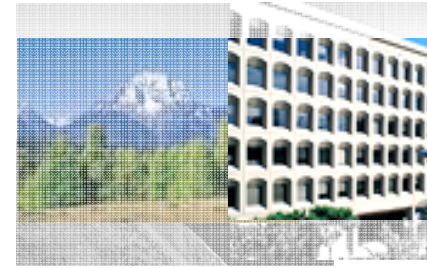




Spiritual Principles in Business Relationships

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Principle-based Alliance Management

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- **Neutralizing Religious Zealotry with Practical Principles**
- **Transformation via Nontraditional and Counterintuitive Practices**

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biography

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- ❑ **Electrical Engineer degree** – magna cum laude, quantum electronics
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 - ❑ **Software development, telecom industry – business development and sales**
 - ❑ **16 years as a strategic alliance manager**
 - **between most of HP's businesses and most high-tech companies**
 - **nearly every form of alliance**
 - **focus: long-term value-creation**
 - **founding member of the board of ASAP**
- ❑ **GP&S, Inc** – EVP of German-based alliance-oriented consultancy
- ❑ **SPiBR.org LLC** – consultant and coach to strategic alliance managers
- ❑ **Awards**
 - ❑ **Two unique Tenacity and Perseverance plaques** – from HP VP and HP GM
 - ❑ **Outstanding Accomplishment plaque from the CEOs of HP and Microsoft**
 - ❑ **Points of Light Foundation / Make A Difference Day awards**
 - ❑ **Book (sold to UN) and whitepaper selected as ASAP Best Practices**

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strategic alliancing: throughout IT ecosystem, most every form

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Consortia

FSF

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OSF

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X/Open

Software

Adobe

i2

MS

Oracle

SAP

Microsoft

Qwest

Hardware

DEC

Fujitsu

Hitachi

HP

IBM

SNI

Sun

CPU

- ❑ Software source code & patent cross-licensing
- ❑ Marketing-making and joint-marketing
- ❑ Solution development & co-selling

- ❑ Collaborative product & service development
- ❑ OEM relationships and R&D outsourcing
- ❑ Development of industry standards

Strategic Alliances

the most challenging form of business relationship

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□ Definition:

- **value-creating** – more than value-exchange, co-marketing or co-selling
- **long-term** – beyond most businesses' planning horizons – forever

■ Unnatural and impossible work

□ creating in a fear-dominated scarcity-oriented atmosphere

□ value-creation requires

- open trust-filled collaboration
- abundance-oriented climate

■ create value → divide it up → create again → **repeat ad nauseam ...**

□ Most alliances fail because businesses fail in *relationship*

- a nontraditional business competency, assumed to be easy/given
- in “relationship” businesses are often unconscious-incompetent
- a lack of presence – competitive multi-tasking, organizational ADHD

Strategic Alliance Managers ...

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... do the *Impossible* ...

- ❑ Gets competitive companies to collaborate
- ❑ Repeatedly traversing through unnatural and natural phases

... with *Nothing* ...

- ❑ With insufficient budget and resource

... in the *Eye of a Hurricane*

- ❑ Too much stuff happening all at once
- ❑ Overwhelming and overlapping complexity
- ❑ Dysfunctional drama and pervading fear

Spirituality

using “the water” in order to deepen relationship

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Comparison with Traditional Business Roles

subtle but significant differences in value, time and relationship

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Traditional Roles	Similarities to Alliance Managers	Differences compared to Alliance Managers	Value-Limiting Impact on an Alliance
Account Management (sales or procurement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value-exchange Near-term results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overlooks long-term and value-creation Becomes a more tactical relationship
Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oriented toward value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weak in collaborative relationships Near-term results Tangible value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weak in long-term value-creation Becomes a more tactical relationship
Program or Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can span the entire business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope limited to a program – often time-bound or organizationally-bound Limited experience in external relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of long-term perspective Missed value-creation opportunities Often weak in collaborative relationship Becomes a more tactical relationship

Comparing Alliance Management to CEO

self-limiting thinking

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Comparing the CEO and Alliance Management Roles		
Similarities	Differences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both span entire lifecycle – from R&D-to-Sales, plus Legal and Finance ▪ Both are oriented toward creating incremental value for the business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO has control over significant budget and resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alliance Manager has insufficient budget and resource
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO tends to be more focused on near-term tangible value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alliance Manager considers near- and long-term, tangible and intangible forms of value
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO has direct decision-making authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alliance Manager mostly influences decisions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO has more formal power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alliance Manager has informal power – subtle persuasion
Conclusions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By comparing ourselves to a CEO, we end up <i>limiting our own thinking</i>, we miss out on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ opportunity to tenaciously focus on <i>only</i> the <i>core</i> in self and <i>nontraditional</i> in business, □ necessitated-opportunity to focus on <i>attitude and mindset</i> to deepen <i>relationship</i>, and □ <i>expansion</i> of our <i>informal power</i> via the vast <i>nontraditional means</i> at our disposal. 		

