If you want a revolution,



You can spray-paint
"revolution"
and
"anarchy"
on every wall in the city.

But if you can't articulate what you're actually fighting for, it's nothing but paint on a wall.

Truly revolutionary work requires:

(01) The intellectual rigour to examine your own biases.

(02) The emotional capacity to be wrong in public.

(03) The somatic resilience to wrestle with complexity and contradiction without making it mean anything about you.





Truly revolutionary work requires:

(04) The linguistic precision to say what you mean, not JUST what sounds radical.

(05) The cognitive flexibility to back yourself up and stay in the room when things get uncomfortable or someone disagrees (because they will)





This isn't something that just comes naturally to most of us.





So, many otherwise well-intentioned people can wind up following the most extreme and mistaking it for righteousness.

Confusing volume with conviction and the aesthetic of rebellion with actual, true resistance.

Meanwhile, the real revolution happens in rough drafts.

In learning to understand what you really think. In learning to think beyond approved narratives. In building the stamina to hold contradiction without collapsing. In critical thinking, asking hard questions, pushing back on a narrative that excludes

whole groups of people.

Every revolution began with someone who could articulate why the current reality was intolerable and what could replace it.



When you name the problem, it's easier to see how to get from here to there. You do that with language, THEN add the spray paint.

So, if you really want to change the world, start by changing how you use language.

Change how you think about solving problems.

Get comfortable questioning yourself, your leadership, your family, your friends. Think creatively, critically, brutally honestly.

Revolution isn't performed. It's practiced.

We need more people with the creative resilience to imagine what comes next and the courage to articulate it while holding space for alternative views.

We need people willing to use their platform to address nuance and complexity versus the quick soundbites that result in the largest dopamine hit.

We need more people with the creative tools to decide themselves what they think, believe, desire and feel, instead of waiting for someone else to

tell them.





And we need people to have the critical thinking and communication skills to convince others it is actually possible to live in peace and unity.