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Healthy Atmosphere for Negotiating

Strategic Alliances, Partnerships and Channels

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Day 2
Discussion and "spill over" (~5.5 hours)



Negotiating

When do you negotiate?

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How do you negotiate?

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Setting context

Introduction and summary

Our jobs are seemingly impossible.

- We are expected to create value in a fear-based climate.
- We struggle to find solutions to our most vexing *challenges* (e.g., low levels of *trust*).
- We have to continually find new opportunities to create more value.
- There is no clear, compelling and practical *vision* for our business relationship.

We need a fresh, powerful and unique approach.

- Maniacally and fearlessly pursue the truth.
 - Enable the unknown to become known.
- Focus on deepening and improving relationship: individually and collectively.
- Be willing to enter dialogue: open, trust-filled discussion based on deep listening:
 - Where healing happens and solutions are found.
 - Where opportunities surface and creation lives.
- Realize that "negotiating" is neither a bad word nor something to be feared.
 - Important and value-able conversations.
 - It is always happening. Do you see all of your conversations that way?

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Expected outcomes from this module

Results

1. Deepened, longer lasting and more aligned relationships.

- a. Connections with each other and between companies.
- b. Note: It may be best for some relationships to end.

2. Increased levels of trust.

a. Trusting the spirit in relationship.

3. Healthier, more collaborative and more creative atmosphere.

- a. Open and honest dialogue: within, between, and without.
- b. Greater peace; therefore a closer proximity to truth.
- c. More creative solutions and new insights.

4. Clearer, more compelling, and more realistic vision.

- a. Inspirational, motivational and practical.
- b. Enabled via a cleared up atmosphere.
- 5. Easier negotiations, with better and more comprehensive outcomes.



How not to negotiate

In long-term value-creating relationships (e.g., alliances, marriages)

Be close minded; do not listen to the other.

Stand firm in your position.

Hope for a win/win outcome, or maybe at least a compromise.

Argue, convince, demand, win, ...

- Be a hard-nosed driver-driver (based on a short-term orientation).
- Try to change the other.

Take things personally.

- Be offended or defensive.
- Get pulled into dysfunctional drama when difficult issues come up.

Make things overly complex.

Get bogged down in details, analysis, definitions, regulations, etc.

Make things dramatic.

- Use past misdeeds to guilt the other side into doing things your way.
- Expect either side to sacrifice for the relationship.

Intercompany and interpersonal "negotiating".

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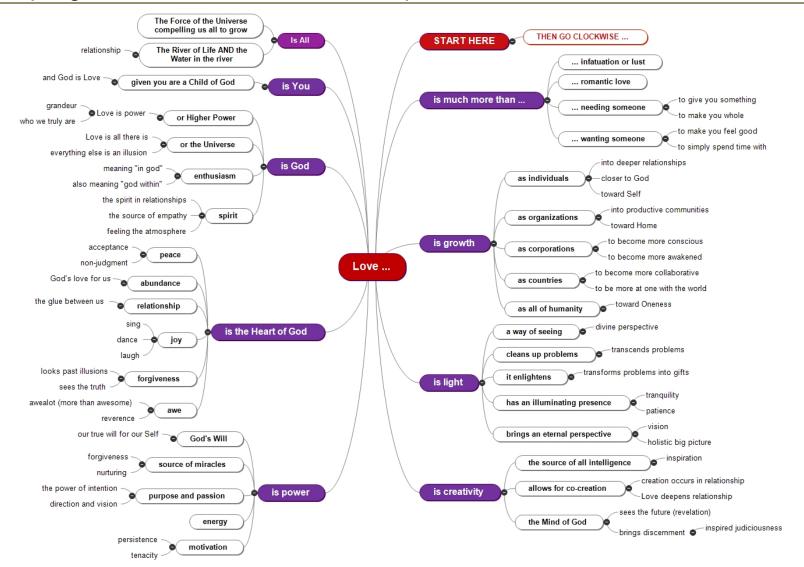
Creating an atmosphere for effective negotiations

In long-term value-creating relationships (strategic alliances)

Be the single point of decision making and accountability. It starts and ends with you . Bridge first within self (between heart and mind), then between people, between companies, and between ideas. Be inner-directed (Self) and other-focused (the collective). Be the model for trust and love; be open and vulnerable. Trust is the *foundation* of every relationship. Listening is an act of love. Listen holistically. People need to know they are heard. Trust trust, especially in difficult situations. You Listen and acknowledge back. Have trust *in* the relationship itself. Trust that things are always Listen to all willing to be heard, especially the hard-to-listen-to. working out. Listen Trust Trust starts within, *in* your Listen to the atmosphere and relationship with your Self. Deeply the truth in-the-between. Relationship Deal directly with difficult issues. Be as simple as possible. Be tough on issues and soft on Simplicity is powerfully creative. people (confrontation vs. conflict). Use the 2-Slides: a framework for Be comfortable in-the-between, in listening, and basis for negotiating. Lovingly Maintain the midst, be the bridge. Just enough structure (creativity): Confront Simplicity Clear the air; a productive home. bounded instability, controlled chaos.

What is Love?

