

Understanding Dialogue: To A Unified Field Part I by L.J. Carson

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DIALOGUE AND EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENTS

In this years March issue of *Anchor Point*, Steve Andreas shared with us his perspectives on Carmen Bostic St.Clair and John Grinder's recent book *Whispering in the Wind*. One issue stood out among all others as an incredible opportunity for us to take note. In their book, Carmon and John call for our input. And then Steve, in his review of the same, offers us an opportunity for a community dialogue by saying, "I hope that this review can be a contribution to the kind of friendly and respectful professional dialogue that the book calls for, and that [it] can strengthen and further develop the field."ⁱ

In Peter Senge's book *The Fifth Discipline* we also recall a calling for a community thinking which is a form of, "Systems thinking that may hold the key to integrating reason and intuition. Intuition eludes the grasp of linear thinking, with the latter's exclusive emphasis on cause and effect that are close in time and space. The result is that most of our intuitions don't make 'sense' - that is, they cannot be explained in terms of linear logic." So, when Steve suggested a "respectful professional dialogue," perhaps this became our invitation to employ 'dialogue' as a bridge to transcend the different sides to create an evolving collective community, a community for transformative understanding.

So, from Steve's review I began to wonder just exactly how does this "linear reasoning vs. intuitive map-making" or, opposite sides of the same stream differ and what does each side offer that the other misses?

Is it one vs. the other or is it one with the other? Just how does "form relate to function," "content to context," and "category to scope?" Are we to focus upon the difference between - *the opposite banks* - or on the synergy of - *the relational flow of that which is in between* - the logic of linearity AND the quantum of intuition about the worlds in which we live and play? Common sense tells us that every stream is defined by two sides united by the flow of water. Or, as Peter Senge tells us in *The Fifth Discipline*,

“Eventually, reintegrating reason and intuition may prove to be one of the primary contributions of systems thinking.”ⁱⁱ

If the NLP community seeks to employ a collective systems thinking, a unified synergy of intuition AND rationality, then perhaps “curiosity,”ⁱⁱⁱ previously silenced under the belief that, “I already know the answer,” is free to surface from that stream of knowledge. The fears, “I don’t know but perhaps he or she does,” or, “I don’t know but I should,” dissolve. We come to a peace with the knowing that we do not know, or as Einstein said, “The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”^{iv}

Magic In Conversation - The Flow of A Larger Intelligence

Heisenberg (famous for his “Uncertainty Principle” in modern physics) argued, “Science is rooted in conversation. The cooperation of different people [*with different beliefs*] may culminate in scientific results of the utmost importance.” Senge adds, “Heisenberg recalls a lifetime of conversation with Pauli, Einstein, Bohm, and the other great figures that uprooted and reshaped traditional physics in the first half of this century.” These conversations Heisenberg says, “had a lasting effect on my thinking.”^v

Dialogue, it turns out, is a very old idea revered by the ancient Greeks and practiced by many “primitive” societies such as the American Indians.”^{vi} Senge tells us, “Given Heisenberg’s reflections, it is perhaps not surprising that a significant contributor to the emerging discipline of team learning is a contemporary physicist, David Bohm. Bohm, a leading quantum theorist, is developing the theory and method of “dialogue,” when a group “becomes open to the *flow* of a larger intelligence” (emphasis added).

An Empowering Athean Environment

Well, perhaps we readers of *Anchor Point* can also consider additional ways to amplify the synergistic, magical, and mysterious powers of “Community” - as recognized by David Bohm and later written about extensively with actual applications by Dr. M. Scott Peck in his books *A World Waiting To Be Born* and *A Different Drum*. Perhaps the folks at Anchor Point could consider developing a future web based Dialogue Community to serve as a digital Athean Environment. A collective world sharing in which the NLP community could become more actively involved in experiencing the magic of, “*Communications*.”

