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A Line of Logic, Reality Search, Version One should stand fairly independently of other *Versions* of *Reality Search*,

A Line of Logic presents "an argument" developed over a number of ancient texts. For the purpose of presenting the argument itself, without getting bogged down in other discussions, there is a deliberate omission in this presentation of traditional names used for the texts. Rather they are called here

Text one *Recognise Law and Order*

Text two *Internalise the Law*

Text three *Give Direction to Order*

Text four *Launch the Society* and

Text five *Pass on the Power of One*

The material in the *Reality Search* kit claims that an outline of a line of logic about reality was constructed in an historical situation by a particular leadership group. Then a writer from amongst them set out the definitive base of their position. He took the argument to a certain point. Then another writer developed the argument further. It was then or around the same time

but elsewhere, a third writer developed the line of logic further throughout two texts. Finally some decades later, a fourth writer pulled together the threads of the previous four texts. Thus all five texts comprise a comprehensive whole which was written over a period of about seventy years. .

Besides dealing with five different texts, the kit of *Reality Search*, presents this line of logic in a number of different versions as follows:

A Line of Logic, Version One presents the "argument" in terms of the sequential steps of its logic. A quick synopsis of this is also presented in the "Cartoon" Appendix at the end of this *Version*. The same line of logic also presented in Appendix 2 "Questions and Answers".

All five *Versions* of the *Reality Search* kit use the same analysis of the five ancient texts and the same headings for this analysis. These stand fairly independently of traditional labels.

Value Frameworks, Version Two of *Reality Search* names the texts. It talks in a general way about how their underlying argument was uncovered. It shows how the steps and insights of the line of logic are developed by the ancient five texts.

Two World Views, Version Three, presents an outline summary of the values presented in the five texts. It shows how and where these are structured into the text. It shows how they present a framework for the

construction of a hybrid society.

The fourth book, *Five Pivotal Texts, Version Four* presents a fluent paraphrase of the literal translation. There are also some comments showing how details of the text fit the overall whole.

Translation Analysis, Version Five presents a literal translation of the texts subdivided in the same way as other Versions.

The five books and a CD with this material on it are presented in a specially made satchel. The CD contains coloured pages for *Versions Three, Four and Five*. The pages can be read with an Acrobat Reader and can be used with an overhead projector in workshops. There are also some Powerpoint Presentations. In case any one of the *Versions of Reality Search* are isolated from the rest of the "kit" they can stand on their own to a large extent but are complemented by the other material.

Overall the analysis of *Reality Search* gives these five texts a third dimension.

The package of *Reality Search* has been especially designed for use in industry workshops, especially those relating to value systems. The texts themselves were originally written in the context of 'an argument'. However if their worth is to be appreciated they also need to be treated with respect.

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CHAPTER ONE

BACKGROUND TO THIS MATERIAL

What is reality? People spend a lifetime wondering about this. Or they try to avoid the question. Either way the search continues through life as they try to understand what goes on around them. This is part of the fabric of living which is common to all who share in the adventure of life itself.

The search taking place here on these pages is based on five ancient texts that in turn are basic to western civilisation. *Reality Search* presents "a line of logic" that evolves within these five ancient texts. It shows that there was a 'reality search' being undertaken and presented by the writers of the texts themselves. Readers and workshop participants are invited to join the writers in their search and presentation as they move from one logical point to the next in 'an argument' about how to survive within the 'reality' that is all around.

Just how this quest of the original writers was uncovered from the texts is likely to cause questions and possibly confusion. So instead of opening up such questions straight away, an exploration of the ideas behind the five texts is presented first. Thus:

Version One of Reality Search deals with ideas that

are based upon the structure of the five texts and it shows how these ideas are logically developed there.

Versions to follow show the same line of ideas from different perspectives. Why is there a sustained effort to produce such a range of presentations on the line of logic uncovered from these five ancient texts?

Value Lists

One of the main reasons for this is that this material applies to everyone, whether in a Western culture or not. So what do the texts consist of? On the one hand, as stated there is an underlying "line of logic" developed within the one text and continued into the next one and so on over the five texts. At the same time, paragraph groups can be summarised into value lists. These value lists are such that in one way any person or group of people could work them out for themselves. They come from life experience and already exist at the back of people's minds. Then, each list leads questions that lead into exploration of a list which emerges from the previous one. That is, having worked out or 'digested' one list, questions arise that lead into the next one.

Why should one bother to do so? All the lists are directed towards a search for a reality which makes life more liveable. Thus the texts address that most basic of instincts which is self-survival.

