPTERS TO THIS POINT, QUINN ELUCIDATES: PRODUCTIVE COMMU-NITY IS "SYNERGISTIC COMMUNITY, MADE UP OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE BE-COMING MORE INNER DIRECTED AND OTHER FOCUSED" (P. 119). THE CON-CEPTS OF COMMON GOOD AND INDIVID-UAL GOOD WILL HAVE A LOT 'IN COMMON' AT THIS POINT. THERE WILL BE "CLEAR PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE...HIGH COHE-SION AND RESPONSIVENESS "

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EMBODYING THE COMMON GOOD

QUINN ARGUES THAT OTHERS ARE IN-SPIRED WHEN THEY ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE THE PERSONIFICATION OF VISION. THIS EMBODIMENT SETS OFF AN ENTIRE CHAIN OF CONSEQUENCES. OTHERS DRAW COURAGE FROM OURS, AND BEGIN TO EMU-LATE OUR BEHAVIOURS. AND ONCE THEY BEGIN TO ENGAGE IN NEW PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOURS, MOMENTUM AND A NEW COM-MUNITY BUILD. IT IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE VISION BY CHANGE AGENTS THAT IN-VITES PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY INTO BE-ING.

ANYONE CAN BE TRANSFORMATIONAL ONE ATTRACTIVE FEATURE OF QUINN'S APPROACH, CERTAINLY FOR THE CLASS-ROOM TEACHER, IS THAT DESPITE 'APPEARANCES', THIS IS NOT A 'TOPDOWN' APPROACH, AT LEAST NOT IN THE WAY WE USUALLY ATTACH CONNOTATIONS TO THE PHRASE 'TOP-DOWN'. IT IS MORE A CASE OF WHAT I MIGHT RE-CAST AS 'EMANATING TOWARDS OTHERS'. QUINN INSISTS THAT ANYONE IN THE ORGANISATION WHO CHOOSES TO BE TRANSFORMATIVE FIGURE.

COMMON GOOD VS. PERSONAL INTEREST

IN ORGANISATIONS, INDIVIDUALS MAKE CHOICES THAT MAY BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR PERSONAL GOOD OR IN THE IN-TERESTS OF THE COLLECTIVE GOOD, SOMETIMES BOTH COINCIDE TOGETHER, SOMETIMES ONE MUST BE CHOSEN OVER ANOTHER. BEWARE THE DANGER OF SE-LECTING PERSONAL OVER COMMON GOOD!





"JUST AS INDIVIDUALS ENTER NEW STATES OF BEING AND DIS-COVER NEW REALITIES, EMER-GENT COLLECTIVITIES REPRESENT NEW BEING STATES AND DIS-COVER NEW REALITIES. SUCH COMMUNITIES REINFORCE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK TO LIVE IN THE TRANSFORMATIONAL REAL-ITY." (P. 121)

"WHAT WE ARE MATTERS. WHAT WE CHOOSE TO BE MATTERS EVEN MORE." (P. 122)

"In every group, there is an implied or unspoken contract. The contract suggests that we all contribute because we value the collective outcome. When someone in the group chooses personal good over collective good, we sense that we are all being cheated." (p. 125)

"The sincere listener is not separate from the speaker. Together they make it possible to articulate the undiscussable" (pp. 142-143)



Journeys, Potential & Listening

DIRECTION & FOCUS

QUINN PRESENTS FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF JOURNEYS TO WHICH WE MAY BE DRAWN, REVEALING HOW EACH PAR-TICULAR JOURNEY REVEALS OTHER OR INNER DIRECTION, AS WELL AS OTHER OR INNER FOCUS. IT IS THE JOURNEY OF COLLECTIVE FULFILLMENT WHICH IS INNER DIRECTED AND OTHER FOCUSED, FROM WHICH QUINN SAYS WE OUGHT TO DERIVE OUR SCRIPT.

ACTUAL & POTENTIAL

QUINN QUOTES ONE OF GANDHI'S MOST QUOTED STATEMENTS: "I MUST FIRST BE THE CHANGE I WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD". MANY OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH GANDHI'S ASSERTION, BUT QUINN ASKS US WHY THIS MUST BE SO. HE STATES THAT SELF-CHANGING PEOPLE GO OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NOR-MAL AND EXPECTED EXPERIENCE. THEY 'THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX', NOT JUST IN CLICHÉ TERMS. "THEY RECOGNISE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL SELVES AND THEY ARE MOTI-VATED TOWARD FULFILLING THE LAT-TER" (PP. 130-131). "TO BE A TRANSFOR-MATIONAL CHANGE AGENT, I MUST SEE MY CIRCUMSTANCES IN A TRANSFORMATIONAL WAY" (P. 134).

