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## HP/SAP Strategic Alliance: A Practical Journey to Deepen Relationship

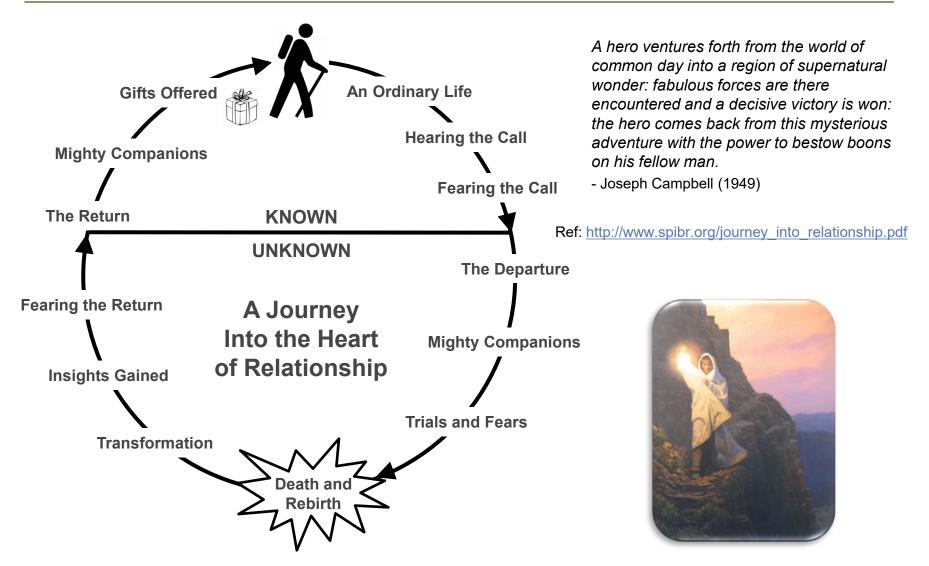
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## A Journey Into the Heart of Relationship

Ref: "A Practical Guide to Joseph Campbell's 'The Hero with a Thousand Faces'" by Christopher Vogler



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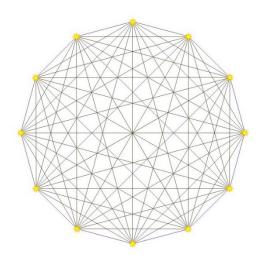
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## Relationship

## **Definition:**

- It is more than and different than a romantic interpersonal relationship.
  - E.g., "I am in a relationship".
- It is the "connective tissue" that *lives*:
  - Between people, organizations, companies, and countries.
  - Amongst all of humanity.
  - With and within nature.
  - Between us and the Universe.
  - Between ideas.
  - With and within situations.
  - · Between our mind and heart.
  - With our Self.

## All we have is relationship.



## A deepening relationship with relationship itself

## At first, relationship was unseen and unacknowledged.

## Later, relationship was seen as a major source of problems.

• Something that needed to be "managed".

## Now, relationship is seen and acknowledged as the source of:

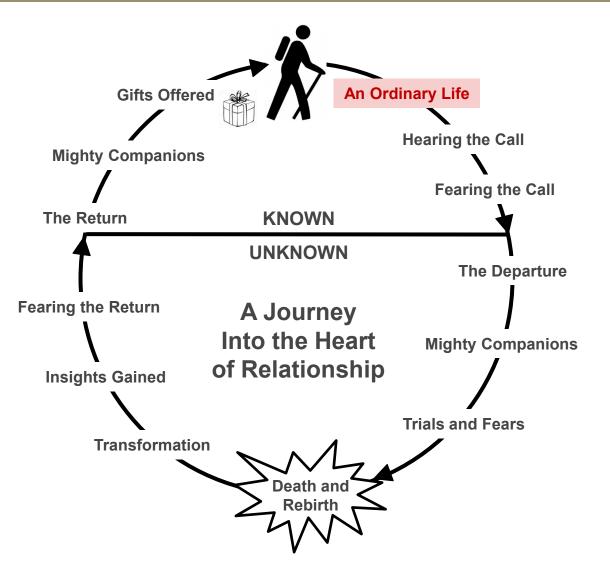
- Answers to seeming problems (value-impediments) in the relationship.
- Creativity, opportunities and enthusiasm (incremental value).
- A practical, inspirational and long-term vision.

