SPARK 182
(Matrix Code: SPARK182.00 for StartOver.xyz game.)

DISTINCTION: An edgeworker's Track Record has credibility according to a new set of standards.

NOTES: An edgeworker is someone who has discovered the thought-limits of their birth-culture and instead of leaping backwards in terror trying to bury this secret, they stand on the edge and look in both directions. They look inwards toward the culture they once thought was all there is and study its neurosis, and they look outward over the edge at what else is possible, considering how to make bridges, doorways, or transformational process for getting there. I think you are an edgeworker.

When someone either socially or formally asks you: “What have you done?” or, “What are you doing?” their question could easily come from an unconscious set of standards against which they measure your answers. If the standards come from mainstream culture, then what you have done or what you are doing may not rate very high. If you claim that what you do has value you could easily be classified as a kook, a hippy, a weirdo, a clown, a heretic, or a looser. Applying these names to yourself before you even have a chance to say, “Good morning, my name is...” may give you a culture-rift inferiority complex. This is probably not a good place to start your day. Accordingly we offer you the following exercises.

EXPERIMENTS:
SPARK182.01 Before you can have credibility with someone else it can help to have credibility with yourself. This exercise assists you to take a stand for your own credibility. Nobody can do this for you. Nobody can stop you from doing it. Here is how to use your Track Record as your evidence for the story that you are credible.

1. Make a list of what you have done and what you are doing from the viewpoint of your own cultural values. First make a list of twenty or thirty remarkable things in your skill and experience set. Afterwards narrow the list to perhaps eight things and memorize them so they are on the tip of your tongue for easy retrieval in everyday conversations. This may not be as easy to do as you might think. The values and judgements of modern culture have been programmed deeply into your veins. You may therefore not recognize the value of many of your knacks and accomplishments.

Here is a sample list from interviewing friends that might jog your memory:

1. I can stick a knife into a tree from seven meters distance.
2. I have written 37 blog articles published on Alternative News websites.
3. I can build and operate a stand-alone composting toilet.
4. I can implement the 13 standard decision-making techniques in a group of people.
5. I can identify 100 different trees by name just by looking at them.
6. I can live 30 days without making any plastic, glass, or metal garbage.
7. I can create and deliver Torus Meeting Technology.
8. I can run the Phoenix Process for a team.
9. I can deliver a Permaculture Design Course.
10. I can disassembly and rebuild a 6-cylinder internal combustion engine.
11. I can teach people to negotiate intimacies in 5 bodies.
12. I can teach and implement the Dragon Dreaming project creation process.
13. I can create and navigate space during Possibility Team meetings.
14. I can distinguish feelings from emotions, mixed emotions from pure emotions, and low drama from high drama, and I can use these distinctions to give Possibility Coaching.
15. I can build and use a solar oven and a solar cooker.
16. I can teach people to be more centered, more grounded, and more aware about being responsible for things they did not imagine they could be responsible for.
17. I can use a blowgun, a sling, a boomerang, a staff, a spear with an atlatl, and a bow and arrow. I can make arrowheads out of coins. I can teach people to start fires 8 different ways without using matches or a lighter.
18. I can organize and enroll an event.
19. I can teach people to do Possibility Speaking, Discovery Speaking, and Dragon Speaking.
20. I can unschool children.
21. I have successfully completed these three projects:
22. I can build a cob house, a tiny house, and an Earthship.
23. I can let people clap for me and allow the appreciation to flow through me back to the source.
24. I can create a nanonation.
25. I can strategize the release of a new service.
26. I can sew my own clothing and make my own shoes.
27. I can play the didgeridoo, the pianolin, and the pan pipes.
28. I can teach people to waltz, two-step, cha-cha-cha, and tango.
29. I can deliver 5 different authentic adulthood initiatory processes.
30. I can deliver yoga classes.
31. I can walk 20 kilometers in a day.
32. I can make a YouTube channel with over a million views.
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And thousands more… Make your own personal list and let it get wild.

2. Circle 8 or so of your favorite items on your list and memorize them. This is your Track Record.

3. Figure out what you would call someone in the line of work that includes all 8 of these skill sets.

4. Take a stand for the credibility of your Track Record by giving it a voice. Make it visible. For example, introduce yourself at meetings and parties with your Track Record profession. Use that profession on resumes, personal profiles, and application forms. Get business cards printed for your Track Record profession.

5. Take a stand in the world for the credibility of your profession by making a website, writing articles, delivering talks, trainings, videos, and workshops so that others can make use of the services of your profession, perhaps even taking on this profession themselves.