Dialogue is the tool that unites man with the art of communications^{vii} and the magic of discovery. Through dialogue we learn to *communicate* with *common* purpose and thus establish an amazing *community commitment* to collectively grow and serve in *commerce* the needs of our fellow students.

Or, as Robert Dilt’s in quoting J. Bronowski (*The Ascent of Man*, 1973) mentioned in his forward to Michael Hall and Bobby Bodenhamer’s book *The Structure of Excellence*, “Genius comes from a passionate commitment to the integration of multiple perspectives. Wisdom comes from a passionate commitment to the constant process of taking multiple perspectives. Wisdom is not something you do or get, it is something you participate in - in an ongoing way.” Or, in the words of Gregory Bateson, “Wisdom comes from sitting together and truthfully discussing our differences - without the intent to change them.”

A CALLING OF COMMON PURPOSE

Therefore in an attempt to answer this calling, the purpose of this paper is to offer AND inspire new thoughts and discoveries within our NLP Community. The purpose is not to initiate a belief bashing party against the minds of men seeking truth, but rather to awaken and empower our passions to see beliefs for what they really are and/or can become when - or - if not carefully managed.

Personally I like a good belief bashing party. The beliefs truly deserve it, and besides, it's a great spectator sport. Well, that is up until the moment when one or more of those beliefs leave the ring, go into the audience, and begin to "take on" the spectator's identity. At that point, variations on Hall's, "Blame, Shame, Embarrassment Games" begin to take form. We see it all the time in "the media" of western culture. Personalities get punched, but very little learning takes place.

As shown in the movie *A Beautiful Mind* there is an incredible message for us all. Identity and beliefs do both amazing and horrible things for and to each other. People will literally do anything including total reckless abandonment of their identity for the cause of a single belief. We should be continually vigilant that "true" identity is eternal - while beliefs are temporal.

From an Athean perspective, our collective calling then would be to invite and inspire self-generating, self-amplifying states of da Vinci's *curtiosità* with respect to the alternate beliefs currently floating around within our community. We should continually seek to experientially understand and identify the difference between intelligence and wisdom - between status and potential - between beliefs and truths.

In Parts II, III, and IV of this series I would like to offer, for our collective dialogue, an alternate belief platform for an elevated perspective. In other words, a belief that seeks to create a Unified Model to which all past, current and future discoveries may be examined: A Meta (*as in over, beyond and above*) and Matrix (*as in matriarch, matrimony, and matter; all derived from the root word that literally means "the womb of all creation"*) thus providing us with a unified or MetaMatrix Model of NLP.

And from this proposed MetaMatrix, or Unified Field Model, we might all become better enabled to individually and collectively elevate our current understanding (classic and new code based) as to the core nature of all change in man. And then - and only then - may we gain an elevated perspective to finally understand, in linear and intuitive terms, exactly how the 'flow' of all change work relates. And from that unifying model, we may collectively gain the perspectives, the experiences, and understandings of what I sense Mr. Andreas really meant when he said, "Expanding scope is sometimes called 'seeing the big picture.'"^{ix} That would be expanding the scope of NLP. That would be expanding the potential of man.

Seeing the Big Picture

Some time ago, I came across a notion (*herein defined as belief systems before they take on identities*) that Meta Scopes - or tools for future imagining^x - are built of magical lenses designed to view what Andreas refers to as, "The Big Picture." The MetaMatrix - referred to above - provides for an excellent "out of the box" platform for one to position one's MetaScopes for expanded peripheral viewing.

"The conflict between intuition and linear, non-systemic thinking has planted the seed that rationality itself is opposed to intuition. This view is

demonstrably false if we consider the synergy of reason and intuition that characterizes virtually all great thinkers. Einstein said, ‘I never discovered anything with my rational mind.’”^{xi}

If one were able get “out of” this micro matrix or belief projected “reality box” - to witness how cause-effect energy patterns in one dimension can in turn impact cause-effect energy patterns in another dimension then the notion of linear vs. non-linear (intuitional) thinking would be a mute point. Newtonian “vs.” Einsteinan thinking would be relegated to the history section marking where man once was suspended. Some day man will envision Einstein's “Relativity Model” in absolute harmony with the “Quantum Model” of the universe's ballroom of truth.