Alliance Managers as Agents of Change

a progressive evolution toward being transformational

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	Assessment	Structured Control	Escalation
Due Diligence	Fact-based	Authority-based	
	Behaviors we embody: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arguments of rational persuasion ▪ Be an expert with all the necessary facts and knowledge ▪ Lead sufficiently detailed analysis in preparation for discussion and negotiation ▪ Instruct, inform, teach 	Behaviors we embody: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leverage behavior to force compliance ▪ Use authority, and if necessary fear, to legitimize directives ▪ Assure compliance via performance-based reward and punishment ▪ Information flow and context is controlled 	
	Transformational	Relationship-based	
	Our embodiment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transform self – embrace hypocrisy, spiritual boldness, lead by being ▪ Productive community, transcends external sanctions, disrupts systems (as needed) ▪ Collective awareness of and surrender to emergent reality - “something going on” 	Behaviors we embody: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open all-inclusive and clear dialogue fostered in a supportive environment ▪ Healthy nonjudgmental confrontation to resolve important and difficult issues ▪ Interpersonal cohesion – feeling “part of” ▪ Strong emphasis on win/win relationship 	
	Trailblaze	Transform & Renew	Negotiation
			Preservation

Ref: *Change the World: how ordinary people accomplish extraordinary results* by Robert E. Quinn

Who Do You Think You Are?

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Strategic Alliance Manager	
Is	Is not
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ About value-creation in all its forms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Just about the exchange of tangible value.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both long-term and near-term oriented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focused just on near-term results.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A negotiator – always leading open, high-trust, value-discovering discussions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primarily an account manager, business development manager or program manager.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Like a mini-CEO – using nontraditional competencies, informal power, virtual pervasiveness and self-obsolescence (ideas). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addicted to being a drama queen, complexity king, fear-monger or information-hoarder – there is <i>never</i> a rational reason for behaving like this; there is a better way of life.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An agent of change and growth – beginning with self, playing various agent types. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A creator – a loving, divinely inspired and inspiring, value-creating being. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Always a gatekeeper, dictator, executive liaison, escalation manager or schmoozing drone – <i>sometimes</i> we may need to play some of these roles, but not always.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The embodiment of value – always, with everyone, everywhere, giving and serving. 	

An empowering value-creator with a timeless perspective.

Sacred Negotiations

a thought exercise

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Imagine negotiating with your greatest spiritual teacher?

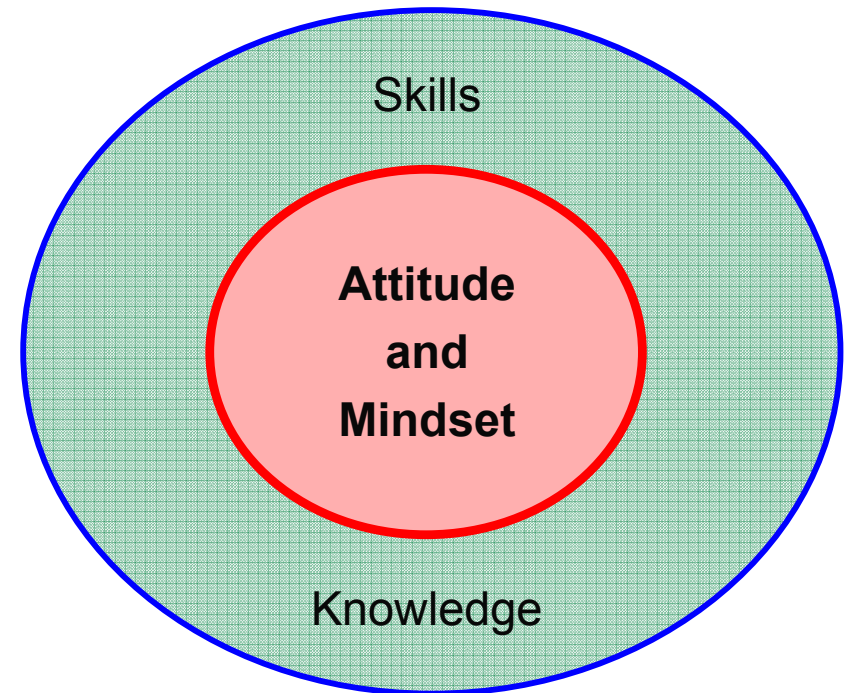
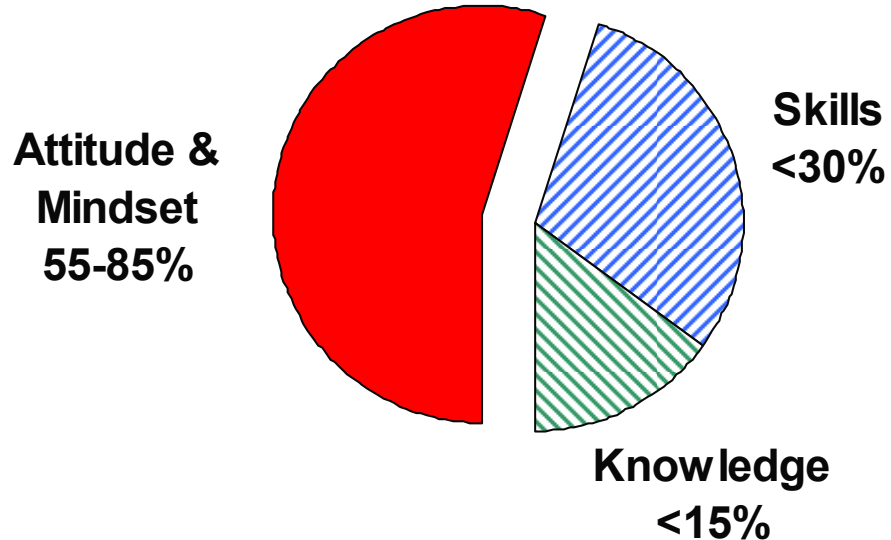
- How would you prepare?**
 - On what topics and issues would you focus before the meeting?
- In the meeting would you be multi-tasking or fully present?**
 - Would they be intently present, listening deeply to you?
- What would the conversation in the meeting be like?**
 - Would the discussions be intense and focused on core issues?
 - Would you ask “Whose side are you on?” if they ‘argue’ for you?
- What would the results look like?**
 - Would the outcome be balanced and fair?
 - Would the results be creative, and would they stand the test of time?
- How would you feel after the meeting?**
 - Would it be a good meeting or a great meeting? Why?