## A growing realization.

- Relationships are *living* things, embodying:
  - Creativity.
  - Purpose.
  - Identity.
  - ...



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Family, home and community ...

## Twenty years at Hewlett-Packard.

Mostly doing strategic alliances – long-term value-creating relationships.

## Spirituality.

• The deepening of **relationship** ...

## Very competitive upbringing.

• Winning in order to fit in and be loved.

## Drug addiction and recovery.

- Used drugs and alcohol to isolate.
- Recovery (and life) is a "we thing" it cannot be done alone.

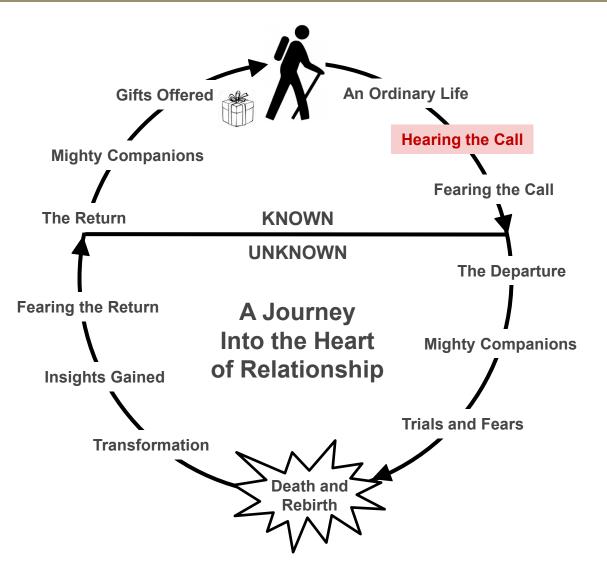
## Highly educated.

• Eventually learned to let the heart lead, in a wholehearted relationship.



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## Called via disability.

- Anger (conflict) separates us.
- Lessons learned from Friedreich's Ataxia.
  - Confrontation "clears the air" of difficult issues.
  - The power of **Oneness** we are transformed together.
  - Be grateful in the present moment Now.
  - The River of Live surrender to the flow.

## Called via drug addiction.

- Addiction and recovery are all about relationship.
- In relationship we accomplish the impossible.

## Called back to Germany, in many ways ...

• "Take your wildest dreams and double them. Now!"

## Be still at the gate.

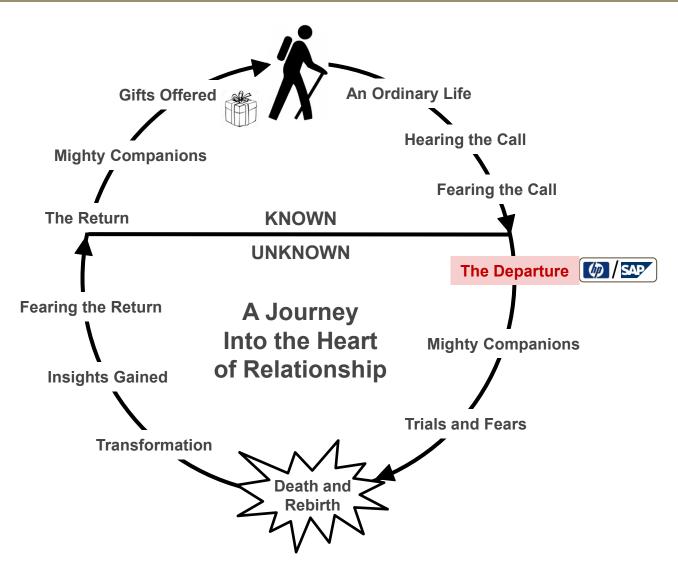
• Then ... boldly depart ...

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## **Relationship deepening**

Interpersonal and intercompany



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I have been perpetually focused on value, practitioners and fundamentals.

## Be careful what you ask for.

- I asked to understand how spiritual principles might help.
- Life experiences (not 'stone tablets') brought the answer.

