

**'CONFLICT IS THE ARRIVAL OF NEW
INFORMATION IN ANY SYSTEM THAT SEEKS TO
REMAIN THE SAME'. - DOMINIC BARTER**

"CONFLICT FLOWS FROM LIFE: ... CONFLICTS IN RELATIONSHIPS AT ALL LEVELS ARE THE WAY LIFE HELPS US TO STOP, ASSESS, AND TAKE NOTICE. ONE WAY TO TRULY KNOW OUR HUMANNESS IS TO RECOGNISE THE GIFT OF CONFLICT IN OUR LIVES... CONFLICT ALSO CREATES LIFE: THROUGH CONFLICT WE RESPOND, INNOVATE, AND CHANGE. CONFLICT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE MOTOR OF CHANGE, THAT WHICH KEEPS RELATIONSHIPS AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES HONEST, ALIVE, AND DYNAMICALLY RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN NEEDS, ASPIRATIONS, AND GROWTH."

- JOHN PAUL LEDERACH - PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUILDING AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, INDIANA,

CERTAINTY

'CERTAINTY UNDERMINES ONE'S POWER, AND TURNS HAPPINESS INTO A LONG SHOT.
CERTAINTY CONFINES.

DEARS, THERE IS NOTHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT WILL NOT CHANGE
ESPECIALLY ALL YOUR IDEAS OF GOD.

'LOOK WHAT THE INSANITY OF RIGHTEOUS KNOWLEDGE CAN DO:
CRUSADE AND MAIM THOUSANDS IN WANTING TO CONVERT THAT WHICH IS ALREADY GOLD
INTO GOLD.

CERTAINTY CAN BECOME AN ILLNESS THAT CREATES HATE AND GREED.

GOD ONCE SAID TO TUKA,

'EVEN I AM EVER CHANGING I AM EVER BEYOND MYSELF'

WHAT I MAY HAVE ONCE PUT MY SEAL UPON, MAY NO LONGER BE THE GREATEST TRUTH.'

- TUKARAM

"TO PRACTICE THE PROCESS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION, WE MUST COMPLETELY ABANDON THE GOAL OF GETTING PEOPLE TO DO WHAT WE WANT."

— MARSHALL B. ROSENBERG"

FOR ME, EMPATHY IS THE THING WHICH REMOVES BLOCKS TO ACTION, NOT THE THING WHICH MAKES ME FEEL BETTER." DOMINIC BARTER

"THE MORE DISTANCE I PUT BETWEEN MYSELF AND A CONFLICT, THE LOUDER IT BECOMES" - DOMINIC BARTER.

"CONFLICT IS ONLY DANGEROUS WHEN WE TRY TO GET AWAY FROM IT." DOMINIC BARTER

"DIFFERENCES ARE NOT INTENDED TO SEPARATE, TO ALIENATE. WE ARE DIFFERENT PRECISELY IN ORDER TO REALISE OUR NEED OF ONE ANOTHER." !— DESMOND TUTU



Life Alienating systems

Patriarchal conditioning, colonisation, capitalism, racism, sexism etc

Arises from ...	Scarcity
Functions in ...	Separation
Results in ...	Powerlessness

Soft Qualities



- Tenderness
- Vulnerability
- Compassion
- Generosity
- Humility
- Mourning
- Receptivity

Life aligned systems

Flow
Togetherness
Choice

informed by the work of Miki Kashtan and NGLcommunity.org



Tiwi Islanders win court battle to stop Santos in \$4.9bn drilling project in traditional waters



“the happiest man alive”

“We cannot be sidelined or silenced.”



“We want Santos and all mining companies to remember – we are powerful, we will fight for our land and sea country, for our future generations, no matter how hard and how long,”

Tipakalippa told the court the Munipi and other traditional owners have “sea country”, to which they have a spiritual connection, to the north of the islands that extends into the Barossa project area.

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HE DREW A CIRCLE THAT SHUT ME OUT -

- HERETIC, REBEL, A THING TO FLOUT.

BUT LOVE AND I HAD THE WIT TO WIN:

WE DREW A CIRCLE THAT TOOK HIM IN.

- EDWIN MARKHAM

"CONFLICT SEEKS CHANGE. IT RESISTS RESOLUTION THAT DENIES OR FAILS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE SHIFTS IN RESOURCE OR POWER DISTRIBUTION. AND THEN CONFLICT IS COMPLEX BECAUSE IT EMBRACES A FULLER SPECTRUM OF REALITY THAN THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH IT EMERGES. IF IT DID NOT IT WOULD NOT BE CONFLICT, IT WOULD BE SIMPLY CHANGE.

HURRAY FOR CONFLICT! IT LOVES TRUTH. IT SEEKS JUSTICE. IT SEES WHAT WE DON'T."

- DOMINIC BARTER 2020

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