FOR THE TEACHER'S CONSIDERATION ...

IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, QUINN GIVES AN EXAMPLE FROM TEACHING TEEN-AGERS. THIS IS QUITE À PROPOS FOR MANY SCHOOL TEACHERS. CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO SENSE AUTHENTICITY, AS OPPOSED TO THE PLATITUDES OR 'SOUND BITES' THEY HEAR WHEN ADULTS LECTURE TO THEM. BUT SOMEONE WHO EMBODIES THE AC-TUAL ASPIRATION TO FULFILLING POTEN-TIAL CAN INSPIRE *REVERENCE*. REVER-ENCE IS THE FEELING WE GET IN THE PRES-ENCE OF GREATNESS.

BUT HOW OFTEN, AND IN WHAT WAYS, DO OUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS? HOW OFTEN DO WE 'HEAR THE UNHEARD?

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7 Disturb the System

UNDERSTANDING & DISTURBING

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QUINN CITES LEWIN WHO ARGUED THAT "WE CANNOT REALLY BEGIN TO UNDER-STAND A SYSTEM, UNTIL WE TRY TO CHANGE IT" (P. 145).

IT STRIKES ME THAT MANY TEACHERS UN-DERSTAND THIS STATEMENT, AND HAVE LIKELY EXPERIENCED IT FIRST-HAND, AL-BEIT PERHAPS UNWITTINGLY, WHEN TEACHING, IT IS OFTEN WHEN AN ANOMA-LOUS STUDENT HAS DIFFICULTY UNDER-STANDING, AND WE ARE FORCED TO AP-PROACH THINGS UNCONVENTIONALLY. THAT WE BEGIN TO DEVELOP ADDED IN-SIGHTS, WHICH MAY WELL CAUSE US TO DISTURB OUR (TEACHING) SYSTEM.

BEING A 'RADICAL' TEACHER

QUINN USES THE SQUARE ROOT SYMBOL TO ILLUSTRATE THAT BEING RADICAL IS ACTUALLY GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THINGS, RE-EXAMINING AT A PROFOUND LEVEL. MANY OF US HERE IN CANADA WILL LOOPS ENSURE STABILITY, WHILE POSITIVE BE ABLE TO THINK BACK TO LESSONS IN FRENCH AND DIFFERENT WORD FORMS AND REMEMBER THE UNDERLYING ASSO-CIATIONS OF 'RADICAL'.

INTERNAL RESOURCES & CHAOS

INTERNAL FORTITUDE CORRELATES WITH THE ABILITY TO COPE WITH CHAOS. QUINN ARGUES THAT THIS IS TRUE FOR BOTH INDI-VIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS.

QUINN THEN MAKES A CASE FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE AS BEING BETTER POSITIONED TO INITIATE CHAOS. THERE IS A DISTINCT IRONY HERE, IN THAT MANYINDIVIDUALS THAT ARE UNHEALTHY AND MOST IN NEED OF CREATIVE CHAOS, ARE THE LEAST WILL-ING TO ENGAGE IN IT. THE MOST RELUC-TANT TO DEAL WITH REALITY AND THE LEAST WILLING TO SEEK HELP.

THE EDGE OF CHAOS

BOUNDED INSTABILITY OR THE EDGE OF CHAOS, IS THE STATE IN WHICH A SYSTEM (OR ORGANISATION) HAS MOVED FAR FROM FOLULIBRIUM BUT NOT ALL THE WAY TO TOTAL CHAOS. NEGATIVE FEEDBACK LOOPS INTRODUCE INNOVATION INTO THE SYSTEM, AND THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS THEN MOVING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO.





