

SPARK 201

(Matrix Code: **SPARK201.00** for StartOver.xyz game.)

DISTINCTION: Modern culture made you into an imaginal cell of next culture.

NOTES: An ‘imaginal cell’ is the seed of a transformed future, which is exactly what human beings need right now. The classic explanation of an imaginal cell is the caterpillar crawling into its chrysalis and dissolving into chaotic paste to start its metamorphosis into a butterfly. In the paste there is no sign of what is to come. The collapse of the caterpillar seems like Armageddon to the caterpillar’s defense systems. Yet the chaos opens up free spaces in which the butterfly’s imaginal cells awaken. At first, imaginal cells perceive themselves as alone. They operate independently as single-cell organisms which the caterpillar’s immune system attacks as a threat. As more imaginal cells continue taking new actions, they eventually find each other and connect, forming clusters and clumps that resonate with similar visions of what is possible and intentions for going there. By passing information back and forth they generate a field of influence that empowers new structures ([gameworlds](#)) to emerge which make the old structures (gameworlds) irrelevant. At some point the new structures reach a tipping point and begin acting not as discrete individual cells but as a new and different multi-cell organism. This is the moment the caterpillar disappears and a butterfly comes alive.

Next culture – [archearchy](#) – is nearing that tipping point now.

You were born and raised in ‘modern culture’, the current version of the capitalist patriarchal empire which has dominated human thoughtware for some 6000 years. At birth, during school, or perhaps later in your life, you became aware that you do not agree with or fit into the design and purpose of modern culture. You became aware of being fundamentally different from others, an imaginal cell of next culture. As an imaginal cell you might recognize these three life-turning points:

1. You admit to yourself that the promises of modern culture do not interest you. This could trigger dismay, depression, and deep concern for your own sanity. You might feel afraid of losing all your friends, being kicked out of school, sent away from your family, ostracized by the church, or sent to a crazy home.
2. You come to the limit of how much pain you can secretly endure and stop holding it inside. You start resisting, speaking out about the differences between what you see is possible and want, and what you experience is being created by those in power and those who follow them. You become negative, loud and rebellious, or enter a private fantasy world. The anger and fear may become intense. The future may appear like an eternal fight against existing authorities and systems, or endless isolation.
3. Speaking out is no longer sufficient. Either you *implode* or *explode* with your feelings. If you *implode* you consider suicide, cut yourself, coma-drink, take drugs, create bulimia or anorexia. If you *explode* you might do graffiti, join a gang, become an activist, study the 1971 edition of [The Anarchist Cookbook](#),

vandalize public property, break the law, march in the streets, and possibly end up in prison (as an alternative to living in modern culture...).

Here is what to realize to find your place and function well: The culture you do not fit into is the same culture that created you to be a transformational agent who invents a culture that replaces the existing culture. If you build the culture and gameworlds that please you and inhabit them with like-minded people, you accomplish your purpose of being an imaginal cell.

We cannot help but stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. You would not be what you are today without the history of modern culture. You can productively direct your energies and actions towards inventing the next cultures that make existing cultures irrelevant. Remember, as an imaginal cell of next culture, the new designs are already in you and feel like what you naturally desire. Why not build the culture you would love to live in and move into it immediately?

EXPERIMENTS:

SPARK201.01 Document the moment you personally realized that you are an imaginal cell in modern culture. Write it down in your [Beep! Book](#) under the title: **I AM AN IMAGINAL CELL OF ARCHEARCHY**. Read your story to other imaginal cells, perhaps at your next [Possibility Team](#). Ask them to read you their story. Be sure to include the *information* and the *feelings and emotions* in your story. This may be the first time you have a safe place to deliver the whole communication where someone actually hears you.

SPARK201.02 While enacting your imaginal cell functions in life you will remain on a path of rapid evolution for which there is no plan. It can help you to one-at-a-time stand up and say to each other in your Possibility Team, “*I am an imaginal cell of next culture and this means I live a life of ongoing nonlinear evolution. I choose that.*”

SPARK201.03 When you take responsibility for your role in society as an activated imaginal cell of next culture – archearchy – your impossible problems are not only personal. Learn to use the powerful dynamic resource of small group intelligence to face problems. Read through the <http://4brains.mystrikingly.com> website. Figure out which brain is dominant in each Team member. Practice speaking to each other in the other person’s brain language, using groups of three with feedback and coaching.

SPARK201.04 Read through the <http://torustechology.mystrikingly.com> website and agree that your Possibility Team is a *torus*. Practice making group decisions by consulting the intelligence of Resistance. Decide that when you come together at a Team meeting it is a *Torus Convergence*, and the activities you all engage between meetings is a *Torus Divergence*. Learn to use the *Frying Pan* and other Torus Meeting technologies to assist your healing and evolution processes.

SPARK201.05 You can stop hating modern culture as your source, but you cannot stop dismantling modern culture and using the remnants to build next culture [gameworlds](#). Slowly and out-loud together read and talk your way through the <http://newrefugees.mystrikingly.com>, the <http://village-seeds.mystrikingly.com>, and the <http://nanonations.mystrikingly.com> websites. This may take several Possibility Teams to do. Many feelings and [Emotional Healing Processes](#) may come up for people. Take the time to use [Vacuum Rapid Learning](#) to listen to each other. Then consider, “*How do we want to build next culture together?*” As they say, “*A nanonation is not built in one day...*”