All Einstein was saying, was that if you want to see “the new” you just need to look into the unknown. The new is never found in the known. Therefore, if we seek to find the “new and better” within our NLP community we also need to use “our collective intuitive insight.” The five earthly bound senses - eyes, ears, fingers and the like - are just not equipped to sense the realities of alternate dimensions.

By applying the notion offered within *A Good Word For The Conscious Mind*^{xii} (*linearly based*) in combination with the alternate *quantum* based notions, perhaps we may just discover something very interesting. Perhaps what Hall's work has been suggesting to us is that the mind is the theater of “The Big Picture,” or the “I Max” of all movies. Our individual AND collective “mind” is not limited by our current five earthly bound senses.

Seeing Beyond A Glass Darkly

Linear linked, cause-effect energy patterns are virtually consistent in all dimensional realities. My imagination tells me this. So suppose, for a just an imaginary moment, that you are playing a game of chess on a chessboard made of dark glass. A “glass darkly” if you will. Your current state of awareness is solely affixed on that single chessboard located directly in front of you ... and ... in the same time-space dimension that you presently are visiting. Got that?

Now ... outside of your dimensional state of awareness are a second and even third level of chessboards currently “in play” and not all that dissimilar to what the recent Matrix movies

portrayed. Your coaches, however, are playing all three board levels simultaneously. Occasionally a piece from the third or second level is brought down and placed squarely in front of you. **Bang!**

Right in front of you a piece emerges with no rhyme, reason or preceding cause. “**Quantum Magic!**” you say. Well, not quite, but I will give credit to our coaches. They certainly know how to get our attention by creating chaos, excitement and curiosity in our lives.

Magic moments reside, however, only within the realm of our mind's theater while “Time Suspends” as we search to access and understand new contra-beliefs required to clarify an unbelievable event. Education in its truest form always suspends us within magical moments. Only with harmonic, contra-thinking are we able to harness “the difference that makes the difference” - we say we seek. Thus, we need all sides of the stream ... to access its flow state ... only enjoyed while experiencing *simultaneous, multi-dimensional perceptions*.

So, if our community seeks to employ the combined power of synergy from intuition AND rationality - a simultaneous positioning of the “new” and

“*classic codes*” - then it's our combined curiosity, courage and open admission of the mysterious via the unknown that will serve as our navigational guide to discover the new. Man is neither what he knows nor is he what he doesn't know. Our identity does not need a defense attorney. However, knowing what truly works - “The Truth” really makes the ride a lot smoother.

Truth by definition always works, however beliefs about truth only work on occasion. In my experience, only “beliefs” emotionally beg to be defended. Truths however, often times seem to only smile in silence. Beliefs “seem to” employ and master our identities to hide behind, thus manipulating our identities as shields for their preservation. I can think of nothing more powerful in the universe than the will to live and that includes the collective will of our belief systems.

Understanding Energy State Generators

The unified field theory (or model) was something that Einstein was working on long before he passed away. What he was attempting to intuitively envision through his imaginary viewing lens (or MetaScope)

and then linearly (*mathematically*) demonstrate was the harmonious working set of relationships among the four forces in nature (*gravitational, electromagnetic, and the strong and weak nuclear forces*). He knew that everything was energy being manifested in different waveforms. So I suppose one could say that he knew that “things” were nominalizations and thus oxymoronic. Every “thing” is “thinging” in reality as though it were the Universes Sympathy awakening Einstein's heart. Hmmmm, could Einstein have been an early NLP'er?

He wanted to know the original source of and exactly how these four differing “*Energy States*” were originally created ^{xiii} prior to their unique and distinct transformation. So I suppose what he was really seeking to understand was the Meta Energy Generator (*the source*) of everything that exists - mass-energy waveforms and their time-space bound storage cells we call nouns.

