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Producing Major Breakthroughs through Ontology Based Programs

“The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking. Thus we drift towards unparalleled catastrophe.” Albert Einstein, 1948

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1-Introduction

Many people have long been convinced that it will always be very difficult to prevent or effectively resolve armed conflicts and many humanitarian challenges. Yet for hundreds if not thousands of years, people believed the earth was flat, that only birds could fly, that traveling under the seas or far into space was not possible and that we could never communicate directly with others at a distance, etc. Such opinions and many others have long been proven to be unfounded.

Today it is possible to effectively prevent and resolve conflicts and human suffering worldwide. Depending on the circumstances and for the most part, this can be done without armed force or other forms of coercion. What is missing is the ability to accurately identify the issues undermining the efforts of foreign policymakers, negotiators and all other government problem solvers.

Ontology based programs incorporate the use of extraordinary discussion-processes that dramatically expand conscious awareness. The participants leave the programs starting to recognize the many issues undermining their best problem solving efforts and also recognize what is necessary going forward to effectively and completely resolve their challenges.

2-Caution-Compromised Reading

The first thing that a busy official will do when receiving information about programs [a] they are not familiar with, [b] that promise unprecedented results and [c] are from an organization they may not know, is to quickly and unintentionally equate the programs with those they have some familiarity. Additionally, it is not every day that something ground breaking shows up in someone's office.

Therefore those who do not go over our material very carefully and will not discuss the programs with us are simply assuming they know what the programs are. They then assume that the programs are not of overwhelming importance. This can happen in seconds!

Ontology based programs are totally distinct. Their differences include how they are executed, the processes used and the breakthrough results realized. They do not teach people anything. They do not propose principles to live by and there are no formulas to adopt and use. The programs have processes which give the participants access to their limitless capabilities.

Note: From time to time we receive response letters from officials who decline speaking with us citing time and other reasons. Their letters or messages include [a] gracious comments about our work, [b] an expression of gratitude for our outreach and [c] good wishes for our project.

We certainly appreciate such comments. However, when we receive these types of responses we know they have not taken the time to recognize the many possibilities and urgency involved. Whenever something new came along in history, there were always cynics and skeptics to challenge it.

There is a great deal at stake in this including national security, global security and the lives of millions, if not billions. We urge the reader to pursue this very seriously with us as soon as possible.

“To say that something that has never occurred in history before will never occur at all is to argue disbelief in the dignity of man.” -M.K. Gandhi

OIC has embarked on advocating the use of ontology based programs to government officials worldwide who are committed to resolving security and humanitarian challenges.

We elected to advocate the use of these extraordinary resources because the greatest threats to the survival of mankind are overall, not being effectively prevented or resolved. They are expanding daily.

Ontology based programs with their transformational processes can make it possible for officials to produce unprecedented major breakthrough results. They have a 45 year remarkable track record of consistent success in every field where they were used.

The first thing to understand is that many officials are well trained, experienced, intelligent, patriotic, dedicated and even courageous. In general, the officials are experts in their field and in problem solving.

Despite all their qualities many security and humanitarian challenges have persisted with a great loss of life, many injuries, lost income, people displaced, cities devastated and a tremendous loss of government revenue.

To produce a major breakthrough requires that the problem solvers have the ability to **ACCURATELY IDENTIFY ALL THE CRITICAL ISSUES CONTINUALLY BYPASSED OR MISCONSTRUED**. These are the issues that undermine the problem solver's ardent efforts.

We emphasize the word **ALL** since many officials do not seem to realize there is vital information they are not recognizing.

To attain the ability to accurately identify **EVERYTHING** necessary, the problem solvers must dramatically expand the scope of their conscious awareness. That is one of the main functions of ontology based programs. It must be understood that we all function at various levels of conscious awareness, depending on the subject.

The programs have produced outstanding results in the private and public sectors. They have had an amazing track record of consistent success worldwide wherever they have been utilized.

3-When Conscious Awareness Expands

By expanding conscious awareness officials [a] will accurately identify vital information bypassed, [b] will expand their objectivity, [c] will recognize that there is **always more than one valid interpretation or assessment** of the actions of words of adversaries.

