



2009 ? “A future awaiting our choice”*

The beginning of this New Year opens with tremendous challenges in uncharted waters. We can no longer submit ourselves to a form of governance that no longer functions and for which we have been paying too high a price. Mohamed Yunus said “the banking system is walking on it’s head, I have turned it around and put it back on it’s feet”. Today all systems are upside down.

The paradoxical approach**, in its subtle way of addressing complex issues, recommends that: “To put out a fire, add more wood”. Resisting is an old answer and resistance alone cannot create a new world. It is not enough to resist, we need to move on and come together in a new way to co-invent new answers.

The moment has come for us to re-think and let our familiar behaviors go and let something new come. It is time to build new alliances and commit to making time and space for dialogue in our overloaded.

This space will allow us to take the necessary time to really listen to those negative voices that we all have inside of us in times of crisis: judgment, cynicism, fears... These voices come from a living place in us, the source of desire. This place is also wounded. We can learn to embrace this wounded place and to share our true desires. The energy hidden inside these negative voices tells us what we really want to say YES to and commit to in our life.

It is time for “conversations” that matter, where we will speak differently about core questions. Among these core questions:

According to the biologist David Anjvig, we have memories of the future.

- If we imagine the “future awaiting our choice”, will we be able to take the responsibility to make the relevant change in time?
- How do we navigate towards a still unknown world?
- What will we learn next?
- What happens if “I don’t know”?
- How to welcome the “I don’t know”?
- What if we don’t know that we don’t know?

90% of life in the natural world co-exists in a mutual mode, 10% in a competitive mode.

- Can we learn a new kind of collective behavior named “mutuality”?
- How can we build bridges between diverse approaches to co-create our chosen future?
- Which “locally based” initiative will impact the most our area of influence?

HOW CROSS THE THRESHOLD?...
SAY YES TO AN OPEN LIFE
OF POSSIBILITIES?...

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* Peter Senge “A necessary revolution”

** Giorgio Nardone “Chevaucher son tigre” - Seuil