Curiosity Is A Contagious Affliction

Robert Dilts' work for years has focused on (in part) a unified field of human reality. He has shared with our community his observations of how and why

NLP processes work as they do. In Appendix A of his book *Skills For The Future - Managing Creativity and Innovation*, he outlined the five levels of communication: 1) Identity (**who** - mission) 2) Values/Beliefs (**why** - permission & motivation) 3) Capabilities (**how** - direction) 4) Behavior (**what** - action) and 5) Environment (**where/when** - boundaries/constraints). From this we were able to step back and gain a larger picture of the synergistic nature of “states of being” - the alternate “Estates of living.” From one perspective, the essence of what Robert did was to offer us his map or understanding as to how man's different states of being operate in one unified, harmonious relationship.

And more recently, Michael Hall and Bobby Bodenhammer have been developing what they believe to be a, “systemic approach to NLP skills, presuppositions, models, processes, and applications within the four meta-domains of Meta-States, Meta-Modalities, Meta-Programs, and the Meta-Model, to arrive at the gestalt that is NLP.”^{xiv} Looking through Hall's incredible collection of “MetaScopes” (see *The Matrix Model*) has provided me with a fantastic journey of inner exploration. Yrral Nosrac was right when he announced, “*If you don't go within ... you will con-*

tinue to be without.” Altering one's reality movie is an inside job.

In her review ^{xv} of their works, Judith Pearson goes on to share with the *Anchor Point* readers that both authors have observed two prior attempts by two other contributors to arrive at one meta, or uniting model, i.e., a Unified Theory of NLP. The first was Dilt's “jungle gym” that attempted to describe a NLP based unified field theory using a “three dimensional cube.” Bandler then attempted to do the same by using a “holographic grid” in his “Human Engineering” model for change processes.

What I would now like to propose for community dialogue is a meta or elevated perspective from which we all can begin to test our own beliefs, tools, techniques, and/or understandings as to why, (values/beliefs), how (capabilities), what (behavior), and when/where (boundaries), a person does and or does not change the context and thus the content of their life. This would truly be a unified field for the evolutionary change of man.

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Einstein Said It ... I Believe It

$$E = MC^2$$

Everything is energy and all energy is dependent upon difference. Therefore, strange as it sounds, unification mandates difference, lest there is nothing to unite. So, if we are to create a unified NLP model, difference and energy must be both preserved and incorporated within the model's premise.

Heisenberg's beliefs in conversation with different people with different beliefs to unite and collectively create new ideas are just one example of the power of difference, when united. Conversely, imagine removing the difference (voltage differential) from your computer's circuits. You can *control-alt-delete* the thing all you want. The [~`@!###] system is not going to change. All change is energy dependent and all energy is difference dependent. So if difference drives energy and energy creates change, then a Unified NLP Model must incorporate difference and unification.

Difference and energy are essential to all change. And any unifying model must clearly explain how, why, where, and when change is being produced at all levels including the quan-

tum AND linier levels on the chessboard of “Reality.” This is what Einstein, as well as the recent “String” theorists, have been attempting to understand: The paradox of dimensional differences but all in unity.

In Part II of this series we will propose a Meta Matrix or Unified NLP Model and define the five essential drivers or elements - including difference and energy - thus outlining all human change work. We will arrange these five elements in a physics, or energy based, formulae to clearly demonstrate how linier our emotional generating circuit really is. Why would it logically be otherwise?

In Part III of this series we will put the proposed Meta Matrix Model through a few test runs and then invite the readers to begin to, “field test” the model by applying the Meta Matrix to the rigors of day-to-day real life change-work. Will it both explain and advance our current level of understanding as to the mind's untapped potential for magic?

And finally in Part IV we will introduce a 6th element that will hopefully allow us to understand the reason of and resistance for our individual and collective frustrations, maladies and limitations as we enter into the 21st Century with our 20th Century navigational tools.