Framework for Living

According to the analysis presented in *Reality Search* the texts provide an understanding of how the vast array of human problems confronting individuals and societies today (or at another time) may well be caused. Thus, after one has worked through "the line of logic" that underlies the five texts, the experience of watching the daily news can become quite different. One can watch footage of wars, public debates, information on social problems, industry etc. and consider how these are a follow through of this or that imbalance in a framework for living which is presented in the five text and which applies to everything.

In *Reality Search* presentation there is an element of wanting to share the analysis made of these five ancient texts with other people and groups for their own benefit. At the same time there has been a degree of fun in the discovery of ideas that underpin the texts and discovery of the methods used to put these there. Then there was discovery of an overall structure that fits all the Sections of all the texts into the one comprehensive whole. For better or worse it is likely to have been the fun motive which has been a major reason for continuing on with the exploration that is demonstrated in *Reality Search*.

One major factor in mind in the production of the five *Versions* of *Reality Search* has been related to providing workshop material for industry. Perhaps it is

industry as a whole and in parts which provides the ultimate forum of reality for any society. Industry actually overrides all social groupings because it includes both paid and unpaid work. Some people may think that the provision of ultimate reality checks is only for certain people in certain groups who specialise in the area of ideas about ultimate reality. But sometimes such people can confuse rather than reveal what is finally real.

The *Reality Search Versions* have been prepared in the hope that one day people can comfortably consider the ideas of these five ancient texts in industry workshops or conferences, especially those relating to value systems. Hopefully people will be able to read and consider and discuss the texts in which ideas are developed and presented. They will not be embarrassed to refer to the texts or consider that only the so-called 'experts' of the one particular industry can actually understand them.

If the ideas behind the texts can in theory be worked out by any person, then these can also be applied to every person or group of persons as well.

Why should these ancient texts be easier to understand now than they were in the past? An answer to this is the Cosmology of the "Big Bang".

The *Versions of Reality Search* demonstrate that these five texts make more sense against this 'new' cosmology than they have done in the arguably static cosmology of many centuries past. The texts are not

threatened by this new cosmology. On the contrary they can be readily re-explored because of it.



What is reality?

Scientists now claim there is enough evidence to support the "Big Bang" cosmology as the origin of the universe. What does this mean? At a point in time and in space or before time and space there was a 'big bang' from which light emerged. Over time the light protons have differentiated to form the range of elements, universes, solar systems etc. Using light spectrum analysis scientists can measure the distances between galaxies and the speed at which these travel. They can demonstrate that galaxies that travel at twice the speed are also twice the distance further away from a relative point in space. They can therefore conclude that all these galaxies are moving away from this particular point. They even calculate that the time of the Big Bang was about 13.7 billion years ago. At present in a culture where we use the word 'billion' in terms of daily currency we can obtain some sense of where we came from and when.

This reflection puts the world into a framework of time and place. Scientists cannot predict (as yet) where the galaxies are going or when they will get there. But a sense of origins is a big help in orientation. From the time of Copernicus and Galileo society has had the sense of the world as being 'adrift' as a microscopic dot amongst a vast array of other worlds. Now suddenly the world is understood as being in a definite framework of reality in which all matter is intimately inter-connected. Natural law works across the galaxies. The galaxies move in ordered patterns away from the one starting

point.

Time and place are the two frameworks in which material beings operate. Upon death they may move beyond this. However whether ghosts exist or not is not a question being explored here in these pages. What is being asserted is that if material beings want to survive, they need to be able to manage time and place.

Time and Place

In common language a phrase such as "time and place" actually sums up reflection about the framework of the "Big Bang" cosmology. Both of these words are connected but they still remain separate words. The one word does not over-ride the other. If life is to be comfortable both time and place need to be in some kind of harmony and balance.

Consider 'time' for a start. Time can seem to pass very slowly when one is in a limited space e.g. a prison cell. Prisoners can take great interest in the movements of cockroaches or ants because, caught in the here, these tiny creatures can give the prisoner a sense of time. The more confined their space is, the more difficult it can be for them to manage time comfortably. Prisoners have a huge amount of time but limited space or place. Apparently they spend much of their time sleeping.

On the other hand consider 'place'. If one is constantly changing location one's sense of time can be affected. One has the feeling of living in a constant 'now' because

one has lost the sense of the rhythm of time, e.g. the rhythms of day and night and even seasons. The stress of a loss of the sense of time is related to "jet lag".

If we consider the drama of for example, a Grand Final football match, the tension and thrill of the win all revolve around the coming together of time and place.

There are other common phrases such as "here and now" or "there and then" which echo the connection between "time and place".

