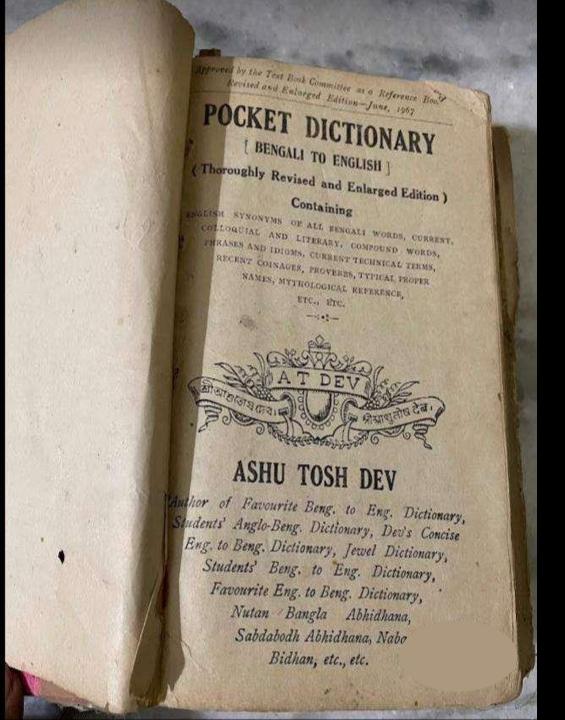
TALKS

IDEASWORTHSPREADING



BUILDING BONDS







The Psalm of Life

H. W. Longfellow

Tell me not, in mournful numbers, Life is but an empty dream! For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow, Is our destined end or way; But to act, that each to-morrow Find us farther than to-day.

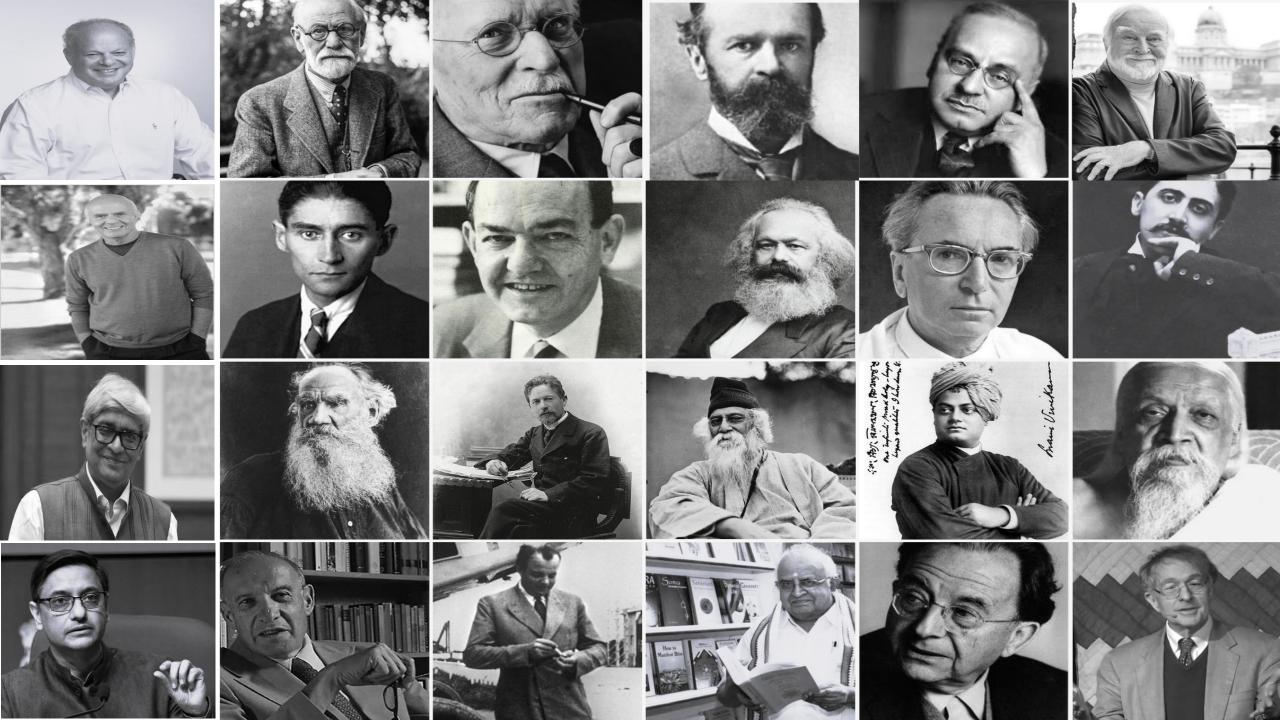
Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and
brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle, In the bivouac of Life, Be not like dumb, driven cattle! Be a hero in the strife! Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant! Let the dead Past bury its dead! Act,— act in the living Present! Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another, Sailing o'er life's solemn main, A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait.