"A BUTTERFLY FLAPS ITS WINGS IN ASIA, AND THE **RESULT MAY BE A HURRI-**CANE IN FLORIDA." (P. 152)

THE SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF **RESPONDING TO AND MAK-**ING USE OF EVENTS THAT MIGHT BE COMPLETELY OUT-SIDE THE CENTRAL STRUC-TURF

Control, Emergence, Disturbance

SELE-ORGANISATION

BOUNDED INSTABILITY, OR THE EDGE OF CHAOS, IS THE STATE IN WHICH A SYSTEM (OR ORGANISATION) IS 'LIVING ON THE EDGE', AND IS BEST SITUATED TO OPTIMIZE CREATIVE FORCES AND ENGAGE IN TRANSFORMATION. THE IMPETUS FOR TRANSFORMATION IN AN ORANISATION MAY COME FROM A SEEMINGLY MINOR SOURCE, AND IS UNPREDICTABLE. QUINN SAYS THAT THE UNPREDICTABLE ACT MIGHT COME IN THE FORM OF "A STATEMENT, A QUESTION, OR A SYMBOLIC MOVEMENT" (P. 151)

UNPREDICTABILITY, **CREATIVITY &** LEARNING

MANY TEACHERS WILL LIKELY FIND THE NO-TION OF 'EDGE O CHAOS' AS CONFIRMING THEIR IN-CLASS EXPERIENCES. OFTEN, AN UNFORESEEABLE ACT (QUESTION, COMMENT) CAN SPUR INCREDIBLE DEBATE AND ACTIONS AMONGST STUDENTS, THAT WILL EXTEND WELL BEYOND THE BELL AT THE END OF THE LESSON AND BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM. WHAT EXAMPLES DO YOU KNOW OF IN WHICH THIS HAS OCCURRED?

WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST HAD THE

'UNPREDICTABLE' REMAINED 'UNEMBRACEABLE'? CONTROL & EMERGENCE

THAT BEING SAID, LEARNING TO TRUST THE EMER-GENT PROCESS IS HARDLY AN EASY TASK, BUT HAS THE INCREDIBLE BENEFIT OF CREATIVITY AND MOVING TOWARD OUR POTENTIAL.

TWO WORLDS AT ONCE

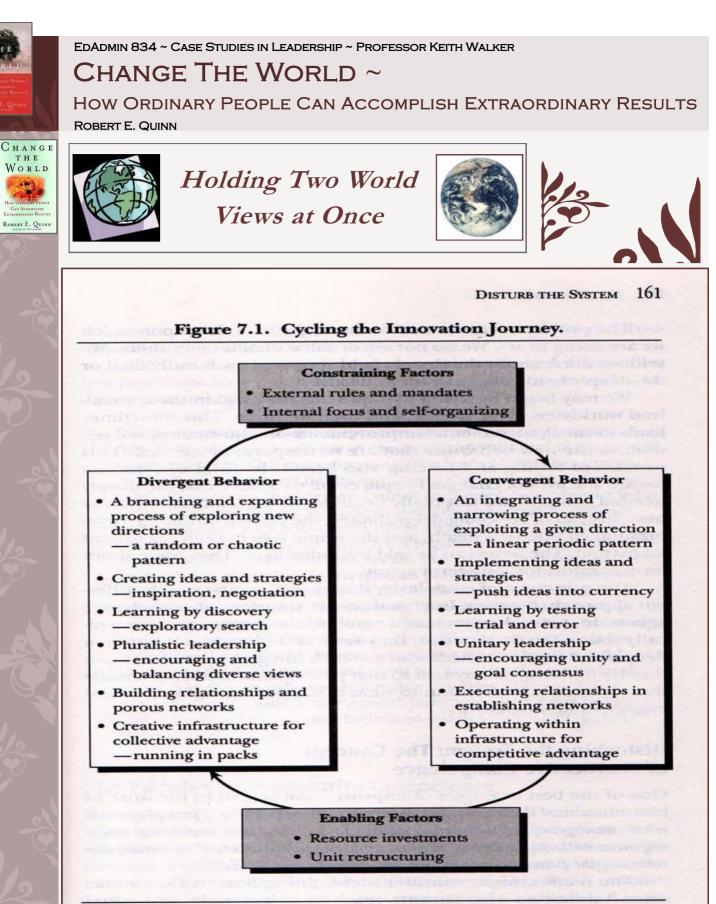
ONE OF LIFE'S FASCINATING MYSTERIES CON-CERNS THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE HUMAN MIND WHEN CREATIVITY IS BEING FORGED, WHAT IS TRULY TAKING PLACE WHEN AN ORGANISATION EXPERIENCES INNOVATION. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE LEARNT THAT RATHER THAN THIS BEING A LINEAR PROCESS, THE INNOVATION JOURNEY IS ACTUALLY ABOUT CONVERGENT AND DIVERGENT PROCESSES WITHIN PROCESSES

