



A Desire Path to Leadership

Morphing the Future with Metaphors

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A desire path

“There's a concept in landscape architecture called a *desire line* or *path*. It refers to a path worn into the ground by foot traffic, in defiance of the planned curves of sidewalks and roadways.”

(Henry Grabar)



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There is no barrier to entry leadership

Camper

I sell tickets, for the journey
Alden

Leadership is about helping people realize their dreams.
Brajesh

Establish a framework within which to make choices.

Sandy

Value each day as a gift
Rachel

Human first, then leader
Andrew

Integrate diversity into everything that we do.
Betty

Don't just keep doing the same things because they are comfortable.

Charles

A real leader is able to see critic as a chance to get forward.
Hava

Perseverance in your dream and lack of fear.
Laurentiu

Keep learning continuously.
Rahul

 Awareness, gives perspective and shared understanding

June

 Awareness" and "care" are two of the keywords
Michela

 **Taking the road less taken.**

Zahara

 Leaders are called to do, to act, to take others by the hand.
Marlene

 We only trust those who walk the walk and talk the talk..
Wagner

 **Sometimes "good enough for now" is a necessary stepping stone to excellence**

Alan

 Sometimes leadership means rolling up our sleeves and jumping in.
Peggy

 **Get a grip on reality**
Sylvan

 Delivery of results builds trust
Mohammed

 **Leadership is what happens when you are away.**
Madhu

 Leadership is a life-long journey and never ends.
Siva

 Kar Bhala to Ho Bhala

If you do good, good will happen to you

Vish



*Create a world where
people wish to belong*

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“A good metaphor is not a puzzle or a way to convey hidden meaning, it’s a way to let you feel and know something differently. Metaphors give words a way to **go beyond** their meaning.

They are the handles on the door of what we can **know**, and of what we can **imagine**.

Each door leads to some new house, and some new world that only that one handle can open. What is amazing is this: by making the handle, **you can make a world.**”

(J. Hirshfield)