Focus ...

... on your most challenging and most rewarding cause

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Causes of Personal Success



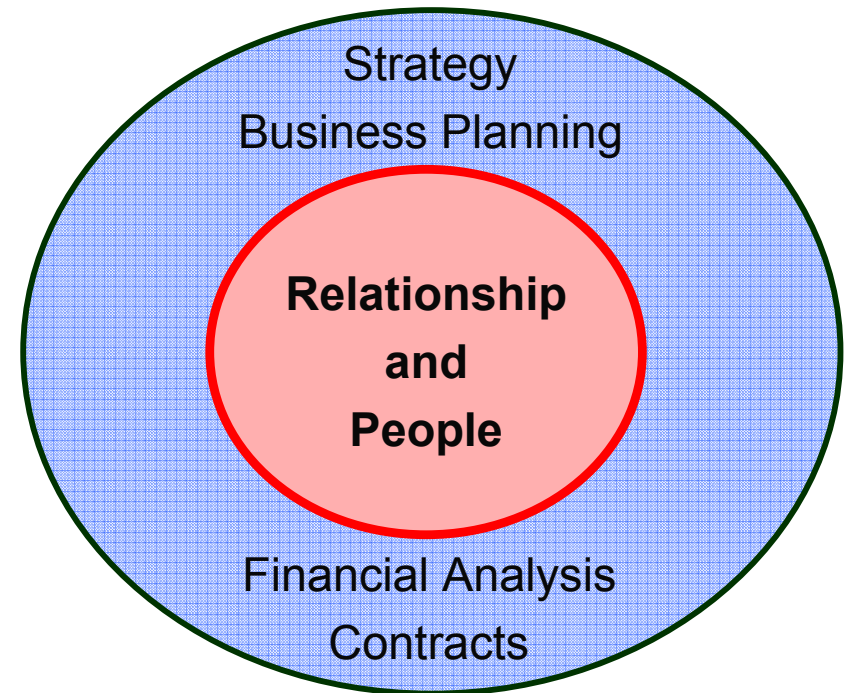
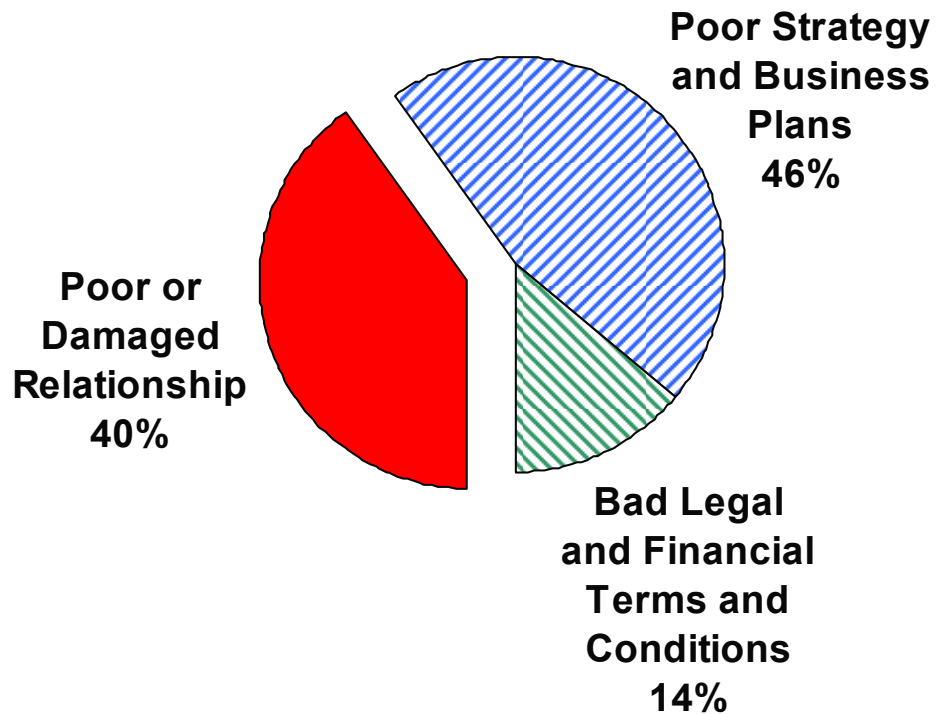
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Focus ...