courage over comfort

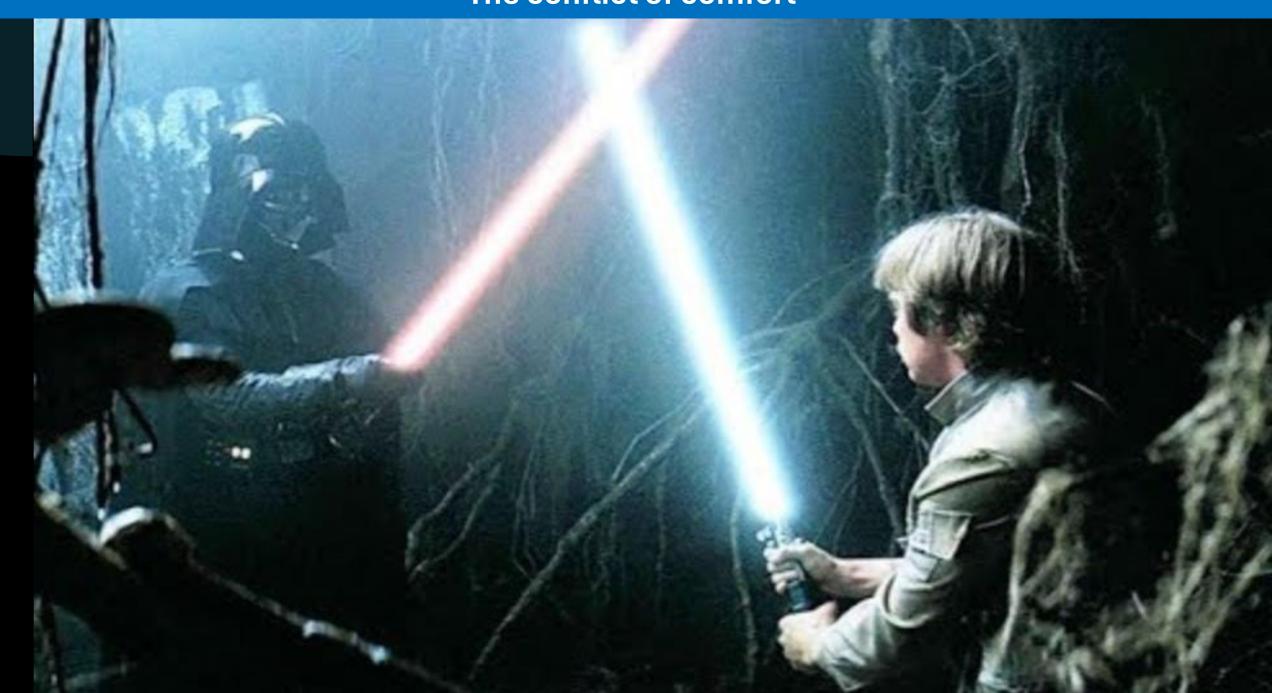
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The conflict of comfort



The Cave

 ... the cave is dangerous and strong with the dark side of the Force. Luke looks confused and afraid, but Yoda's response is simply, in you must go"

What is in the cave? Only what you take with you"

 As Luke straps on his weapons, Yoda hauntingly advises, Your weapons, you will not need them"

 Only it isn't Darth Vader's face that's revealed; it's Luke's. Luke is staring at his own head on the ground.



Assembling the armoury – Engineering the Comfort





... but I actually, just stand still. In the exact same place. In fear. **Assembling the Armory!**



in the effort to protect our small ego, and feel comfortable.

Vulnerability: Building the courage to show up



Lean In . Show up when

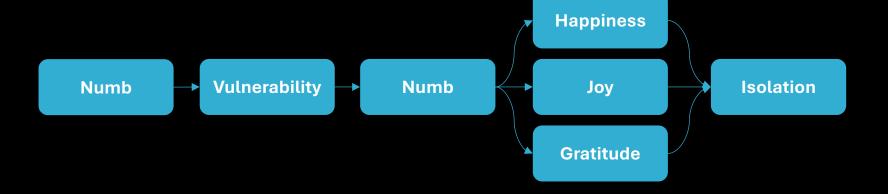
Uncertainty

Risk

Emotional
Exposure

"Ego is that thin wafer of consciousness floating on an iridescent ocean called the soul." - Jim Hollis

It is about saying, "I know I will eventually fail. And I am still in". It is an awareness that disappointments, failure and heartbreaks are inevitable.