## Decades of reflection.

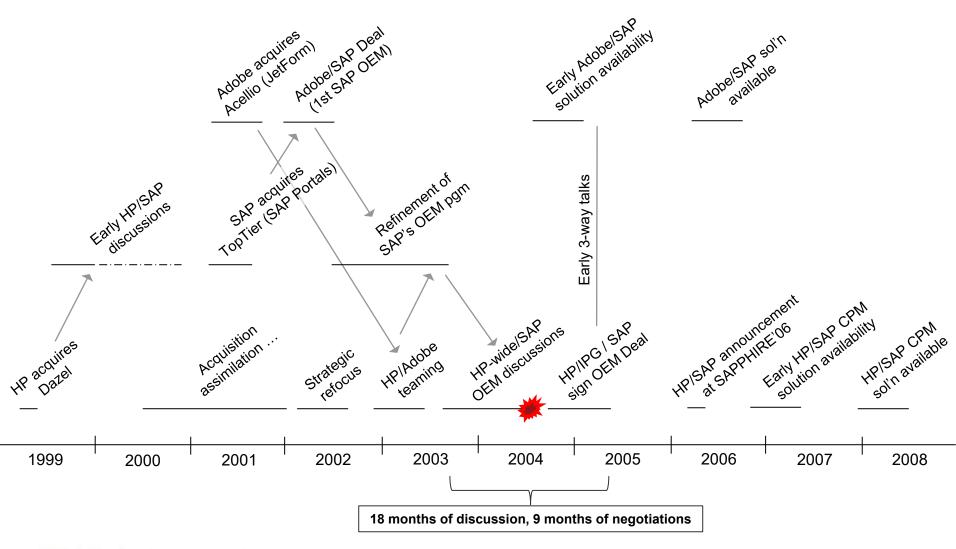
- To more clearly recognize life's lessons.
- Work: value-creating relationships.
- Personal: addiction, disability, and death.

## Results.

- Raise, promotion, and a significant bonus.
- Award-winning whitepapers.
- Book.



## **Time** HP/SAP/Adobe: over 5 years of "the impossible" $\rightarrow$ done



#### Mindfulness and Meditation.

• Thoughts and ideas are critically important in the value-creation process.

#### Identity.

• I am a creator of value.

#### Hearing the Voice-of-the-Collective.

- The source of problems, solutions, value-creating opportunities and vision.
- Couple it with **self-Obsolescence**.

#### Confrontation calls for Trust.

• Using the idea of Namasté.

#### Love.

- The universal force compelling growth.
- The power of and in gratitude.



## **Voice-of-the-Collective**

Deeply listen: problems, answers, value and vision

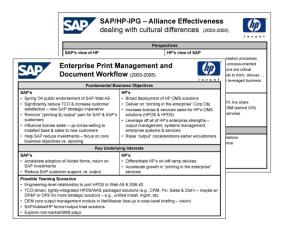
#### The 2-Slide Methodology<sup>™</sup>

• Helped us accomplished the impossible.

## Listening is loving.

## Simplicity is:

- A neutralizer of complexity and drama.
- Transformational.
  - Individual buy-in and team alignment.
  - Surfaces a clear and practical long-term vision.
- Empowering.
  - Self and others.
- Freeing and therefore scary.
  - Frees up time.
  - "Now what do I do?"





## self-Obsolescence

As we empower others we are empowered

#### Reflect on our relationship with the attributes of deity.

- Omnipotence power.
- Omnipresence presence.
- Omniscience knowledge.
- Omnibenevolent goodness.

## Our most empowering practice.

- Give freely of our wisdom and insights.
- Just-in-time and just-enough training.