... where others in the organization cannot / will not focus

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Causes of Alliance Failure

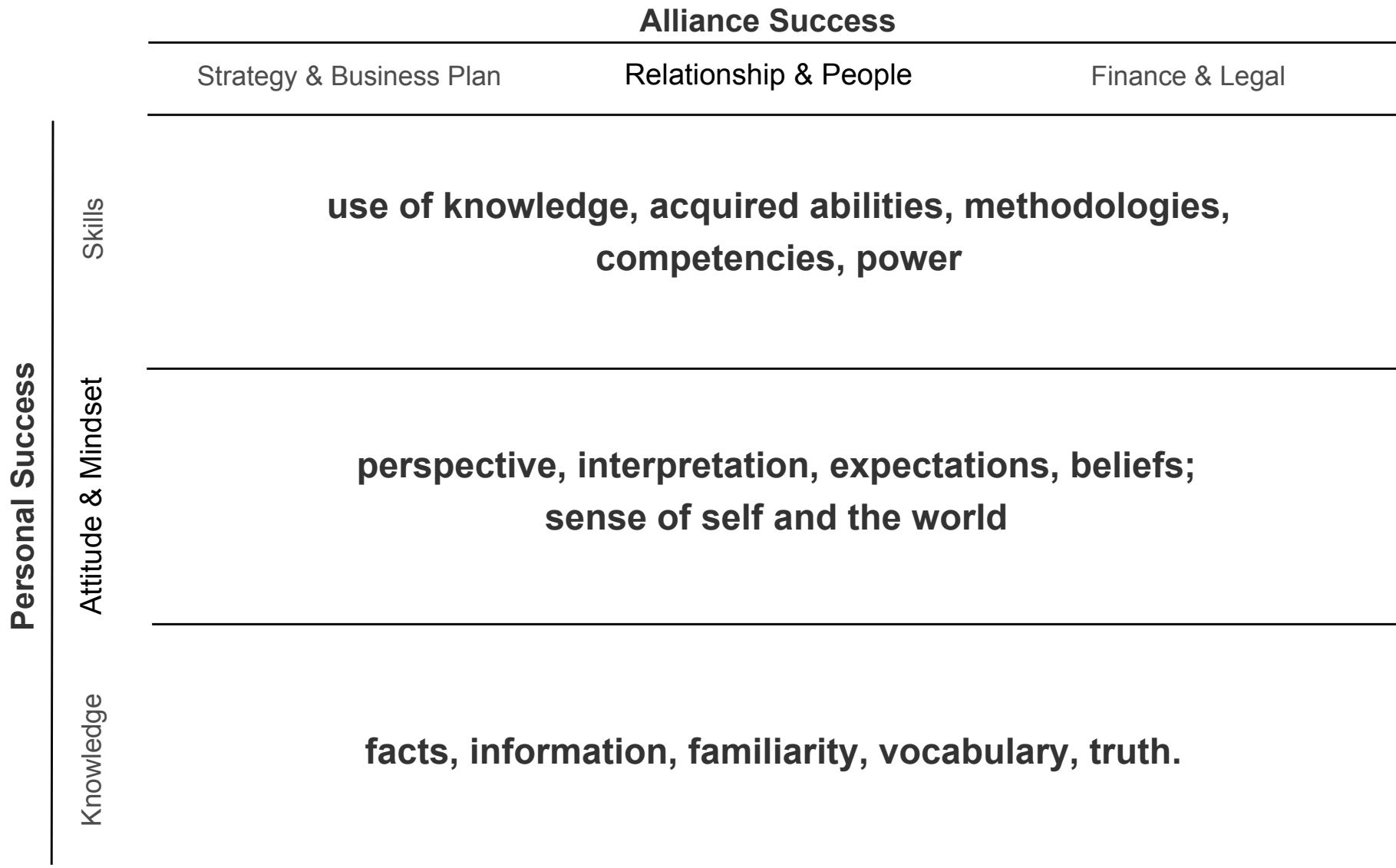


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Personal Development

the framework for alliance development

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Knowledge

facts, information, familiarity, vocabulary, truth

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Personal Success

Alliance Success

Strategy & Business Plan

Relationship & People

Finance & Legal

Skills

**use of knowledge, acquired abilities, methodologies,
competencies, power**

Attitude & Mindset

**perspective, interpretation, expectations, beliefs;
sense of self and the world**

Knowledge

- ❑ good business plans
- ❑ both sides' strategy, customers, ecosystem, technology ...trends ...
- ❑ linkages between alliance & corporation

- ❑ know & be true to self
- ❑ know both companies' organizational & cultural differences
- ❑ sources of power

- ❑ financial terms
- ❑ legal terms & issues
- ❑ regulatory issues
- ❑ use of formal vs. informal agreements

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- empathetic rapport
- helping others “get it”

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... on the core in self ... on the nontraditional in alliance

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Attitude & Mindset

- collaborate w/planners
- sees plans providing "vision" & meaning
- "part of" but with unique perspectives

- enthused by challenge
- perceive others as self
- a timeless presence
- creatively mindful
- focused on goodness

- respect for financial analysts & lawyers
- sees legal protection & financial "lifeblood"
- be patient & persistent