DISTURBANCE

JAZZ MUSIC IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE 'PROVOCATIVE COMPETENCE' IN CREATIVE INNO-VATION, AND POINTS OUT THAT DISRUPTIONS MUST BE CHALLENGING, BUT NOT OVERWHELM-ING IN ORGANISATIONS WE ARE WELL TO STRIVE TOWARD 'MASTERFUL' DISRUPTION, IN FACILITAT-ING ADAPTIVE WORK. AGAIN, THIS SOUNDS FINE ON PAPER, BUT IS DIFFICULT TO INCULCATE. HERE ACT ASSISTS IN OVERCOMING RESIS-TANCE, AS IT RECOGNISES TENSION.

"A system based on bounded instability has the capacity to self-organize, and thus to respond to the changing environment and move naturally to higher levels of complexity and integration. Self-organizing processes tend to be transformational" (p. 150)





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8 Surrender to the Emergent Process

IMPROVEMENT, GROWTH & PAIN

IMPROVEMENT CAN EMERGE ONLY FROM THE INTERPLAY OF OPPOSITIONS. THIS BEING THE CASE, GROWTH EMERGES FROM THE STRUGGLE AND PAIN OF THE DIS-TURBED SYSTEM IN THE EMERGENT PROC-ESS. AS OUR NORMAL (CONDITIONED?) REFLEX IS TO AVOID PAIN, WE SOMETIMES ALSO AVOID THE PATH TO GROWTH. SURRENDERING TO PAIN AND TRUSTING THE EMERGENT PROCESS SEEM AT FIRST INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO US, AS WE GO ABOUT OUR LIVES AND TEACHING IN A NOR-MALISED, TRANSACTIONAL REALITY.

BOLD-STROKE CAPACITY

INVITING OTHERS TO TRANSCEND THEIR SCRIPTS IN A TRANSFORMATIONAL STATE. PEOPLE IN THIS STATE HAVE A VIEW OF THE SYSTEM THAT QUINN DESCRIBES AS PROFOUNDLY DEEP AND



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PROFOUNDLY — ELEGANTLY—SIMPLE. THOSE WHO UNDER-STAND DEEPLY CAN MOVE A GROUP FROM ONE REALITY TO AN-OTHER. CHRIST, WHEN ENTRAPPED BY THE PHARISEES RELEASES THE ADULTERESS : 'SIN NO MORE'. THE HYPOCRITES, HOW-EVER, ARE ADMONISHED. ONLY THE ONE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN MAY CAST THE FIRST STONE.

NOT REALISTIC?

For the cynic or doubter who might wonder whether this approach is practicable, Quinn provides a very real example from the Coca-Cola company. Clearly not only realistic, Coke is iconic as far as 'real' busnesses in the transactional world go. "A healthy organisation is a growing organisation" (p. 173). After walking us through the 'corporate ceo' example of coke, Quinn then invokes the image of Norma Rae to show that one needn't be a ceo or consultant to be a change agent.

JOURNEYS & HEROES

"HISTORY IS FILLED WITH DESTRUCTIVE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE HERO'S JOURNEY AND THEN BECAME OBSESSED WITH SELF-INTERESTED AND DESTRUCTIVE DOMINA-TION OF OTHERS. THE JOURNEY IS COM-PLEX AND IT IS NEVER OVER." (P. 181)





Norma Rae

'IF WE TRULY GRASP THE NOTION OF THE 'BOLD STROKE', THEN WE WILL TOTALLY REFOCUS HOW WE THINK ABOUT CHANGE AGENTS... TRANSFORMATION BEGINS WITH A STATE OF BEING, NOT LOGICAL ANALYSIS...WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO IMITATE TECHNIQUE, BUT COM-MITMENT." (P. 175)

THIS HAS A LOT OF RELEVANCE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SETTING, IN WHICH WE OFTEN FOCUS ON TECHNIQUE, CURRICULUM CON-TENTS, FORMULAE, AND SO FORTH. BUT HOW OFTEN DO WE FOCUS ON COMMITMENT?

Failure is a high probability...