## Reciprocity is alive and well.

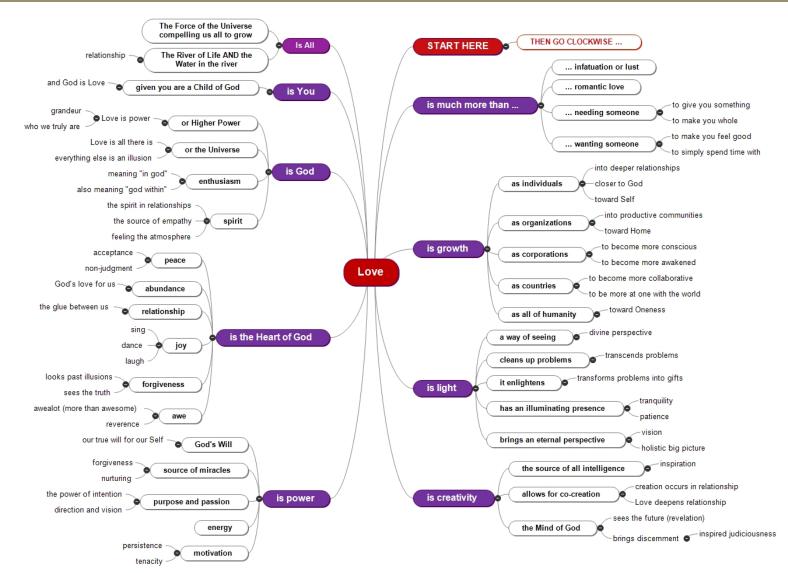
- Give and therefore receive value.
- Be of value.



## We gain knowledge, greater virtual presence $\rightarrow$ increased informal power.

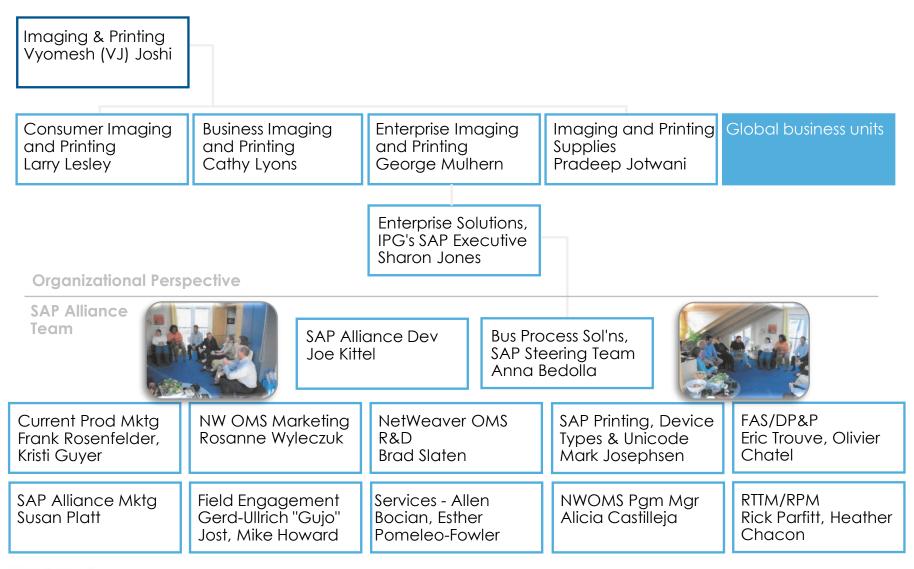
## What is Love?

Trying to define the undefinable; impossible and worthwhile



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## HP Imaging & Printing Group (IPG) SAP Alliance Team – March 2005



## HP/SAP Central Print Management for NetWeaver >\$200M deal

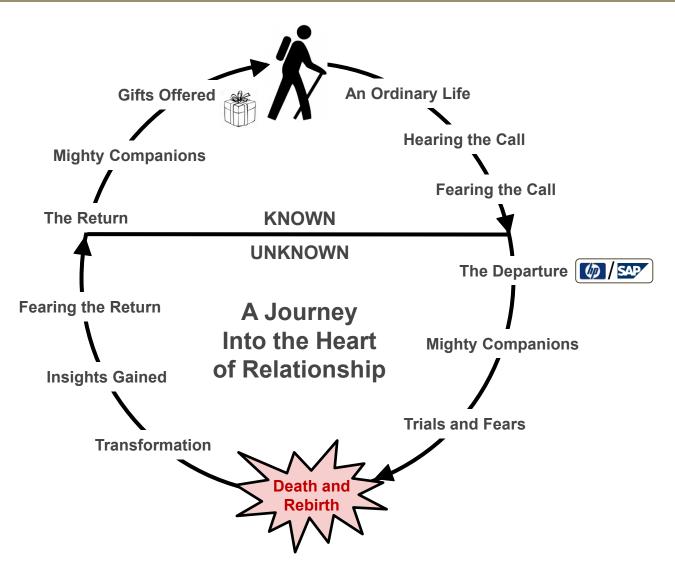


## Who are we? What do we do?



We do the impossible, with nothing, in the eye of a hurricane.