Without that realization it is common that policy analysts will default into counter-productive assessments. Thus policies are rendered ineffective even before they are formulated. Additionally negotiators will fail to get on the same channel with adversaries which makes cooperation extremely difficult to attain. [d] will recognize the full scope of the impact on present day relations with adversaries from harm done in the past. Consider the example of US-Iranian relations:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=13&v=kyAw5eMDVzo

Governments that harmed others in the past will usually justify their actions. However, when men, women and children have died, were injured or displaced, justifying such horrific pain, suffering and loss does not erase the necessity for accountability, amends, etc. The results of not taking serious and sincere responsibility leaves lasting resentment and the possibility of ongoing retaliation.

Many would like to believe that the saying, "What goes around, comes around." is just a simple cliché. However, it is actually a rigid life principle. It is inescapable sooner or later in one form or another! Too few consider the dangerous consequences of their actions.

The events of history and the expansion of conscious awareness make that clear. [e] will come to realize the self-defeating practice of thinking like victims or potential victims of circumstances erroneously

believed to be beyond their control. This diminishes the effectiveness of policies, negotiations and strategies.

This common and counter-productive mode of thinking is in part sourced by the myth that people do not create their own problems. When conscious awareness is sufficiently expanded, the participant recognizes they are the author of their own success and the author of most of their problems. The exceptions are certain types of illnesses, natural disasters and certain tragic events [f] "engaging in the self-defeating blame and change the adversary game."

The idea that adversaries will cooperate through coercion naturally generates resentment, hostility and various forms of retaliation. No one no matter who they are will take kindly to abuse nor will they freely comply with any type of request when it is not seen to be in their own best interest.

Officials grounded in ontology based communication will readily recognize the counter-productive nature of belligerent approaches. They will also be capable of effectively influencing cooperation through advanced modes of communication.

4-Basic Results Possible

There are infinite results possible through program participation. It would be very difficult to list every conceivable possibility. However, the following are the results that one can readily expect:

- The ability to accurately identify critically important issues bypassed. Issues continually unrecognized that undermine the possibility of successful policies, negotiations, strategies, etc.
- The ability for negotiators to recognize pitfalls in the policies they represent.
- The ability for negotiators to recognize prior to and during negotiations any self-defeating pre-existing bias or other factors inhibiting their ability to relate at a level consistent with attaining concrete cooperation that will be continually honored.
- The ability to recognize the fact that *there is always more than one **valid** assessment* of the actions and words of adversaries. The failure to recognize alternative valid assessments is a major factor in initiating conflict, failing to resolve conflicts and the lack of policy and negotiating success.
- The willingness and ability to self-scrutinize policies, negotiations and strategies in far greater depth.
- The ability to recognize the profound connection between harm done in the past and present day troubles. The failure to recognize the longevity and ongoing impact of resentment is a major and widespread failing in foreign relations. See Section 9 regarding filters.

There are few challenges that cannot be resolved by those able to accurately recognize ALL the factors necessary.

5-Attaining Program Clarity

It is extremely difficult to attain the level of clarity necessary about these programs from *reading* alone. Thus, it is absolutely required that the prospective user or decision maker speak to a program expert.

The program expert will rectify any misperceptions and discuss the applicability of the various programs to the challenges the prospective user has.

SOLELY READING ABOUT ONTOLOGY BASED PROGRAMS AND THEIR PROCESSES HAS NEVER GIVEN ANYONE ACCURATE CLARITY. SEE THE SECTION ON “FILTERS”.

6-Ontology Based Programs....What they are and what they are not.

Most programs found in academia, through Foreign Service Institutes and at other learning facilities use “common linear learning principles”. In other words information is presented, discussed, researched and papers are written. It is largely about accumulating information and absorbing it into an existing body of knowledge. The usual goal is to learn a skill, gain special knowledge, prepare for certain professions or functions, etc.

Contrary to linear learning, ontology based programs are “non-linear”. While information is discussed, it is not presented for the participant to memorize anything. They are in part a de-conditioning process where the participant reduces past based learning obstacles allowing their natural and limitless problem solving and creative capabilities to be recognized and utilized.

