

Guidelines for Collaboration:

Over time open networking has taught us that conciliatory dialogue is, among other things, aided by:

- o Remembering that nothing is impossible if we don't mind who gets the credit.
- o Understanding that servant-leadership is about enabling, not controlling.
- o Sustaining high tolerance for ambiguity, respecting contributions made at meetings and not interrupting those speaking
- o Welcoming newcomers at their point of entry
- o Holding strong convictions tentatively and keeping all boundaries permeable
- o Seeking to listen and learn rather than being right
- o Ensuring all comments are related to the task
- o Remembering that reality lies in the second glance, after dealing with prejudice in the first
- o Acknowledging that thinking is difficult and that people move at different speeds
- o Remembering that fragility is a mark of value: that which is not fragile may be pretentious
- o Throwing out dogma, while preserving any wisdom or poetry that inspired it
- o Checking one's own tribalism and egotism by remembering that we share our fragile planet with others
- o Being aware that dialogue's ultimate goal is resolution and reconciliation
- o Knowing that Democracy is the art of thinking independently together

Glimpses of a Good Life exploring rhythms that invite wholeness.

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It is not being conservative to honour and respect the traditions and wisdom of the past, **it is mature.**

It is not being liberal to question those traditions and that wisdom, **it is mature.**

It is not being fundamentalist to have deep commitments that you honour, **it is mature.**

It is not being progressive to be open and to listen to the beliefs and stories of others, **it is mature.**

It is not careless or shallow to know that an ethic of love and justice frees us from black and white thinking, **it is mature.**

It is not reactionary or small-minded to be wary of how much truth there is in each passing trend or passion, **it is mature.**

Some argue against the existence of the supernatural while others get defensive; both, I believe, miss the point.

Maturity gives attention to how each of us, in our unique ways, makes sense of and engages the Spirit that is at work in our experiences, our stories, our personal and collective memories, our art and in all the world around us.

Our polarized and polarizing culture has diminished our shared understanding and celebration of **maturity** and wisdom during a time when we desperately need this maturity to help us work together. I pray that we can all remember, and be more united in, what it means **to be mature.**

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MORAL IMAGINATION CAN BE ANCHORED TO ACTION.

- Imagination participates in creating a personal vision of what you truly want to do in life.

- And it also participates in the strategy for achieving that vision and making it into accomplished fact.
- Action without imagination falls flat. Imagination without action results in spinning your wheels in the same basic place.
- Imagination plus action is the dynamic embrace.
- It enables a person to step out on the bright road to his future.
- = It puts everything else in a new perspective.