To love at all is to be vulnerable.

Love anything And your heart will certainly be Wrung and possibly be broken.

If you want to make sure of keeping it intact,
You must give your heart to no one,
Not even to an animal.

Wrap it carefully round with Hobbies and little luxuries; Avoid all entanglements; Lock it up safe in the casket or Coffin of your selfishness.

But in that casket - safe, dark, motionless, airless -It will change. It will not be broken; It will become unbreakable, Impenetrable, Irredeemable.

- CS Lewis

Daring Self

Imperfection



We are inherently flawed and broken beings.

Perfection is beyond us

Despite our intelligence, our science, we are all from close up, scared, unsure,

full of regrets,

longing and error.

2 Friendship



All of us – weak, broken, mad and mistaken – should inspire compassion for ourselves, and generosity towards other people. How to reveal our vulnerability and brokenness becomes the bedrock of true friendship, which we universally crave. We must be slower to judge and quicker to understand. Be Kind.

3 Insanity



We cannot be entirely sane. But it is the basic requirement of maturity for us to try to understand the ways in which we are insane. Most of the insanity is due to childhood imbalances.

4 Idiocy



Don't run away from the

thought that you may be

an idiot, as if this was a rare and dreadful prospect in insight. **Embracing our idiocy** renders us confident Infront of challenges. Because messing up is to be expected. It should make us comfortable with ourselves and ready to extend a hand of friendship to our similarly broken and demented neighbours. We should overcome our shame and shyness because we have already overcome so much of our pride.

5 Good enough



We should know that we are good enough Its about engaging in our lives from a place of worthiness It means cultivating the courage, compassion, and connection to wake up in the morning and think, No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough. It's going to bed at night thinking, Yes, I am imperfect and vulnerable and sometimes afraid but that doesn't change the truth that. I am brave, and worthy of love and belonging

6 Transcend ego



boundless universe. We don't count one bit in the grander scheme. That is the liberation. Cosmic humility taught to us by nature history, and sky is a constant alternative

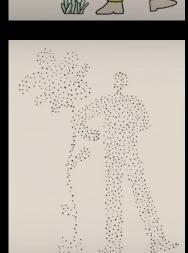
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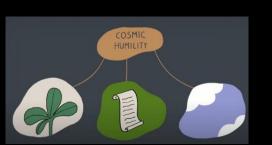
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Daring Leadership



The Man in the Arena

It is not the critic who counts; Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, Or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; Who **strives valiantly**; Who errs, Who comes short again and again... Who at the best knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement, And who at the worst, if he fails, At least fails while daring greatly. - Theodore Roosevelt

We are physically, emotionally, cognitively, and spiritually hardwired for connection, love, and belonging.

Connection, along with love and belonging, is why we are here,

And it is what gives us purpose and meaning to our lives.

Thank you



Shame & Empathy

1. Shame

Shame is the fear of disconnection. Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love, belonging, and connection.

2. Empathy

Empathy is not connecting to an experience. It is connecting to the emotions that underpin an experience.

Empathy Skills

- 1. Honor people's perspectives as truth even when they are different from ours. This is known as perspective taking. Perspective taking requires becoming the learner, not the knower.
- 2. Stay out of judgement
 - We judge people in the areas where we are most susceptible to shame, **and**
 - We judge people who are doing worse that we are in those areas.
 - The judgement of others leaves us feeling shame, so we offload the hurt by judging others.
 - Staying out of judgement means being aware of where we the most vulnerable to our own shame, our own struggle.
 - We don't judge in areas where we feel a strong sense of self worth and grounded confidence. So, the more of that we build, the more we let go of
 judgement.
- 3. Understand and articulate the feelings of the self and others.
- 4. Mindfulness

Stockdale Paradox



... Another long pause, and more walking. Then he turned to me and said, "This is a very important lesson. You must never confuse **faith** that **you will prevail** in the end—which you can never **afford to lose**—with the **discipline** to **confront** the most **brutal facts** of your current **reality**, whatever they might be."

https://www.iimcollins.com/concepts/Stockdale-Concept.html

unwavering **faith** in the endgame



stoically accept the brutal facts of reality