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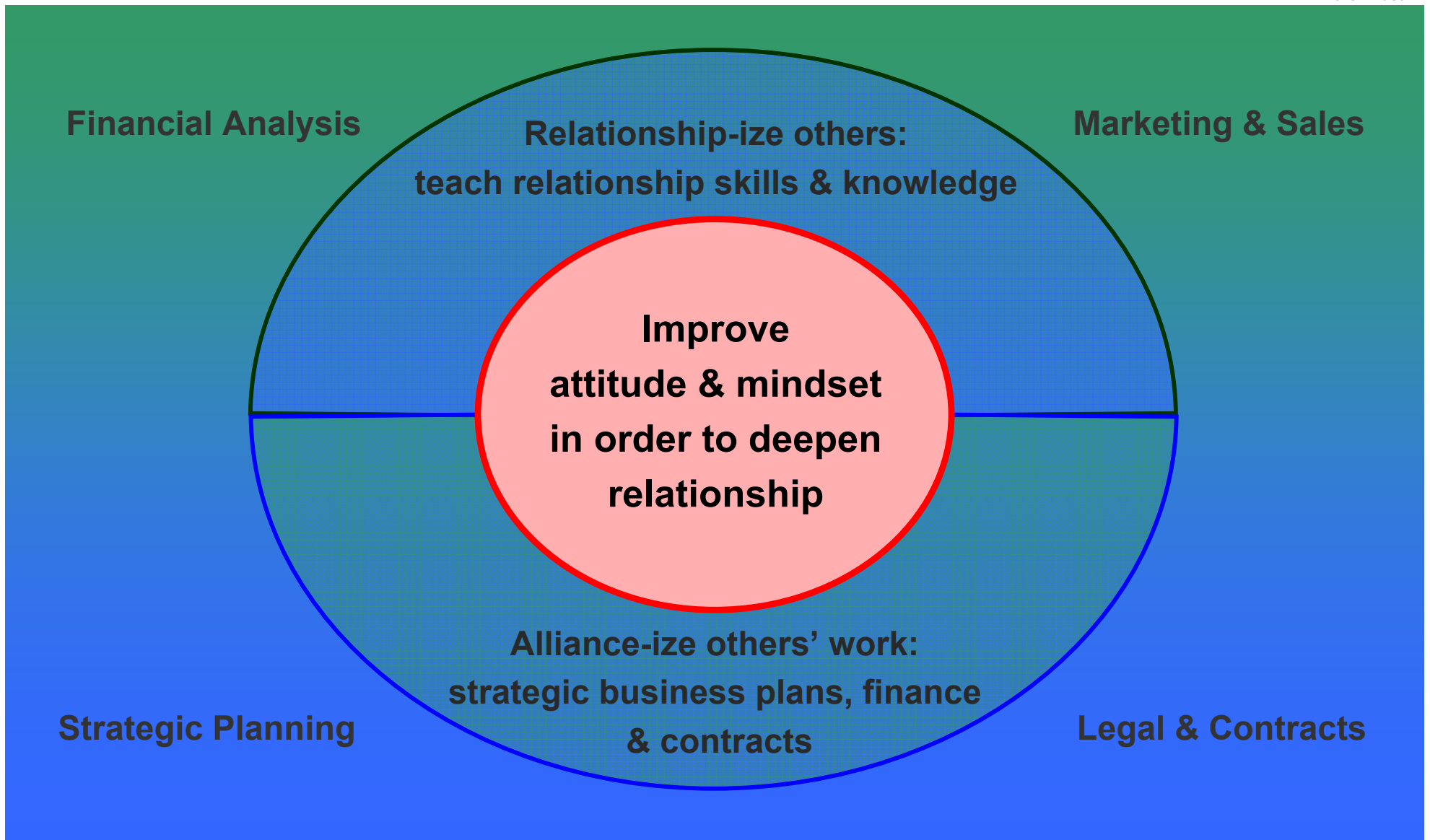
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- #1 – *improve attitude and mindset in order to deepen relationship;*
- #2 – *relationship-ize others and alliance-ize their work*

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Changing Attitude and Mindset In Order To Deepen Relationship

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The *practical use* of spirituality, religion and philosophy.

*“Your daily life is your temple and your religion.
Whenever you enter into it take with you your all.”*
- *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran

Assessing and Changing Attitude and Mindset

changing perspective toward self, others and the universe

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- ❑ **Good books**
- ❑ **Reflection and meditation**
- ❑ **With self-confidants – trusted others**
- ❑ **Personality inventories**
- ❑ **Self-assessments**
- ❑ **Formal performance feedback – look at core issues**
- ❑ **Informal feedback from others – seek, continually ask**
- ❑ ***Now Discover Your Strengths* by Buckingham & Clifton**
 - ❑ www.StrengthsFinder.com

“Embrace the hypocritical self. Be the change. Be the metaphor.”
– *Change the World* by Robert E. Quinn

Practical Spirituality Deepens Relationship

suggested principles and practices

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Principles – thoughts

- Oneness
- Now
- We Are Divine
- We Create
- Love

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Practices – authentic behaviors

- Presence and Awareness
- Being Confrontational
- Focusing Collective Attention on Value
 - the 2-Slide Methodology™
- Negotiating Beyond Mere Win/Win
- self-Obsolescence
- Be an Illuminating Mirror
- Transforming an Alliance into a Productive Community
- Be the Metaphor for Metamorphosis
- It's all about Relationship

Self-Obsolescence

embody value, then empower to be empowered

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- **Ideas are the currency in an alliance**
 - value is created when ideas freely flow
 - share everything, barring areas of protected IP
- **Shared ideas grow**
 - knowledge is power
 - when shared it grows – when hoarded it decays
 - when we empower others, they are naturally compelled to empower us
 - they give back additional ideas, insight and wisdom
 - based on trust-filled sharing our presence is extended and our power grows
- **Career development coaching – consciously ‘obsolete yourself’**
 - give away your greatest ideas, mindful of the audience’s receptivity
 - ask yourself, “What can I do or say so they no longer *need* me?”
 - Q: Wow! If they don’t *need* me, what will become of my role?
 - try it out ... over time do you gain wisdom, power and presence?