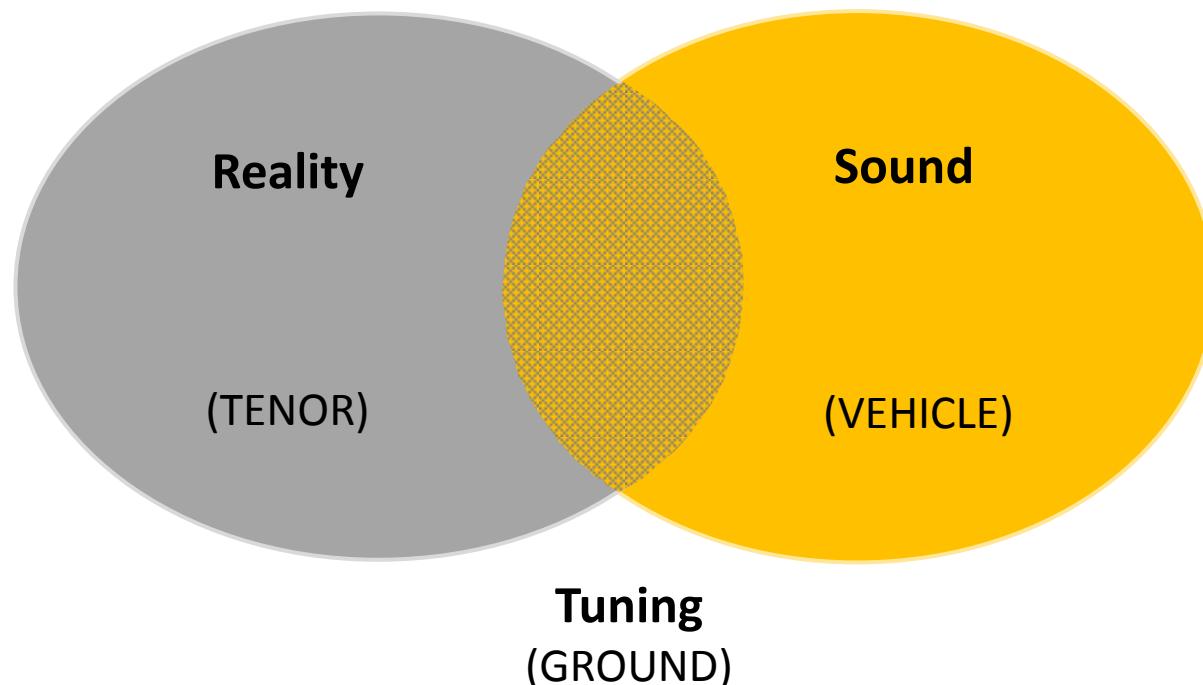


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How does it work

“Reality is a sound, you have to tune into it not just keep yelling.”

(A. Carson)



Metaphor vs. Simile



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“Book are mirrors of the soul.” (V. Woolf)

Books are **like** a mirror of the soul.

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“Metaphors we live by”

from *meta* "over, across" + *pherein* "to carry"