Attempting to define the undefinable and parse the infinite



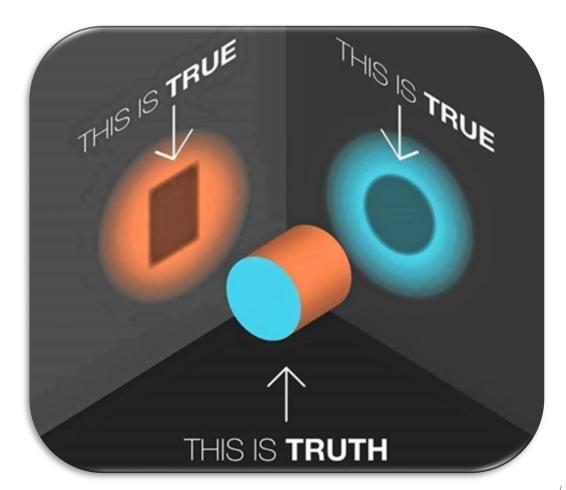
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Perspective

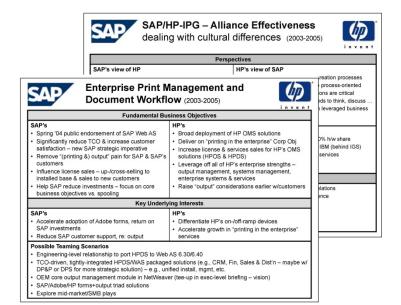
Open and honest sharing enables healthy atmosphere, and vice versa ...

By sharing true perspectives we draw closer to the truth

- Not Either/Or ... Both/And
 - Me AND You
 - Us AND Them
 - Mind AND Heart



Clear power in simplicity



Traversing from complexity into simplicity is transformational

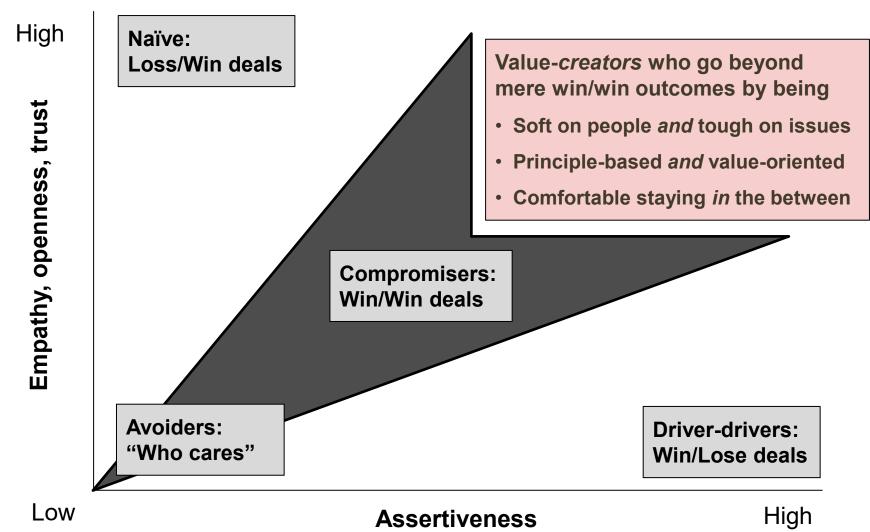
- It is hard work.
- Requiring on-going dedication to listen.

The essence of any business relationship can be represented in 2-Slides

- Incremental Value: opportunities, vision.
- Value-Impediments: obstacles, solutions.

We are always negotiating

As open, highly empathetic and high-trust driver-drivers



Re-enact a very difficult negotiation

Real-world examples.

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Enact the negotiations – going back-and-forth, forth-and-back. Stay in the midst.

In difficult and emotionally-charged situations

Clearing the air in challenging conversations (a.k.a., "clean talk")

What I see ... (body, warrior)

What I think ... (mind, magician)

How I feel ... (heart, lover)

My request ... (spirit, sovereign)

- State only the observable data.
- What we see and hear.
- No judgment.
- · No feelings.
- No request.

- · Share your story.
- Share and own your own judgment.
- Own the interpretation as yours.
- No blame.

- Share how you feel about what you observe.
- The other person did not cause your feelings; they did not cause your feelings...
- Own your feelings.

- Present your request; be specific.
- What do you want instead?
- Note: they may or may not honor your request, but you can stated.

Active listening acknowledgment: if it would be helpful, ask the other side to respond back with:

"When I do _____, you think _____, you feel _____, and you are requesting that I _____.

Did I get that right? Did I miss anything? Is there anything more you want to say?"

Consider providing the other with an opportunity to reciprocate, possibly at a later time.

Home

"Home is, ultimately, that place where we find the peace and harmony that comes from learning to live with the knowledge of our own imperfections and from learning to accept the imperfections of others. Such a place, such a home, can exist in various settings, but its ultimate foundation rests jointly within self and within some group of trusted others. Some places are more conducive to this experience than others. But wherever and whenever we do attain that sense of "being-athome," we experience a falling away of tensions, a degree of balance between the pushing and pulling forces of our lives. In such a place, we can cease fighting – most importantly, we can cease fighting with ourselves. We find the space to be the imperfect beings that we are, and we discover that in such a space, we also become able to let others be who they are."

- The Spirituality of Imperfection by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Kecham



We are bridge builders

And .. you are the bridge



Externally, between:

- Self and others.
- People.
- Companies.

Internally, between:

- Mind and heart.
- Self and the Universe.