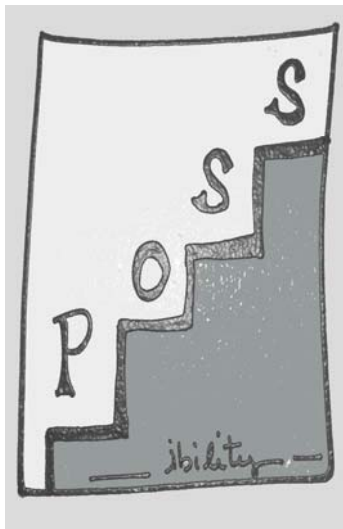


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We do not live in this world alone. We live in a world full of people and as social creatures we rely heavily on other humans. From the houses we live in to the jobs available to us, other people create the worlds we live in and our possibilities for our lives. We are part of the collective of humanity, a drop in the ocean of all the people that came before, exist now, and dream of tomorrow. The function of our lives is directly dependant on the function of all. Though we may feel separate, individual, or even lonely at times, we do not live alone. We exist socially, emotionally, and physically together bound by this world we together have created.

A WORLD COLLECTIVE

This idea of a world collective can be seen everywhere you look. It is in the car you drive, the house you live, the clothes you wear, and the food you eat. How you think, dream, sleep, and even what is in the air you breathe is because, and in part of, the collective. Ever notice how homes all look the same from each era? Those are 80's windows, an architect may say, Tudor, Victorian, or Romanesque. Why? That is what the collective was building at the time. Houses look alike in each era. Trends anyone? It is the same with cars, food, and all sorts of gadgets and inventions that make up the Era we live in each day.

In fact, the clothes you wear, fashion itself, is a collective in and of itself. People create, invent, others sell it, and before you know it everyone you know is wearing it. There was no written agreement between you and the fashion designer who first put it on the runway that this would become part of the wardrobe of your life. No. You just liked it or you didn't. You bought it or you didn't. You wove it into the fabric of history along with everyone else. You and millions of others collectively agreed that this would be the fashion of today.

Now, here's where the naysayers come in and say, "I didn't agree! They used subliminal advertising to suck me into buying it," or "I don't like it at all, but I can't find anything else."

Or can you? You can make your own clothes in your own way. Perhaps paper bag pants and dresses made of curtains are going to be all the rage next season!

In truth, you did agree. We all agreed. Advertisers have whole departments trying to figure out what is going through our minds, what we will, or won't like, what we will buy,

and how much we will pay. (Survey says!) They study the habits of humanity to try to figure us out. And even then they only get it right some of the time!

Hollywood can spend millions of dollars to make a blockbuster movie only to have people in the theatres declare, “Eh. It wasn’t that good.” And the collective then agrees with them and follows.

Then what happens? The movie tanks! It bombs. You might love it, but the movie tanks. We have free will to like and dislike what we chose, but at the end of the day, we are part of a collective that also likes, and dislikes collectively. Whether you like it or not, we are part of a collective. And what makes a collective society function? Systems.

SYSTEMS CREATE A SOCIETY.

In order to create a society one must form systems. To form these systems, several basic things have to happen. People have to come together, form a group, have order, safety, structure, and some sort of predictability in their lives. That helps us survive. Without these systems anarchy ensues, invoking in us constant flight or flee stress. The human body cannot survive with constant flight or flee. War torn countries or newly formed tribes have difficulty keeping predictable infrastructure, financial stability, leadership stability, and the safety that is crucial to people’s welfare, survival, and happiness in life.

And that is why voluntarily throughout every human country, city, tribe, business, school, community, or group, systems are formed. Systems create order. Systems create predictability. Systems Make the World go Round.

THE PATTERN OF POSS-IBILITY

To form the Systems that Make the World Go Round, we start with the patterns of POSS-ibility. It starts with people.

1. People

People must come together to form a group. Because humans are social animals and need each other for survival this step happens naturally and quickly. People naturally find each other, wherever they may be, and form groups. Humans are social animals! We need others to survive, so instantly we find others who like us who can “have our backs” and ensure our survival. (There is a reason the reality show named “Survivor” is mostly a social game!) At a workplace, in a family, in a random social gathering, wherever there are three or more a group is formed.