TAKING RISKS

MANY PEOPLE TAKE RISKS—AND FAIL. FAILURE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY AND, YES, THIS PATH IS DANGEROUS. BUT FOR A TRANSFORMATIONAL PERSON, THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE RELEVANT TO A CAUSE FOR WHICH ONE IS HAPPY TO SACRIFICE, OR EVEN DIE.

SELF-ORGANISATION & SHARED VISION

ACT SUGGESTS THAT WHEN A CRITICAL MASS OF PEOPLE INTERNALIZES A SHARED MINDSET, CENTRALIZED LEADER-SHIP BECOMES UNNECESSARY.

"The system will self-organize. This is difficult to comprehend and threatening in its implication. Yet understanding this notion can greatly increase our capacity to facilitate transformation" (p. 184). To illustrate his point, Quinn uses the famous example of Gandhi & 'Making salt'. This sounds deceptively insignificant. But although salt comes from the sea, poor coloNIAL INDIANS HAD TO BUY SALT FROM THEIR BRITISH COLONIZERS. GANDHI WALKS 200 MILES TO THE SEA TO MAKE SALT. ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH HAVE AR-RESTED OVER 100,000 PEOPLE, THE PROCESS OF PROTEST CONTINUES. WHEN THE ENRAGED VICEROY ASKS: "WHO IS LEADING THEM?" A BAFFLED GENERAL SHAKES HIS HEAD AND SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW. "AT THIS POINT THE BRITISH ARE EXPERIENCING BUT CANNOT COMPREHEND THE PHENOMENON OF SELF-ORGANISATION.

SURRENDERING TO THE PROCESS

SURRENDERING ONESELF TO THIS PROCESS IS A DIFFICULT CONCEPT. IT VIOLATES A FUNDAMEN-TAL NORM OF OUR TRANS-ACTIONAL WORLD. BUT THE MORE VULNERABLE WE BECOME, THE MORE THE GROUP BUOYS US. "Leadership is not about results. It is about commitment."

(p. 179)



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9 Entice through Moral Power

BECOMING PERFECT

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GANDHI ADVOCATED PERFECTION AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS SEEMS ON THE SURFACE UNATTAIN-ABLE AND UNREALISTIC. BUT QUINN POINTS OUT THAT GANDHI WAS AN INCREDIBLY REALISTIC AND PRAGMATIC SO WHAT DOES GANDHI'S PERFECTION MEAN IF IT IS NOT AN ABSTRACT UNATTAINABLE STANDARD?

PERFECTION AS A STATE OF BEING

PERFECTION IS A STATE WE ATTAIN WHENEVER WE CLOSE IN ON ONE OF OUR HYPOCRISY GAPS, ACCORDING TO QUINN. IT IS A DYNAMIC STATE, A STATE OF BECOM-ING. AS DID GANDHL QUINN ADVOCATES PERFECTION: "IF WE WANT SOCIETY TO PERFORM AT A HIGHER STAN-DARD, THE CHANGE AGENT MUST BECOME A MODEL...WE MUST BE PERFECT" (P. 192). IN SO DOING, WE BECOME MORE ALIGNED WITH SOME HIGHER STANDARD, WE ACTU-ALLY BECOME "A LIVING SYMBOL OF THAT STANDARD AND ARE ABLE TO ATTRACT OTHERS TOWARD IT." BUT WE MUST ALSO REALISE THAT THIS IS A FRAGILE PERFEC-TION HARD FOUGHT BUT FASILY LOST

MORAL POWER &

TRANSCENDENCE OF MORAL SCRIPTS

QUINN SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES COACHING A BASKET-BALL TEAM THAT WAS INCREDIBLY TALENTED, BUT IN-CREDIBLY NOXIOUS IN ITS CRITICISM OF ITS TEAM'S MEMBERS. QUINN INTRODUCED TWO RULES IN TERMS O PROFFERING FEEDBACK. THE FIRST WAS THAT TEAM MEMBERS COLLED VOICE ONLY POSITIVE COMMENTS. THE SECOND WAS THAT ONLY THE COACH WOULD PROVIDE 'CRITICISM', AND WHEN THIS WAS DONE, IT WAS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY POSITIVE STATEMENTS.

