

'Breaker Breaker' - The Search for Connection

By Dream Weaver of the Crane's Flight

When I was ten years old, I remember (strongly) requesting my Dad climb on the roof of our house to put up a big honkin' antenna, with lots of wire appendages spanning and sticking out, for the CB radio so I could say "breaker breaker, anybody out there?" to someone in a faraway place. I thought it was just amazing that I could make a connection to someone in the ether just by pushing a button on the side of mouthpiece. Today, we live in a world of high speed connections. It could be answering the cell phone from a caller across the world, to mobile video being posted on the web as fast as world events take place and unfold. The state of our world is based on the assumption that technology makes it quicker, better, faster, easier. After all, it used to take 10 days to get a letter across the U.S. by Pony Express, and now it's just seconds across the world by email. Having been involved in some way, shape or form with technology throughout my personal and professional life, I've always believed that somehow technology was improving the quality of life for something that must be lacking in our modern life. I thought innovation was always needed. Or is it?

It is really difficult, if not impossible, to exist in today's world without being plugged in. Somehow, technology has become a speedy doorway by allowing us to hurry up and create the connection we search for. The real question becomes is that doorway filled with the truth or an illusion of relatedness and intimacy to others that we seek? How much of the technologies that have become the fabric of our everyday life, have really caused a separation from other forms instead of connecting us to them? The 'other forms' refer to people, animals, plants, and minerals. As Earth's children, we are connected to all of them. The use of technologies gives us a whole new slew of excuses for having to actually be accountable for our actions. I'm not saying or suggesting that we ditch all of our technology outlets and habits, but what I am suggesting is that we look at it from the perspective that unless we are aware and acknowledge that it creates a separation, then it becomes part of the problem instead of part of the solution in our search for connection. The connection becomes an illusion. I have built a relationship with Nature throughout my life with outdoor hobbies. More recently I have been integrating the realization that everything is related. I am learning that movement carries qualities of truth.. The qualities of truth we carry in the Renewal Trails Bundle of Knowledge are respect, willingness, forgiveness, change, faith, clarity, love, and unity. When three or more qualities of truth are present,

there will be minimum of a three dimensional movement. Let's use a common technology scenario as an example: phone tag. How many times have you called someone when you knew they wouldn't answer their phone, and left a voice message so you would not have to actually *talk* with them? Instead, just giving the *illusion* that you *wanted* to talk to them. We've all done this at some point in our life, so let's just all admit that. This could go on for 2-3 phone calls back and forth. It looks like we're so busy, we're so involved, we're so connected. Yet instead, this illusion intentionally creates separation. The technology, the voice mail, gives us the well-accepted excuse for why we couldn't get hold of each other. Chances are, neither party ever actually followed through on the call, but eventually stopped trying to connect and moved on to some other distraction.

Looking at that scenario from the lens of truth is movement; there weren't enough qualities of truth present so the movement dies. It is both interesting and fascinating when applying this concept and teaching to all interactions we have in life whether with friends, family, work, colleagues, relationships, or the driver in the car in front of us. The scenarios' are endless. Yet at the same time, we continue to live with many situations that just don't encourage the true interaction and movement. It is easier to just leave a voice mail and move on.

My search for connection has led me to pioneer and explore a new field as an Econologist. When applying technology to solve a problem, it is important to define the purpose so you have something to measure against. An Econologist is defined as:

Econologist (Pronunciation: \i-kä \-nō\ \-lō\ -jist\) noun

An econologist is a person that studies, lives and renews the relatedness between the rhythms of Nature's intelligence and modern lifestyles.

As an Econologist, I'm able to combine my 25 plus years of technology expertise, a lifetime of being in Nature, and the Métis teachings being passed down to me that are based on one simple premise: everything is related. By forming a bridge between commerce, modern lifestyles, and nature there is a whole new connection to share that includes consulting with others and businesses on how to identify and apply the same qualities of truth to their circumstances. The discovery of true connection continues to be fascinating.

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