

SPARK 123

(Matrix Code: **SPARK123.00** for StartOver.xyz game.)

DISTINCTION: Television is modern culture's substitute for community.

NOTES: A five thousand year patriarchal empire has civilized a third of the world's population and enslaved most of the rest through increasingly invasive means of disconnection. The strategy is: *Disconnect and conquer*. TV disconnects by implanting deceptions, such as: *Real life is shown on TV. Real people dress and behave like TV people. TV brings you into community with the real people. If it's not on TV it's not real.* These deceptions divide you from your culture, your community, your self, and the living spirit of Earth (Gaia) by surrounding you in the sounds and movements of false community. When the TV drones on in the other room or behind the bar it gives the illusion that you are in community. Same with that smart phone in your pocket when it signals you just got an SMS.

Authentic community promotes evolution, which may be uncomfortable for your Box. False community promotes your Box.

Modern economics replaces the creative-collaboration backbone of authentic community with money. Money starves people out of village cultures and sucks them into gigantic production and consumption centers called cities. Most indigenous villages consist of compounds that house multi-generational clans. City-zens are separated into nuclear-family suburban homes (owned by banks), or apartment flats (owned by absentee landlords). Corporations are happier when each couple lives in a disconnected dwelling because then there are more consumers for video systems, refrigerators, kitchen equipment, and cars. By forcing both parents to work, nuclear families are ripped apart into even more consumption units. Single moms earn survival money by sending their children to childcare. Economists know that mothering does not increase GNP, but pre-school and day-care centers definitely do.

Notice how modern education disconnects students according to age. In next-culture a children's community thrives in which older children deepen their own understanding by naturally sharing what they discovered with younger friends. Modern schools subvert imagination and force subservience to all-knowing authority, the equivalent of compulsory TV. Damaged by disconnection we see no alternative but to compete against each other for grades, then jobs, then salaries and positions in the hierarchy so we can earn more money to be better consumers.

It sucks, but online and handheld social media permit only intellectual connections. Wherever a television murmurs in the background, the longing for authentic community is numbed by *canned laughter and inconsequential action*.

EXPERIMENTS:

The experiment in this SPARK is no less than culture shift. After experiencing the first results you may decide to do this experiment for years, perhaps the rest of your life. It starts like this: Turn off the media flow and build community. How to build community? Connect authentically. How to connect authentically? *Radical four-body sharing:*

intellectual, physical, emotional and energetic. How to turn off the media flow? That part is easy. Click.

Modern culture teaches *disconnection* through *radical selfishness*. Next culture teaches *connection* through *radical sharing*. There are so many experiments to try during every aspect of daily life that the lists below are only categories. Read them through and when something touches you, figure out edgework experiments for you and your community to try. Edgework says that matrix is not only built by making a *total shift forever*, but also by going to the edge of your Box's comfort zone and staying at that edge for a while, then gradually *extending the length of the while*.

SPARK123.01 PHYSICAL RADICAL SHARING EXPERIMENTS: Modern culture promotes each person having their own room, TV, sink, bank account, car, wardrobe, and so on. Figure out edgework experiments in radically sharing physical resources such as money, food, clothing, places to stay, time, energy, collaboration, and so on, so that you deepen physical connectedness. Remember, edgework may at first be uncomfortable for your Box. Also remember that for many Boxes, friendship is uncomfortable. Trust, intimacy, openness, honesty, health, nearness, touch, love, mutual reliance, caring, being cared for, joy, appreciating, being appreciated, these may *also* be uncomfortable for your Box. The risk and joy of radical physical sharing is that your secret life is no longer secret. This ends the neurosis of pretending to be something other than what you are. The result is authentic connection.

SPARK123.02 INTELLECTUAL RADICAL SHARING EXPERIMENTS: The risk of freely speaking your thoughts, confusions, perceptions and questions is that it reveals your unconscious purposes and inner blocks, but also your powerful wisdom and your humor. Sharing more of your ideas and perspectives and deeply listening to others enhances both linear and nonlinear group intelligence. Wiser decisions can be made. Radical intellectual sharing clarifies distinctions, empowers creativity, develops new thoughtware, and deepens the context out of which your community emerges. Modern copyright lawyers have spread an epidemic of insane greed that blinds us from seeing that you can give away your thoughtware to a billion people and still have all of it. The risk of intellectual sharing is getting feedback and being made aware of your childish fanatical beliefs and any mechanized thought-patterns still serving old decisions or imaginary authorities. The joy is you get a new world to live in with inspired like-minded friends.

SPARK123.03 EMOTIONAL RADICAL SHARING EXPERIMENTS: Radical sharing of feelings and emotions liberates each person's contribution to heal things and handle things, and weaves resilient multi-leveled connections between people. Unhindered expressions of fear, anger, sadness, and joy provide impulses that detect and solve problems at a far higher effectiveness than the mind alone. Through experiencing and expressing your own feelings you develop a compassion for others that nurtures a culture that is rich in affection. Then, rather than blocking connections, people's breakdowns and conflicts become doorways to intimacy and growth. Through radical emotional sharing, modern culture's competitive thinking and scarcity-based win-lose strategies fall away.

SPARK123.04 ENERGETIC RADICAL SHARING EXPERIMENTS: The possibility of radical sharing from your energetic body, your being, comes after gaining a certain degree of awareness about your Box mechanisms, your Gremlin, and your shadow purposes, combined with ongoing edgework experience in radical sharing of resources, feelings and thoughts. Imagine meeting with friends as a discovery and research team to develop each one's capacity for *being with*, to devise new energetic tools, to unfold stored inner teachings, to ignite unquenchable inspiration, to hold brainstorming collaborations between your archetypal lineages, to initialize inner and outer resources, and to practice delivering transformational and healing processes for others. It would be like going to magician school, except that this magic is not about causing deception but about reinventing the perceiver. Radical energetic sharing enhances enjoying each other's wordless presence and deepens the natural inherence in the community context through the process of discovering it together.

Turn off the media. Build authentic community by connecting through radical four-body sharing. You can connect with your destiny, neighbors, strangers, and Gaia through spaceholding a regular two-hour dialog with up to twenty people. During this four-body embrace, pass around a *talking piece* (a stone or stick, or chunk of metal) with the agreement that the person holding it can share from all four bodies uninterrupted, telling the story that is in front of them. Everyone agrees to suspend their judgment, avoid discussion, let each person be heard, and let themselves be known. Through radical sharing we connect. You can feel it happening.

Connecting is subversive because it weaves you into a next-culture field of community where television and media become irrelevant and modern civilization falls away like an eggshell from a newborn chick. By connecting with others who take their authority back from the mainstream you also find your own authority. You stop allowing others to represent your voice or your vote. You become attentive and present. Four-body sharing de-civilizes you. Fears of returning to the stone-age subside when you recognize that you de-civilize yourself into *archearchy* – a next-gen culture that naturally brings creative geniuses together in initiatory process.

In the old days, the name that political and religious hierarchies used for labeling people they could not dominate was "witch." Nowadays you can buy a witch's costume at the supermarket for your kids at Halloween. A new name was needed to frighten people into remaining civilized. That new name is "sect." Don't be surprised if while connecting in authentic community through radical four-body sharing you overhear the question whispered amongst your still-civilized acquaintances, "Is he in a sect?" The answer is, "No, I am starting my own TV show..."