roller coaster of emotions

he is in love

we are on the same page

time is money

you solved the problem

waves

memory

cloud

feed

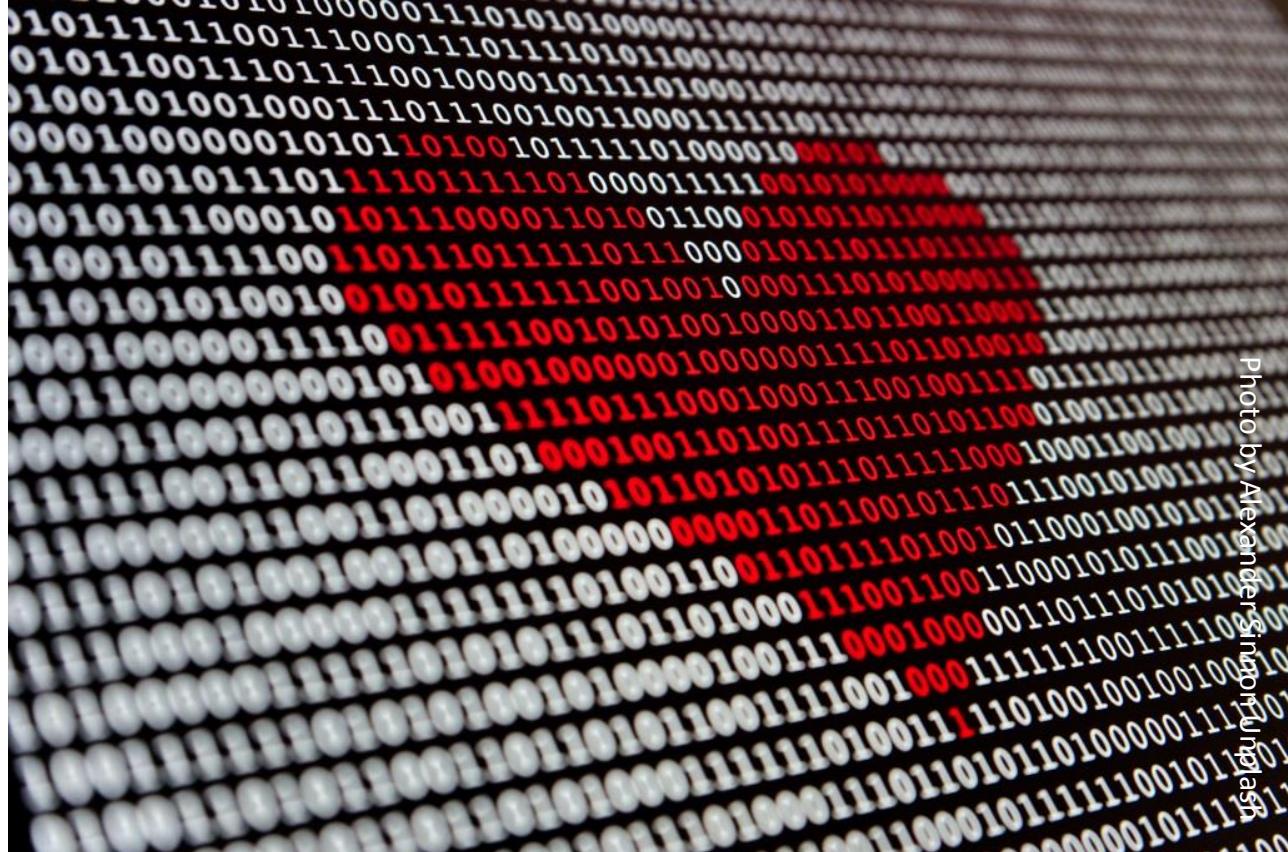


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Let's try

An issue (a small one)

If it were an object...

Choose a synonym

I must

I can

I want

I desire

I hope

I must not

I cannot

I don't want

I desire not

I hope not

“Metaphors are a vision prototype”

“There is no person without a world”.

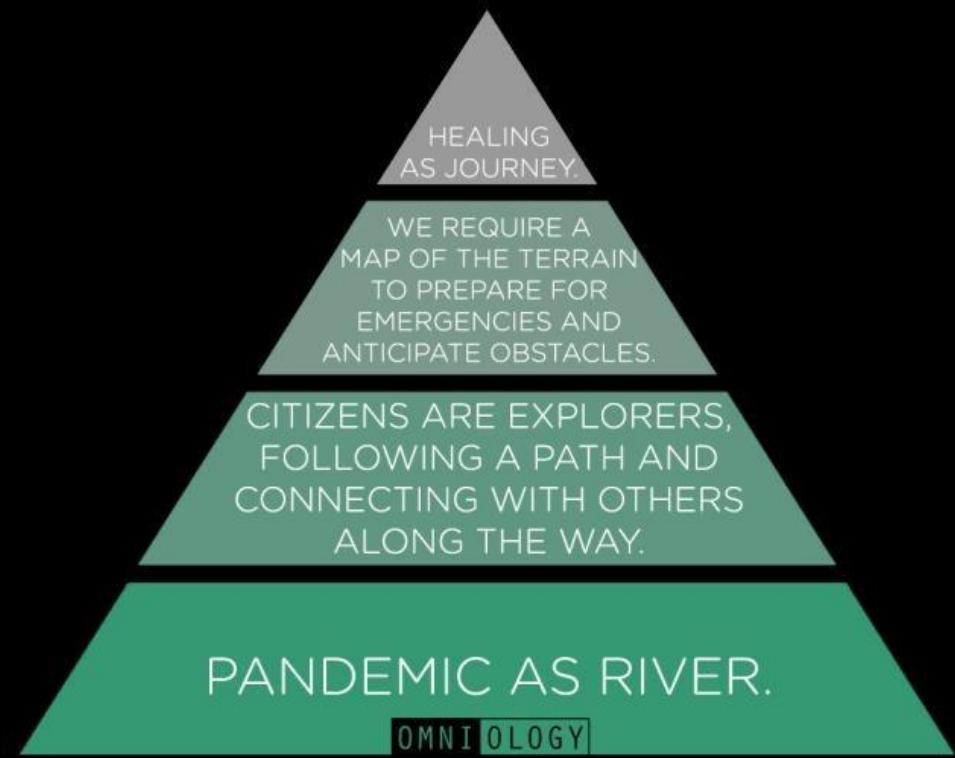
(A. Carson)

Create a world where people wish to belong.





Source: Marguerite Coetzee on LinkedIn





Let's try again

The future

Its shape

Its colour

What is it doing?

What dream it has?

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Warning

“Most of the people were unhappy for pretty much of the time.

Many suggestions were suggested for this problem, but most of these were largely concerned with the movement of small green pieces of paper, which was odd because on the whole it wasn't the small green pieces of paper that were unhappy.”

(D. Adams)



Back on our path...

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.”

(R. Frost)





thank you

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