Why place such a focus on these word plays? The reason is because time and place can be taken so much for granted there is a failure to realise that there can be an imbalance between the two. Such imbalance does not only occur in the cases of prisoners and people suffering from jet lag. Rather this kind of imbalance can underpin a person's whole lifestyle. Moreover such a person may not realise the imbalance is there or that it is having a negative impact both on their own life and the lives of other people around them. In fact an imbalance between "time and place" can affect the health and safety not only of individuals but a whole society.

How so? In terms of an imbalance between the two, if time on its own is stressed then naturally there is an omission of the sense of place. If there is a stress upon place then there is an omission of the sense of time. In terms of an over-stress on time, one's sense of place tends to be "here". People who make this kind of emphasis can tend to be narrow. In terms of an over-stress on place one's sense of time can tend to be "now".

People who make this kind of over-emphasis can tend to change around for the sake of it and lose their sense of life-direction.

If one group of people or social structure places a heavy emphasis on time and another group want to stress place the two groups can find themselves in opposition to each other. On the other hand, ironically enough if people stressing time want to ignore place altogether, then their world will cease to exist. Time can only exist within the framework of place . Similarly, a society which stresses place can only exist within the framework of time. So it may appear that both frameworks are in conflict and opposition to each other. But both of frameworks actually rely on the other for existence.

Prior to the acceptance of the "Big Bang" cosmology people thought of themselves as being afloat somewhere in an endless space. Now it is realised material being has come from somewhere and is going somewhere. Post Big Bang, time and place in the biggest of pictures can both be recorded. So people are being challenged to look at how time and place are connected into their own life and the social environments in which they live.

People find themselves on the same platform as that ancient biblical writer who described the beginning of the world, that is time and place, with the statement of "Let there be light." Now in the third millennium, scientists demonstrate that it was from light that everything else has evolved.

The effort to pinpoint a union between time and place

has a long-term history with humankind. It dates back to origins e.g. in England at Stonehenge. It includes pre-Christian Temples in South America and the pyramids in Egypt. It even includes Melbourne's more recent building of the Cenotaph at the end of Swanston St..

How so? In terms of the pyramids, archaeologists show how these structures were built so that their secret chambers could be aligned, through chutes, with the constellations of the stars. At a special moment in time the alignments between the chutes and the stars would come together. It was believed such an alignment would allow the king with all his subjects to pass through the chutes into the next world. On the other side of the world, in South America, mathematicians can show how the central structures of Temples of the Incas can capture the first rays of the sun at the time of the equinoxes. Here again time and place would be united. In Melbourne's cenotaph this building is constructed so that on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month a ray of sunlight passes through the roof and rests upon the grave of an unknown soldier. Here again, time and place are brought together. It is also a custom for people throughout the city to keep silence for the minute that this happens. This exercise is a reminder to all, of the sacrifice made by all soldiers dying in battle. There is also a parallel here between this practice and the final goal of building the pyramids. A united spiritual focus on soldiers killed suggests that a 'spiritual' passage is provided for them so that they too can pass beyond the time and place of this world into a spiritual life beyond

it.

Despite all the complexity of the modern world, it may not have moved that far from its ancient forbears at all. It still faces the same question about the difficulty and the need to bring 'time and place', 'here and there', 'now and then' into balance with each other. A C20th scientist, Einstein showed that the two of these were inter-connected. But people are likely to realise more and more that his discoveries were an understatement of the connection.

The ancient and present people of the far Eastern cultures have tried to stress harmony between the past, the present and the body and spirit. In these cultures the boundaries between these things appear more blurred than in the West. India for instance has a cyclical view of time which spans over many life-times. It also has a sense of matter which is the basis of place yet there is a sense that matter is being permeated by the spiritual force that brings the world into being. Such a world view enables people to ground themselves in a sense of harmony both within themselves and with others and with creation in general..

But what of the analytical West and the Near East? The approach that these people have taken historically, has been to tease out in more detailed form, what is connected to time and what is connected with place. How was this done? And also, why was it done and with what effect? The analysis provided in the versions of *Reality Search* attempts to provide some answers to

these questions.

Any attempt to analyse time is not easy - apart from the use of a clock and the calendar. Also attempts to analyse place or space as such, is not easy either - apart from the drawing up of maps whether they be road maps or maps of outer space.

On the other hand, if an analysis is done in terms of time and place within the natural world, then some sort of points can be used to start with.