They do not present or recommend any solutions, formulas, philosophies or methods to adopt and use. They are not “How to do it programs”.

7-Additional Ontology Based Facts to Consider:

1-Creating breakthroughs are possible when critically important issues bypassed are revealed. Expanding human conscious awareness on the part of those highly committed and highly trained in their profession makes that possible.

2-Human beings have limitless capabilities usually unrecognized and thus not actualized. Without actualizing their capabilities officials will continually struggle to prevent and resolve our greatest threats and suffering. By not actualizing their capabilities, millions will continue to die and suffering needlessly.

3-Most people do not realize that communication has limitless levels. Most do not recognize the many “outside the box” benefits of attaining higher levels of communication.

8-Who Should Pursue Ontology Based Programs?

The programs we advocate are only for officials who are highly committed and responsible for producing major results. They are open-minded officials and know that they do not have all the answers they need.

They are for people who can easily admit that their policies, strategies or negotiations are not producing the results they seek. They are for those highly committed to resolving their challenges.

9-Ontology Based Communication Programs -Multi-Levels of Communication

A-Human beings possess limitless communication capabilities. And just as in all other capabilities there are varying levels of conscious awareness which limits access to higher levels of effectiveness.

B-Gaining the access required makes it possible to get through to people commonly thought to be impossible to attain cooperation from.

C-Everyone communicates but most do not realize that those they cannot get through to are simply on a different channel. Those who participate in ontology based communication programs gain access to their latent ability to get on the same channel.

D-Many people think they are good communicators. However, they don't realize that we all filter things being said through our own bias, points of view, training, work and life experiences. This has a profound effect on policies formulated and negotiations executed.

Diplomacy especially related to adversaries is highly compromised by this common occurrence.

When an official is not on the right channel or in sync with negotiating partners, the only outcome is failure to develop a concrete and meaningful agreement that will be honored over time.

Some realize their failures may be because of something they missed. More commonly people simply blame the failure on the other party or circumstances they erroneously believe to be beyond their control.

10-Filters- A Critical Factor in Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution

As explained below we all develop filters through our life experiences that shape how we perceive circumstances or the actions and words of others. The filters shape how we listen, negotiate, evaluate, formulate, communicate and implement solutions.

Many filters are counter-productive in that they diminish the effectiveness of policies and negotiations. Expanding conscious awareness sheds a bright light on the filters and the issues.

Thus the problem solvers become capable of producing unprecedented results.

“While we think of ourselves as open-minded and objective, in fact our approach to ourselves, our circumstances, our challenges and others is often filtered and obscured by pre-existing notions and ideas—by our upbringing, our beliefs, our values, our training and our past experiences.

The filters we have are an all-pervasive influence that profoundly colors our relationships with people, circumstances and how we perceive and evaluate our challenges.”

—From a self-actualization program

The filters can, [a] exclude vital information, [b] diminish objectivity, [c] interpret actions in the negative while ignoring the validity of positive and alternative views, [d] undermine the possibility of effective communication, [e] they can severely reduce the ability of officials to recognize and diminish pre-existing bias and other counter-productive factors.

11-More Comments on Conscious Awareness

It is important to understand that the average person does not recognize nor considers the fact that there are various levels of conscious awareness, that they are limitless and that they determine the ability to produce breakthrough results.

Even if they did realize this, most are unlikely to be aware of the fact that there are short and powerful programs capable of expanding their conscious awareness. Thus, many do not realize they are capable of producing results far beyond their current levels of success.

It is the insufficient levels of conscious awareness on the part of officials that results in, [a] vital information bypassed, [b] diminished objectivity, [c] interpreting actions in the negative while ignoring the validity of alternative views, [d] undermining the possibility of effective communication, [e] the inability to recognize the relationship between harm done in the past and problems in the present, [f] the inability or unwillingness to be accountable for counter-productive actions past and present, [g] thinking like victims or potential victims which diminishes the effectiveness of their policies and negotiations and [h] "engaging in the self-defeating blame and change the adversary game."

All the various ontology based program processes dramatically expand conscious awareness. Some people who participate in these short programs are often shocked to realize how far off track they are.

12-OIC Policies

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