The Alliance's Creator

our impact on value-creation

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- **Omnipotence** – power and resources
 - **formal power** – finite
 - **informal power** – infinite
 - derived from the impact our *ideas* have on others
- **Omnipresence** – presence and influence
 - **physical presence** – finite; if we strive for this we stifle the flow of ideas
 - **virtual presence** – infinite
 - derived from the pervasion of our *ideas* throughout the alliance
- **Omniscience** – *ideas* and wisdom
 - **we are expected to be all-knowing** – the single-point of knowingness
 - what is the value of this alliance?
 - what are the issues and challenges?
 - how can we work better together?
 - **be all-sharing** – self-obsolence, pervasively embody empowerment



Redefining the Strategic Alliance Manager

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The Strategic Alliance Manager is an Alchemist

She/He *transforms* what has been *separate* into *a new whole*:

- ❑ **Organizational and Cultural/Climactic Differences** – the chasm, the biggest and most ignored value-creating impediment
- ❑ **Strategies and Technologies** – chasms hiding opportunity
- ❑ **Forms of Value** – focus on joint intangible and longer-term forms
An alliance based only on money will never intentionally create any value
- ❑ **Marketplaces and Customers** – collaborative harvesting
- ❑ **Processes** – integrating processes is necessary but insufficient

The Alchemist's Toolbox

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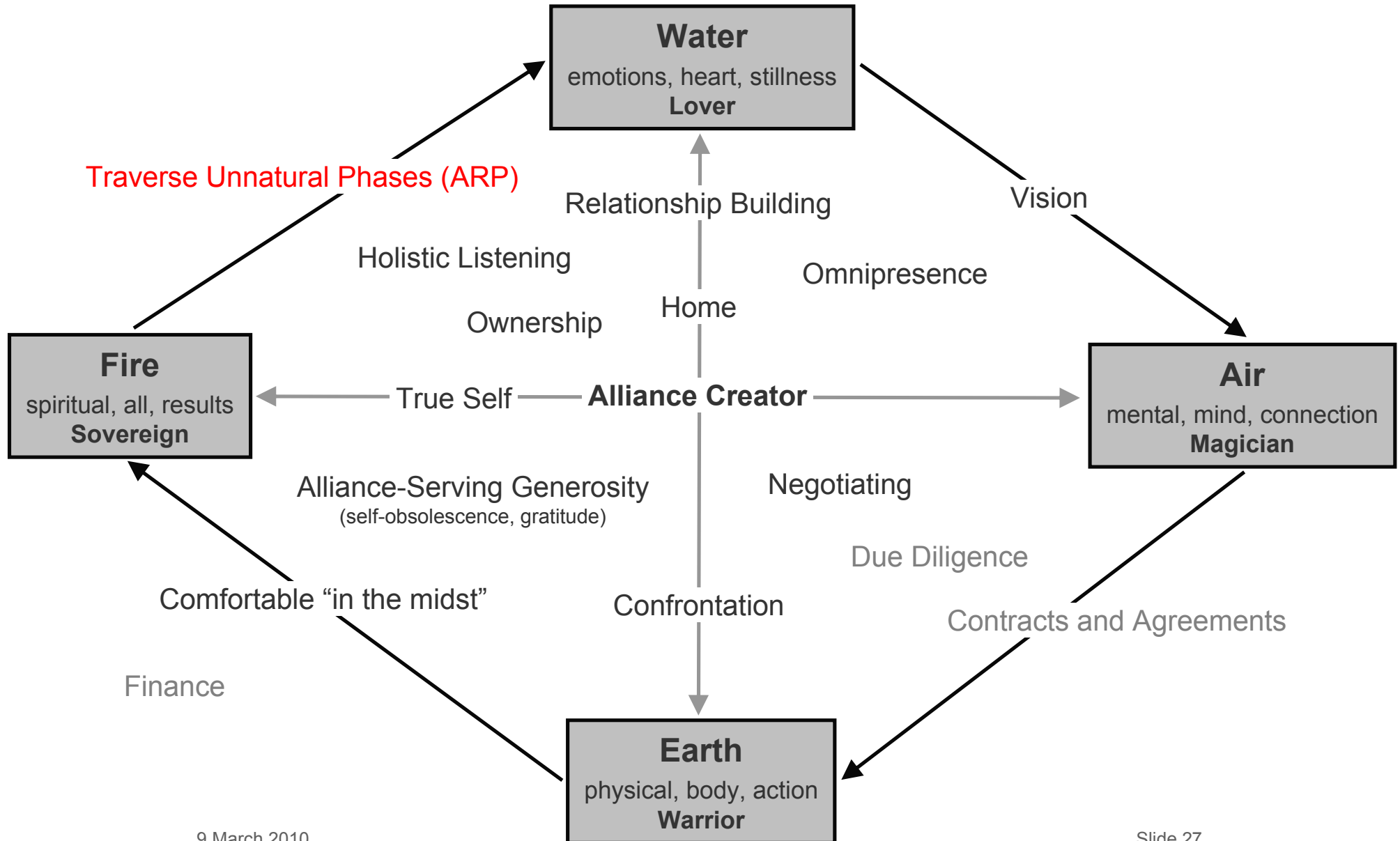
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- ❑ **True Self** – inner truth and purpose in life; presence and awareness
- ❑ **Virtual Omnipresence** – bumblebee, going anywhere to create value
- ❑ **Bold Confrontation** – seeks opportunities to jointly-face the most vexing challenges, knowing they hide insights and opportunities
- ❑ **Ownership** – adaptive and flexible, does whatever it takes
- ❑ **Pragmatic Vision** – clear and powerful purpose, inspirational
- ❑ **Relationship Building** – holistic and deep listening, connections
- ❑ **self-Obsolescence** – freely gives knowledge and ideas, attracts knowledge and ideas, increases presence and power, true Self
- ❑ **Home Building** – a place of growth, a place of high-trust and safety
- ❑ **Comfortable “In the Midst”** – between companies, people and ideas
- ❑ **A Creator** – sharing and applying creative processes and forces; using and being used by the creative field in an alliance