TRANSCENDING THE 'EITHER-OR'

WE EXIST IN A WORLD OF NORMATIVE DUALISMS: OUR STUDENTS EITHER PASS OR FAIL, THEY ARE EITHER RIGHT OR WRONG. THE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY EMERGES WHEN THESE TWO WORLDS 'INTER-PENETRATE', TO USE QUINN'S WORD.

BOTH TASK & PERSON

OLIINN INSISTS THAT IT **IS** POSSIBLE TO INTEGRATE TASK ORIENTATION WITH PERSON ORIENTATION, AND AS ONE BECOMES MORE AWARE OF THIS, ONE CAN TRANSCEND THE DICHOTIMISED, POLARISED WORLD.

LEARNING ON THE EDGE

EXCELLENCE, SAYS QUINN, IS A DYNAMIC PROCESS THAT INVOLVES 'REAL-TIME LEARNING'. IT REQUIRES BEING CONNECTED TO EMERGENT REALITY. THIS IS AN IMPOR-TANT POINT FOR TEACHERS, SINCE QUITE OFTEN WE ARE RULED BY THE CLOCK. COMMITTED TEACHERS SEE LEARNING AS OCCURRING BEYOND THE 'LINEAR' WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM, AND PAST THE BELL'S RING.

FLOW & THE AUTOTELIC PERSONALITY

FLOW IS AN EFFORTLESS ABSORPTION IN ACTIVITY, THAT LEADS TO GROWTH, BALANCING BETWEEN THE TENSIONS OF AROUSAL AND CONTROL. PEOPLE WHO 'ENTER THIS FLOW STATE' ARE MORE LIKELY TO LIVE LIVES OF IN-VOLVEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM. QUINN SAYS THAT THEY DEVELOP AN 'AUTOTELIC' PERSONALITY, A TERM THAT IS A COMBINATION OF GREEK ROOTS DENOTING 'SELF' (AUTO) & 'GOAL' (TELOS). THE IDEA HERE IS A PERSON WHO IS INWARDLY DRIVEN AND ASSESS HER / HIMSELE AGAINST INERNAL STANDARDS FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN THE CHANGE PROCESS

FINALLY, QUINN ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED TO BE SUP-PORTIVE OF THOSE UNDERGOING CHANGE, GROWTH AND LEARNING, AS PROFOUND CHANGE WILL ALMOST ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANXIETY, FEAR OR EVEN WITH DRAWAL. EFFECTIVE CHANGE AGENTS UNDERSTAND THE VERY HUMAN NEED TO FEEL SOME CONTROL OVER DES TINY. TO SUPPORT THIS, QUINN ADVOCATES:

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY [AI]

Al IS A 4-STEP PROCESS THAT IS EXCEEDINGLY POSITIVE, THAT DOES NOT START WITH A PROBLEM, RATHER BUILDS ON STRENGTHS AND MOVES TO ACTUALISING DREAMS



THERE IS NO QUESTION-ING THE MOTIVE OF THE MORAL LEADER. HE OR SHE IS TRYING TO BUILD A PRODUCTIVE COMMUN NITY. THE CALL FOR INDI-VIDUAL SACRIFICE IS AC-**CEPTABLE BECAUSE THE** SUCCESS OF THE COLLEC-TIVE IS THE SUCCESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND VICE VERSA. (P. 197)

200+ Word Critical Evaluation

QUINN'S CHANGE THE WORLD MIGHT BE LISTED AS HAVE ALL BEEN SO IMPRINTED. ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S 'TOP 10 MUST READS' FOR EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

QUINN EXPOSES HIS READER TO A NUMBER OF THEORIES AND AUTHORITIES, BUT HIS WRITING IS AT ALL TIMES EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

THERE ARE MANY POINTS OF RELEVANCE, PARTICU-LARLY FROM A SASKL FARNING PERSPECTIVE GRAPPLING WITH ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTUR-ING UNDER AMALGAMATION NOW WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME. CHANGE AGENTS AND AFFECT PROFOUND, POSI-TIVE CHANGE IN OUR PROVINCE'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, PERHAPS LIKE HEALTH CARE CAUSED A RIPPLE EFFECT ACROSS CANADA.

THE BOOK SENDS AN OPTIMISTIC. ENERGISING AND GALVANISING MESSAGE TO THE READER. AS ITS IDEAS ARE BOTH IDEALISTIC AND REALISTICALLY PRACTICABLE.