Time and Law

Consider the factor of time. Within the past, present and future frames, an action which was done in the past has had some effect into the present and the future, however obscure. Specific actions have specific effects. This is part of the natural law. I jump out of a tree and moments later I hurt my ankle. This is a result of cause and effect. The natural law of cause and effect not only reaches right across nature but animals as well as people, are constantly learning about it. On a hot day I throw a bucket of water at a chook (or chicken) that is whingeing about the heat. After a couple of times the chook sees the water coming in mid air and moves away. Next time the water is thrown to where it is running. The time after that the chook is likely to run in a different direction etc. After that alternatives to cooling off the bird are considered.

The natural laws of cause and effect reach across nature

and occur within each family, whether of human or animal species. Evolution takes place over time and species survive or die out in accord with their ability to adapt to change. Babies of any species are taught about the natural laws of cause and effect. For example a blackbird warns its young when a cat is lurking along the fence. The baby bird hears the noise and looks for the cat. Animals understand possible dangers in ways that can surprise. An example comes to mind here. Just before some pups grew enough to come up from under the floor of an outdoor workshop their mother was pretending to chew on electric cording. This was an apparent warning to the occupier of the workshop to move the cording before the pups arrived.

It is natural to base a family's survival in any species upon knowledge of causes and effects that operate within natural law. In any species the young assume the parents have some knowledge of natural causes and effects. They also view the parent as representing the origins from which the laws of cause and effect are derived. The parent after all is a cause of the offspring's existence. In a larger group of people the head of it is seen to have formal authorisation from the Ultimate Originator of the natural law. This authorisation is passed on for example in the ceremony of a coronation.

Place and Order

Analysis of time can be extended to an analysis of natural law. It can be extended to the lines of authority within group law, as in a tribal system. But what about

the analysis of place?

Within the material form some gradation can be seen in terms of what material forms exercise what power over the organisation of place. For example a rock has a material form. But it is passive and does not appear to have a life of its own. Apparently, on a higher level, soil can apparently nurture life. But in itself, apart from the organic forms within it, it appears lifeless. On a 'higher' level still plants grow and reproduce. But they cannot individually move around. Insects can do this. Animals can also do this and apparently exercise more individual controls over space and body temperature. Humans could be viewed as superior to all else because of their ability to think about life itself and communicate through written speech.

On the other hand, as scientists discover more about the natural world the extent to which a lock-step type of gradient between species of being actually does exist shifts around.

Despite this, within matter, there does appear to be some sort of gradation between matter itself and intelligence or spirit. The most spiritual life forms could be considered to have the greatest control over place and the matter that can be arranged within space. An example used by sociologists comes to mind here. A battleship has a massive bulk. But the relatively small tiller controls which direction it heads in. There is also an apparent difference between order and chaos.

This brings one to a key word that describes place, that

is "order". For example one can walk into a kitchen and find crockery and cutlery etc in disarray, food left around and general chaos. Or, one can walk into the same kitchen and find everything neatly put away into an appropriate place. This latter situation could be called ordered. Order is determined by the rational use of space. Since a kitchen is not a natural environment it is reason rather than nature determines where things are placed. In terms of the question of survival e.g. of a baby living in the house, a situation of order is likely to be safer and more comfortable.

As with a kitchen, a society as a whole can be patterned upon order or a rationalised use of space. This means that people may not be related as in a family or tribe. They may be quite apart from a native habitat. But they can still be ordered to the common good.

While the words of "time and place" may not conjure up pictures of whole societies that based on these factors, the words of "law and order" do. Law can be logically connected with time. Order can be logically connected to place. Law in turn is determined by authority. Order is an expression of reason. Thus, just as time and place remain separate but connected words in common speech, so do the words of "law and order". Authority and reason are (or should be) also interconnected.

Society Outlines

It has been previously said that humans as material beings operate within the framework of time and place.

If there is an emphasis or over-emphasis on either one of these there is an imbalance. If anyone tries to live entirely in one or the other and totally rejects either then they will cease to exist. We cannot exist without place and vice versa. It was also recalled that the big bang theory of the beginning of the cosmos is now supported by increasing numbers of scientists. From a point somewhere, time and place began with an explosion of light. About fourteen billion years later the matter from this big bang is still speeding away from the point where the original explosion took place. There is a framework for Reality.

It was recalled that a rejection of one or other of the time or place factors for reality can be likely because these are similar yet opposite. A focus on time means less focus on place is required and it is thought of as "here"! A focus on place means a sense of time is reduced and this tends to become only "now" . Thus there arises an opposition between the two. Trying to put these two factors into the one over-all framework is difficult. One tends to contradict the other or is in opposition to it. Stress on time takes in all of time - past, present and future. Stress on place takes in everywhere. Can all this be accommodated in the one world view?

How do these reflections have bearing on everyday life? As mentioned before, material beings really only have time and place. They need to manage both for their survival.