The Four Creative Forces of Alliancing Alchemy

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Unhealthy and Value-Limiting Behaviors

the role of alliance manager is not about ...

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Unhealthy Behaviors

- ❑ **Drama Queen** – distracted by problems, emotionally draining
- ❑ **Complexity King** – obscures self and promotes job via complexity
- ❑ **Fear-monger** – counteracts collaboration, sours the climate
- ❑ **Information-hoarder** – stifles flow of ideas and value-creation

Value-stifling Behaviors

- ❑ **Gatekeeper** – restricts idea flow and reduces value-creation
- ❑ **Dictator** – demoralizes people, the source of ideas
- ❑ **Executive Liaison** – assumes only top-down; ignores “worker bees”
- ❑ **Escalation Manager** – problem-oriented vs. solution-/value-oriented
- ❑ **Schmoozing Drone** – waiting for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
- ❑ **Organizational Concierge** – reactive not proactive focus on value

How helpful are any of these behaviors in value-creation work?

Alliancing Knowledge

facts, information, familiarity, vocabulary – **<15% of success**

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- ❑ Financial terms
- ❑ Legal contractual terms
- ❑ Strategic analysis and plans
- ❑ Customers and markets
- ❑ Products
- ❑ Global trends
- ❑ Alliance maturity lifecycle
- ❑ Metrics and measures
- ❑ Key legal terms and conditions
- ❑ Use of teaming agreements
- ❑ Organizational structures
- ❑ Alliance governance
- ❑ Competitors
- ❑ Technical services and support
- ❑ Corporate strategy
- ❑ Alliance role-mapping
- ❑ Regulatory and anti-trust issues
- ❑ Business plans
- ❑ Decision-making processes
- ❑ Business ecosystems and value networks
- ❑ Technologies and trends
- ❑ Corporate cultures
- ❑ Business systems

Alliancing Skills

use of knowledge, abilities, methodologies – <30% of success

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- ❑ **Negotiating skills**
- ❑ **Financial analysis skills**
- ❑ **Relationship skills**
- ❑ **Tactful due diligence of partner**
- ❑ **Time management skills**
- ❑ **Healthy confrontation**
- ❑ **Strategic planning skills**
- ❑ **Sales and marketing skills**
- ❑ **Metrics development and tracking – esp. long-term and intangible forms of value**
- ❑ **Use of informal teaming agreements – living documents**
- ❑ **Linking alliance strategy to/from corporate strategy**
- ❑ **Use of alliance and business management systems**
- ❑ **Communications – all types**
- ❑ **Conflict resolution processes**
- ❑ **IP management and protection**
- ❑ **Use of formal legal contracts – esp. when *not* to use them**
- ❑ **Holistic listening skills – full presence and awareness**
- ❑ **Ability to teach and enable**
- ❑ **Buy-in and alignment skills**
- ❑ **Program management**
- ❑ **Business planning**
- ❑ **Counterintuitive alliancing skills**

Alliancing Attitude and Mindset

perspective, belief, sense of self/world – <55-85% of success

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- ❑ Mindful, present and aware
- ❑ Chooses to always see good
- ❑ Open and collaborative with all
- ❑ Respects those in traditional work: legal, finance & planning
- ❑ Perceives legal as protectors
- ❑ Perceives finance as providing the business's lifeblood
- ❑ Perceives strategic business plans as vision and purpose
- ❑ Perceives the alliance as one team, all on the same side
- ❑ Sees alliance as “part of”
- ❑ Visionary – future-looking, sees big long-term picture
- ❑ Optimistic and positive outlook
- ❑ Trusting and trustful
- ❑ Sees and shares perspectives
- ❑ Perceives others respectfully
- ❑ Creative – seeing and sharing fresh, bold new ideas
- ❑ Assertive-niceness – both “good cop *and* bad cop”
- ❑ Enthused by challenge; persistent and tenacious
- ❑ A timelessness of perspective – sees interconnectedness of events; patient and persistent
- ❑ An empathetic hard-driver

Two Thought-systems

in each instant of time

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Two Thoughts-systems

- ❑ **Subtly similar – simply different**
 - ❑ **Ego-based – grounded in fear and a sense of separation**
 - leading to *projection* and *making* things happen
 - ❑ **Spirit-based – grounded in love and a sense of connectedness**
 - leading to *extension* and *creating* things
- ❑ **In each instant of time, we choose one or the other, no between**
- ❑ **Thoughts chosen directly affect relations' depth and openness**
 - ❑ **With others**
 - ❑ **With higher power, God, universe, nature, infinite, One Mind**
 - ❑ **With self – just who do we think we are?**

