Shared – dare I call it – WISDOM

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Ask of all action – what is it in the service of? – before supporting or copying it

Work mostly with small meaningful achievable initiatives vs. Olympic-scale projects

most of these are abandoned or fail, & often have numerous negative side-effects

Don't get stuck in 'measuring studies': *'monitoring our extinction'*

these are often designed to postpone change that is perceived as threatening to existing power structures

To achieve sustainable progressive change, focus on enabling 'benign' agendas of others

vs. trying to impose on them your own 'benign' agendas

Focus on enabling the potential of people, society & nature to express itself

so that wellbeing, social justice & sustainability can emerge (in integrated, synergistic ways)

Collaborate across difference
to achieve broadly shared goals

don't end up isolated, alone in a 'sandbox'

Don't let 'end point'/goal differences prevent possibilities of early stage collaboration

Outcomes are only as good & sustainable as the people creating & implementing them

so start with the people;
remembering that we are a relational/social species!

Use the media – let me repeat - use the media!

such 'political' communication is key to change

Work with business & the public/community

government will always follow, but rarely lead!

Celebrate publicly at every opportunity
to enable the good stuff to become 'contagious'

Keep working on & implementing
especially with others
your (shared) **benign visions**

Most of what <u>is</u> remains unknown,
which is what wise people are able to work with;
so devote most effort to developing your wisdom

vs. just your cleverness, which relates only to the very
limited pool of what is known (Einstein understood this!)
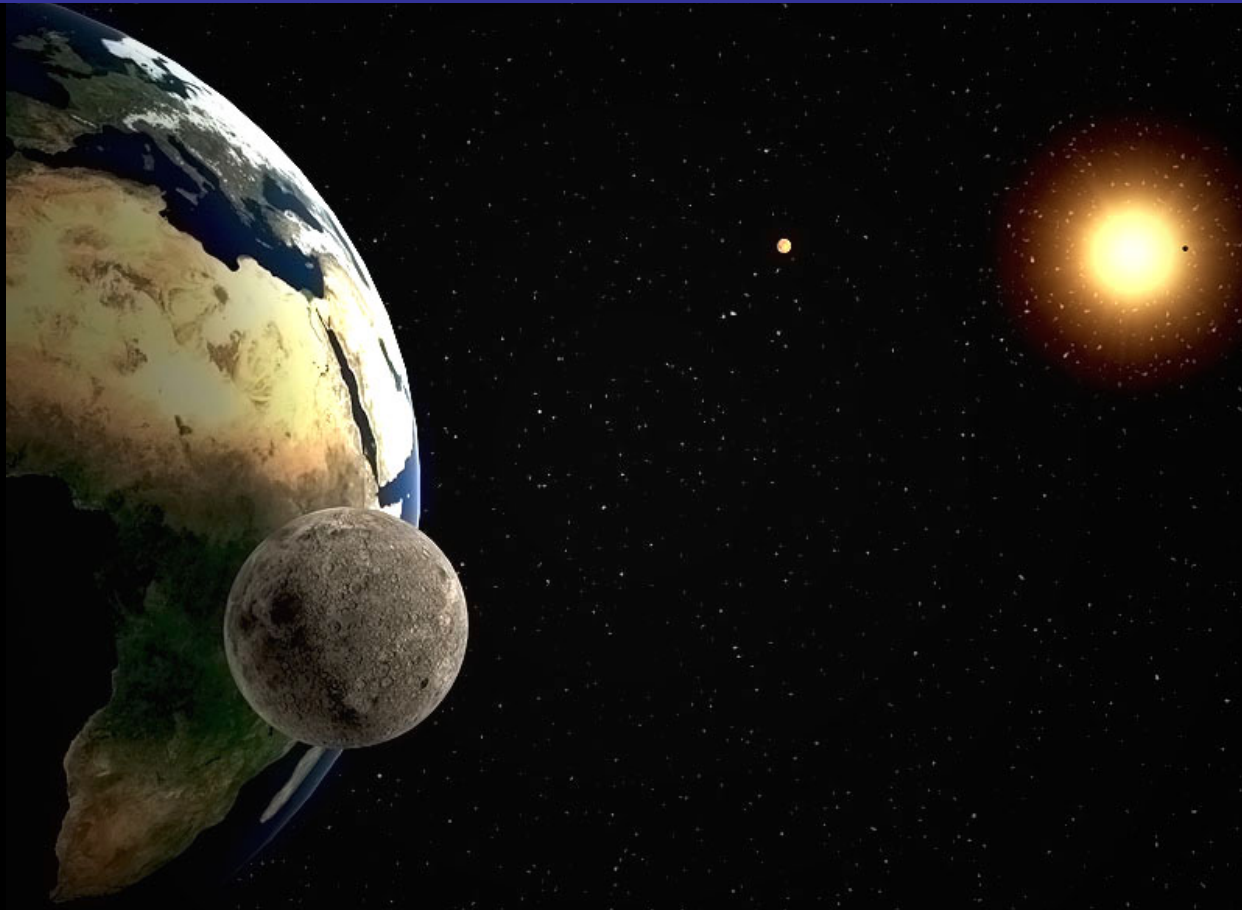
Always be humble & provisional in your knowing,
& always open to new experiences & insights

Take small meaningful risks to enable progress, transformational learning & development

Devote most effort to the design & management of systems that can enable wellbeing, social justice & sustainability, & that are problem-proof

vs. maintaining unsustainable, problem-generating systems, & devoting time only to 'problem-solving' & control

Work sensitively with time & space,
especially from the position of 'others'

ask: who, what, which, where, when, how, if & if not?

Act from your core/essential self: empowered, aware, visionary, principled, passionate, loving, spontaneous, fully in the present (contextual)

vs. from your patterned, fearful, compensatory, compromising, de-contextual selves

See no 'enemies': recognise such 'triggers' as feedback from/indicators of woundedness; also of system maldesign & mismanagement

everyone is always doing the best they can, given their potential, past experiences & the present context

these are the three areas to work with

Be paradoxical: ask for help & get on with the job (*don't postpone*); give when you want to receive; give love when you might need it, or when you might feel hate

Learn from everyone & everything, & seek mentors & collaborators at every opportunity