2. Order

In order to have safety among the group, certain rules get set in place so that everyone can go about living without being killed constantly thus killing the group and the society. Ironically, the rules are usually formed first by annoyances. Living, working, and being around others is difficult! The things that are the most annoying to the most people usually end up being the ones that get a rule made about them first. The squeaky wheel gets the grease! (And often the rules named after them!)

3. Structure

Order is the motivator. Order allows for peace in a group setting. “Law and Order,” they say. Hah! Order should be first! Order is the goal. Laws are the rules. Structure keeps it in place.

Once you have the rules, you must decide. Who is in charge of the rules? What are the consequences to breaking the rules? There have to be consequences to breaking the rules, or they are useless. (As every parent knows.)

Once you have the consequences, the group must decide who enforces them? How are they trained? What is their power? What are the ways in which this Ruler, person of power, gets chosen? What powers does the Ruler get to have? How does the group get a new Ruler if they decide they want one? All must be decided on in some way, shape, or form to create the structure of this new little society.

4. Systems

The Rules are agreed upon. The Ruler is in place. The Enforcers are chosen. The way to choose the Ruler and the Enforcers is agreed upon. Everyone is okay with how it is, or learns to be okay. The collective agrees this is the way it is going to be. People rule. Others agree and follow. It has begun. The systems are in place and a society is born. Now the people of this new society can then go about their business, growing food, raising children, living, and working as people like to do. There is order that allows people to not have to decide each day what their worlds are going to look like. Systems allow one to relax and just build a life within a group structure.

THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Every group across the world has gone through, is going through, and continues to go through this system of creation to create the world they want to live in. There are courses taught on these systems in every college across the world. Religions are created this way. Government systems from dictator to democracy from countries to villages are created this way. Wars are fought over this every day. Monetary systems all began this way from the early trading goods to the trading stock days to the most recent cryptocurrency. Families, relationships, schools, peer groups, and even HOA neighborhoods are formed this way. Even criminal enterprises are formed this way! A Structure is formed with a Ruler who makes rules with Enforcers enforcing the consequences. A basic system.

Societies begin simply. One group discusses and agrees. They set up systems to create the society. These systems are ruled upon by persons given power and enforced by other persons in power. Simple. It is a collective agreement that the consciousness of the individuals agreed upon at one time or another.

Now you might say, “But I didn’t agree upon it. My government system was formed hundreds of years ago.”

Ah... but you did. We do. Each and every day we agree upon the system. Just like the Hollywood movie that tanked. We still hold the power in our hands as part of the collective to agree or disagree each and every day. But we are not alone. We are part of a group. We are part of the collective and as stated, most people don’t like change. So once a system is set in place, however long ago that might be, to change it becomes a difficult task. The bigger the group of people, the more individuals that have to agree to the change in order to reach the tipping point of change! The group itself has to grow enough together and agree to make drastic changes to the systems.

It is a big deal indeed. But it is possible for one person to change the world. Look at other major moments in history. It is possible. But you must have the support of the collective behind you. The collective itself must be ready to face the changes. You can wear a paper bag pants all day long, but if the collective does not agree, it will not follow. For all the power in manipulating people and forcing change on people in rewarding or even horrible ways, if the people are not ready, there will not be change. Only then, can together the mysterious collective tipping point of change can occur.

INDIVIDUALITY

To change the system, one must understand the collective that has already been created in order to work within it to change it. That is why so many dreamers go into politics. They want to change the world! The problem is, once they get there the system of the collective is there to great them. And without the collective's agreement, nothing changes. Try as they might to inspire change or promote new ideas, if the collective of people are not ready, it will not change.

We each have our own individuality within each collective. It is an incredible human trait that starts with our own Tiny Little House. Within that house lives the whole World of Possibility open to us. How do we create it? We look to our own systems within. We are separate people. We are one collective. The world has its systems and we have ours. We have our own systems we live by each and every day. We have our own set of Rules and inner Enforcers waiting to keep us in line. Learning about them is they key to inner freedom within the Systems of the World.

So, go watch the movies you want to watch! Wear what you want to wear. Dance how you want to dance. Be aware and open up to the POSS-ibilities alive within the collectives we call home and let us delve into the ideas and possibilities for the systems in our lives.