Oneness

no separation, no duality of thoughts & ideas

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Love – Spirit	Fear – Ego
<p>Treating others as self – one.</p> <p>We are on the same team. Life is a “we thing.”</p> <p>You can hear the ‘voice’ of an organization by openly listening to all.</p> <p>Living a life of wholeness & integrity. Embracing hypocrisies – open honesty.</p> <p>Seeing interconnectedness in events.</p> <p>Focused on our commonalities; realizing that judging is impossible & damages all.</p>	<p>Treating others as others – separate.</p> <p>A team is disparate individuals. Life is a “me vs. you thing.”</p> <p>Understanding senior management’s views is enough.</p> <p>Living a compartmentalized life. Hiding lacks of integrity – keeping secrets.</p> <p>Biased toward analyzing into minute detail.</p> <p>Focused on our differences; logically leading to the need to judge.</p>
<p>Thought-provoking questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ How do universally-accepted truths such as the Golden Rule or Karma actually work?❑ How is it that the teacher often learns more than the student?❑ How can it be that when we give our greatest possessions they come back, with gain?❑ What is the connection between how I view self and others? Are there secrets?	

Now

be fully present in each instant in time, the eternal now

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<p>Being fully present – here & now.</p> <p>Meditative work – ‘in the zone.’</p> <p>Either honestly present or gone.</p> <p>Fully accepts the “is-ness” of a situation, only then takes the ‘next right step.’</p> <p>Timeless perspective – extracts time out of past events – drives toward end-state vision. Patient & persistent.</p> <p>Comfortable being alone – in a quiet room – with just your thoughts.</p>	<p>Distracted by past or future – not present.</p> <p>“Once XYZ happens, <i>then</i> I will be OK.”</p> <p>Multi-tasking (living a ‘lie’) – e-mail in mtgs.</p> <p>Cannot accept a ‘bad’ situation – “this is wrong, I must immediately change it.”</p> <p>Timed perspective – sees present moment only through the lens of the past or future. Impatient.</p> <p>Always needing some thing or some one – music, ‘white noise’ or someone else.</p>
<p>Thought-provoking questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Why are we most productive, effective and creative in-the-moment?❑ Why is it best to be emotionally detached from past problems and future fears?❑ Why is it that only in-the-moment we can really change and truly grow?	

Our Divine Nature

see the greatness in our core, in all of us, in everything

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<p>Others are good – trying to do right.</p> <p>At my core I am good. There is nothing to fear within.</p> <p>Ultimately we are all indestructible spirits.</p> <p>We are more powerful than we imagine.</p> <p>‘No deal’ may be a ‘good deal.’</p> <p>Growth comes from focusing on the good & strengths. Growth is inevitable.</p>	<p>Others can’t be trusted – trying to ‘get me.’</p> <p>I cannot go within – it’s dark & bad in there. If people knew me they would run & hide.</p> <p>Survival is precarious – I am always at risk.</p> <p>I’m a ‘screw up’ & I can’t count on you.</p> <p>Every deal is ‘must win’ – for my survival.</p> <p>Growth comes from focusing on problems & weaknesses. I must make growth occur.</p>
<p>Thought-provoking questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Why do relationships authentically vary based on how we choose to view others?❑ Why is our most authentic, value-producing behavior derived from an assumption that even ‘problems’ can bring great blessings into our lives?❑ What is more effective – weakness-based or strength-based personal development?	

We Create

based on the thoughts we choose, our focused attention

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<p>We create ‘perfectly’ based on the <i>thoughts</i> & perspectives we choose to hold.</p> <p>Our attention is our ‘light’ – where & how we choose to focus it causes growth.</p> <p>Choose to see only the good – in others, in events.</p> <p>Thinking about and pointing out the goodness in everyone & everything is best.</p>	<p>What I think doesn’t matter; it’s what I <i>do</i> that counts.</p> <p>Life is what happens to me – ‘the human condition.’ Life is chaotic – deal with it.</p> <p>Finding fault, to help others improve.</p> <p>Someone needs to point out ‘areas for improvement’, that is my role in life.</p>
<p>Thought-provoking questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Have you ever noticed that what you look for (what you expect) happens?❑ Why does the perspective we choose when looking at others directly affect them?❑ How often are we truly aware of our thoughts? Are we awake?❑ If our thoughts frequently occur without our real awareness, is it any wonder our lives often seem out-of-control and chaotic?	

Love

universal force countering entropy: joy, inspiration, growth, ...

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<p>Realizing <i>it</i> is within us, amongst us, between us and <i>it is</i> us.</p> <p>Inspiration, enthusiasm, creativity, purpose, joy, abundance, beauty, ...</p> <p>Acceptance.</p> <p>Connectedness.</p>	<p>The absence of love. Fear of: failure, success, greatness, abundance, others, ...</p> <p>Fear's derived feelings: worry, anger, sadness, depression, hatred.</p> <p>Judgment.</p> <p>Separation.</p>
<p>Thought-provoking questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Are you awake? Do you see what's happening around, within and amongst us?❑ What is your fundamental perspective on self, life, others, the world?❑ How are 'things' (people, situations, ideas, etc.) actually interconnected?❑ Could it be that loving thoughts are what connect us?❑ Are loveless, fearful thoughts <i>projected</i> onto others & events, not extended?	