AS A 'NON-B.ED. PERSON' I MUST BE CAUTIOUS. BUT IF I HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE POTENTIAL OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES, I SEE THIS BOOK AS BEING AGAIN INCREDIBLY RELEVANT. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO BE 'OBJECTIVE', AS I READ A RESOUNDINGLY STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THIS WORK BY PROFESSOR COOPERRIDER, OF THE 'APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY' FAME, ALSO, I WOULD NOT WANT TO SUCCUMB TO THE CYNICAL SHACK LES OF THE TRANSACTIONAL WORLD, BY WHICH WE

TWO POINTS TO PONDER ...

HAVING SAID THAT, I WOULD OFFER THE FOLLOWING POINTS NOT SO MUCH AS 'CRITICISMS', RATHER AS POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION, WERE PROFESSOR QUINN TO RELEASE A 2ND, REVISED EDITION. WHILE QUINN DOES OFFER MANY 'NORMAL' WOMEN AS EXCEPTIONAL CHANGE AGENTS, I CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER IF HE COULDN'T ADD A WOMAN'S VOICE AND EXAMPLE TO THE COMPANY OF HIS 3 SAGES. MOTHER THERESA, GOLDA MEIR, CORAZON AQUINO, ELIZABETH I, QUEEN CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN-THERE IS AN IMPRESSIVE LIST FOR QUINN TO CONSIDER. ALONG THESE SAME LINES, I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT PROFESSOR OLINN EXPAND HIS 3 SAGES AND IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVENESS, QUINN MIGHT CITE 'SEED THOUGHTS' IN THE WORDS OF OTHER NOTABLES, SUCH AS MOHAMMED, BUDDHA, CONFU-CIUS, MAIMONIDES, AND

MANY OTHERS.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD CITE PROFESSOR WALKER IN STATING THAT CHANGE THE WORLD IS A READ³ WORK!

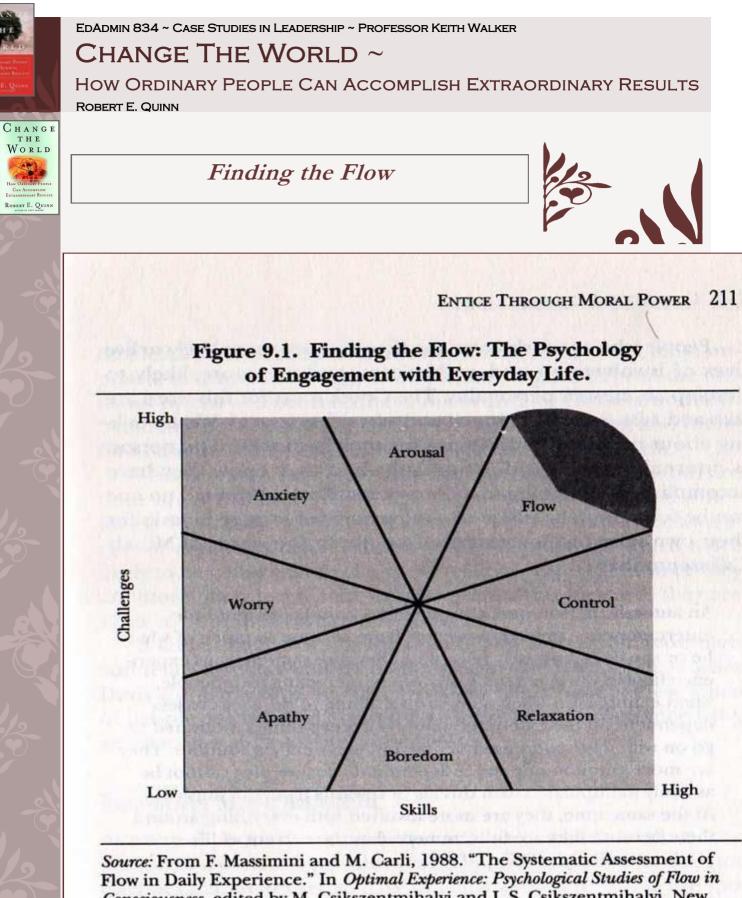
we almost always find moral power, and we almost always find paradoxical observations... Transformational leaders tend to be high on both task and person. They place a very high value on getting the job done, but they also value the person. At first glance one might conclude that it is

impossible to do both.'

In the transformational realm







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