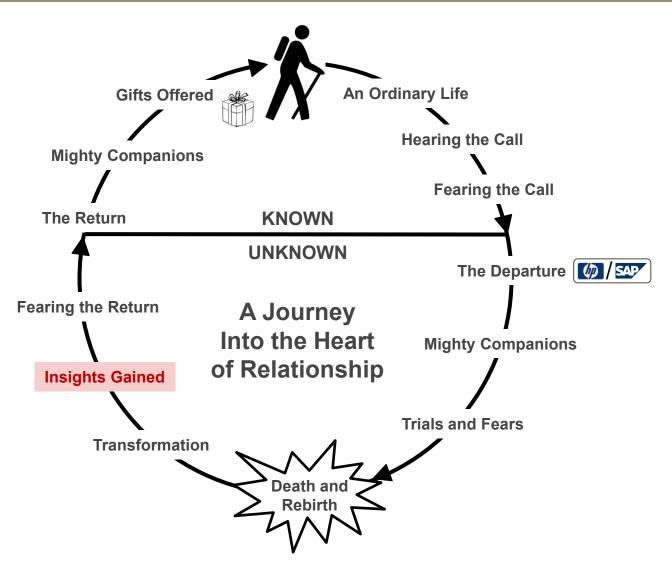
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Personal Transformation						
Death of the Old	Birth of the New					
<ul> <li>Rigid religious beliefs (focused on the past, future, and elsewhere).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open spirituality (focused on deepening relationship, here and now).</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Competitive relationships – trying to prove that I am better than you.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collaborative relationships – showing us both that we are both great.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Being excessively cerebral – thinking I can figure things out (inner competition).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Being wholehearted – my mind allows my heart to lead, and be in dialogue (inner collaboration).</li> </ul>					
Avoid feelings.	<ul> <li>The heart is the portal to spirit.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>I need to make things happen.</li> </ul>	• We can allow creation to occur.					

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## Relationship is our most important (i.e., our only) strategic asset.

- We are bridge builders and we are the bridge itself.
- **Dialogue** is the heart of relationship; it is how creation occurs.

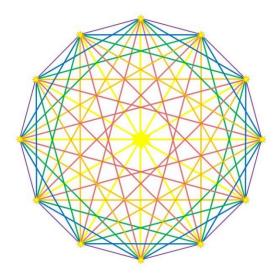
## Trust is the foundation of every relationship.

Living a wholehearted life, with mind and heart in deep relationship.

Peace and Truth come together.

Five simple truths:

- Oneness either it is or it isn't.
- Now it is all we have.
- We Create emphasis on "we".
- Love the force, compelling us to grow.
- Trust can we trust trust?



## **Dialogue** It is omnipresent

	Internal	Interpersonal	Groups	Societies	Creation
Superficial	Living in addiction	Idle chitchat	Talking about the news	Attack	Pilage the earth
More Authentic	Realizing the need to change	Starting to get real	Sharing experience	Growing sense of community	Realizing our impact
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Clear the Air	Being open	Deeper friendship	A collaborative atmosphere	Emerging true community	Care for the environment
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## Relationship

The source of problems, answers, creativity, value, vision, enthusiasm, ...



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## Trust

#### Stay true to yourself.

#### Speak the truth.

• Even if you might get fired.

## Take your wildest dreams and double 'em!

• Rather than cut them in half and wait ...

## Be willing to be the "eye of the hurricane".

- 18 month discussion.
- "No deal" is OK.
- 9 month negotiation roller coaster.

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## Time

#### Meditate, in order to deal with success.

- Take time out ...
- Connect, listen, be present.
- Find a sacred place.

#### Have a timeless perspective.

- · See past years of "impossible".
- Notice how "stars align".

#### Be patient, persistent and tenacious.

Based on trust.



## **Value-Creator**

#### We are value-creators.

- Role ambiguity  $\rightarrow$  frustration  $\rightarrow$  exhibit value-inhibitors.
- How do we create value?

#### Acknowledge the creator in others.

• The power of Namasté.

#### We are peacemakers.

- Negotiate uncompromisingly in the midst.
- Trust relationship.



#### We are love.