

EXCERPTS FROM A SHORT ONTOLOGY BASED PUBLIC PROGRAM

A FEW SEGMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Note

These excerpts are from a program given for private citizens who are committed to realizing outstanding breakthroughs in their personal small business challenges. The information in this document is not from the specific work done by the consultants we advocate although there are some aspects that are parallel. We are only sending this because some of the points made are informative and support the messages we want to get across.

Pre-Determined Listening

In this segment, we visit the notion that 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.

In this session, we see those filters for what they are—an all-pervasive influence that profoundly colors our relationships with people, circumstances, our challenges and even ourselves. An awareness of these filters, and recognition of the striking limits that they impose, allows for a refreshing freedom. People, situations, our approach to life and problem solving alter dramatically. What today may seem very difficult starts to look simpler and more manageable. The goals that we and our associates hope and struggle for, become unprecedented breakthroughs.

Context

Here we propose the view that in all human endeavors, *context is decisive*. That is, the hidden contexts from which we live determine what we see and what we don't see; what we consider and what we fail to notice; what we, our organizations, families and businesses are able to do and what seems beyond our reach. In this view, all behavior—all ways of being and acting—are correlated to the context(s) from which we live our lives.

When these contexts become apparent and known, we can begin to see the unwitting process by which they were assembled and the degree to which they govern our everyday lives. We are left, possibly for the first time, with a choice about who we are, who we can be and what's possible for our organizations and enterprises separate from these contexts. There is a freedom and ability to take action that was unavailable before—even familiar actions produce a whole new level of effectiveness.

Rethinking Possibility

If someone says to us, "X is possible," we would normally understand them to mean that X does not now exist, and that its existence, even someday, is not certain. Our use of the word *possibility* is different from this ordinary usage. We are not speaking about something remote or something that may happen out in the future. In this session, we look at the notion of possibility in a whole new light. This new view of possibility has an immediate and powerful impact on who we are, how we live our lives, and how we see things—now, in the present. It has the power to move, touch, and inspire us; to shape our actions; and to shift the way we are being right now.

The Myth

In this section, we explore the nature of what we think of as *reality*, which includes an objective world that exists independent of us, where cause and effect are key operative factors; where *I*, as an identity, is a collection of characteristics, attributes, and experiences from the past.

In exploring the nature of reality and taking apart these myths, something else becomes possible. Here, we observe not so much the particulars of the realities we construct, but that it is human to construct such realities and then forget that we are the ones who constructed them.

As a result, we see that we no longer need to be confined to living and accomplishing within this limited range, and we gain the freedom to express ourselves fully and to produce results that we previously thought to be unattainable or extremely difficult.

Distinguishing

To *distinguish* something means to take something from an undifferentiated background and bring it to the foreground. Just as learning a new language builds a bridge to a new culture, or the capacity to balance makes riding a bicycle possible, drawing distinctions gives us a facility to navigate in areas that were previously inaccessible. Distinctions give power and breadth to the ability to live creatively and successfully. With this ability to distinguish, we are left with new worlds and opportunities for action.