It is my hope that by viewing the potential of NLP from an elevated - or Meta Matrix vantage point - people will gain a deeper understanding and ability to apply what Dilt's, Tim and Suzie, Hall & Bodenhamer, Furman, Andreas, Bolstad, Grinder *et all* have been sharing with us for so many years.

And until the next Anchor Point issue, please remember, beliefs can be very sneaky little rascals. They can also make life very, very interesting if “we” use them as viewing lenses for our enlightened entertainment. Since freedom only comes from choices, the more lenses we have to look through the greater our field of freedom and magic.

And, having the freedom afforded through simultaneous, multi-dimensional perspectives we eliminate any possible fear of future boredom.

However, when those little rascals begin to take on, employ, and master our identity, all kinds of mayhem is perpetrated inside the matrix of the mind and its unsuspecting host. We actually are fooled into protecting them thus avoid creating our own distinct and unique individuality. Beliefs either mind or blind their host. “To Thine Own Self Be True.”

Ships of Fate

Like Ships on the seas of time we choose
Principles can take us to opposing views
Merely passengers we mortals be
Riding these Principles through eternity

We board these ships in a stupored bliss
While being mastered through our ignorance
Sailing about like winds at play
Thinking they're safe while ignoring the way

Agents of habits we mortals be
Thinking we control our destiny
Chart your course with principles straight
For the ships that we sail ...
Are moored to our fate.

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ⁱ Steve Andreas, " Review of "Whispering in the Wind", Anchor Point Magazine (March 2003) p. 13

ⁱⁱ Peter M. Senge, *The Fifth Discipline - The Art And Practice of The Learning Organization*; p. 169; (New York: Doubleday Currency), 1990.

ⁱⁱⁱ Curiosity or *curiosità* was the first of seven sequentially anchored, altered states of reality employed by Leonardo da Vinci in overseeing... to understand ... the natural workings of the magic, mysterious and wonderful. For a refreshing course on knowing how to know how, see Michael J. Gelb "How to Think Like Leonardo da Vince", (New York: Dell Publishing) 1998.

^{iv} Ibid. (p.283)

^v Ibid. (p.238)

^{vi} Ibid. (p. 238-39)

^{vii} **Communication** is derived from the Latin term "**Comm**" which means "a coming together" and sires many other words describing states all key to creating personal and business success. Follow along with the following quote and take special note to all the following "**Comm**" based words. "When people **communicate** about their **common** goals, they created a **community commitment** in **commerce** to serve the needs and dreams of man ... a **communion** of nations ... a **communion** of man ... with all their

wonderful differences.

^{viii} L. Michael Hall, Ph.D. with Bobby G. Bodenhamer, D.Min., "The Structure Of Excellence - Unmasking The Meta-Levels of "Submodalities" - pp. g-h; (Grand Jct. CO.: Empowerment Technologies: E.T. Publications), 1999

^{ix} Steve Andreas, " Review of "Whispering in the Wind", Anchor Point Magazine (March 2003) p. 3

^x Einstein has been quoted as having said, "The imagination is a preview of life's coming attractions." Wayne Dwyer in his seminars has a wonderful expression that he uses to bring this "MetaScope" or viewing principle home loud and clear. He shares with his audience..."You will see it ... after you believe it" Beliefs are very powerful little Programs that seek to both self-discover, justify, amplify and validate their pre-conceived or "imagined" realities.

^{xi} Ibid. (p. 169)

^{xii} L. Michael Hall, *A Good Word for the Conscious Mind*, Anchor Point (April 2003) p. 26

^{xiii} "I want to know God's thoughts ... The rest are details" A. Einstein

^{xiv} Judith Pearson's Book Review of, "Users Manual for the Brain Volume II: Mastering Systemic NLP", Anchor Point (April, 2003), p. 46-49

^{xv} Ibid.