

Radical *Imagination*



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What will we allow to
shape tomorrow?

Every time we try to imagine a world without prisons, a world without oppression, a world without war, without borders, that is science fiction, because we've never seen that world. **But we need imaginative spaces because we can't build what we can't imagine.** Without the ability to imagine something different, we are trapped within the parameters that the system has set for us.

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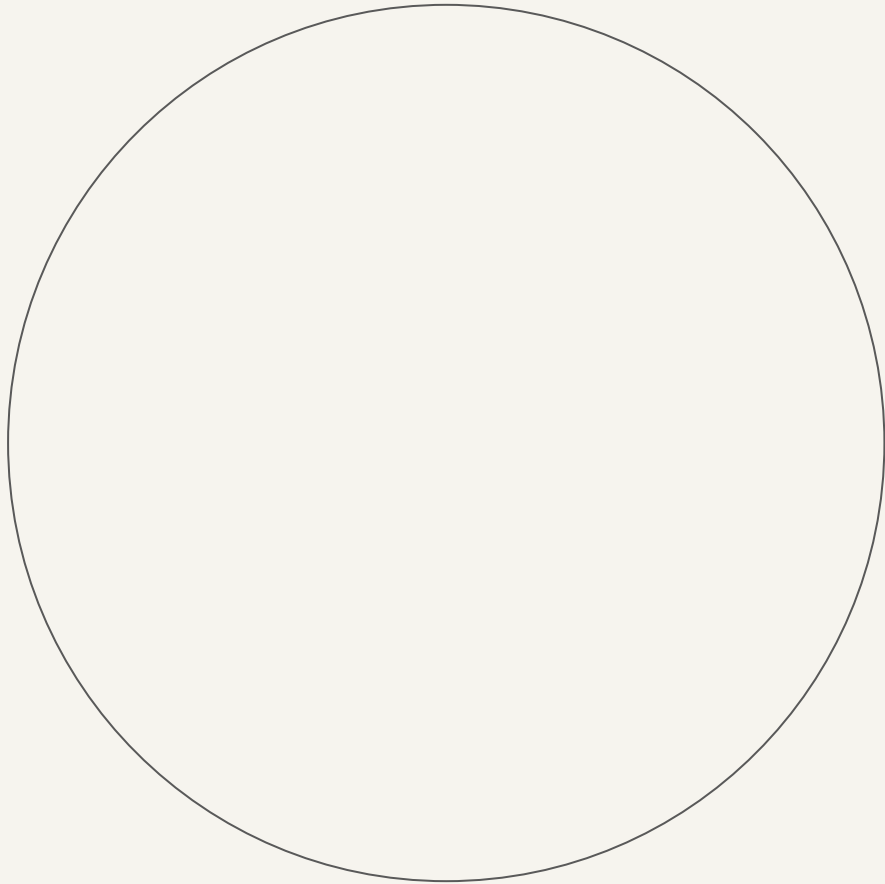
Imagination is a **discipline**
and a *practice*.

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when we change our thinking
we change our **beliefs**
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we change our *behavior*



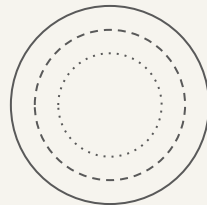
RESPONSIVE



REACTIVE



But belief isn't enough.



What is our practice of suspending
disbelief to allow the magic to arise?



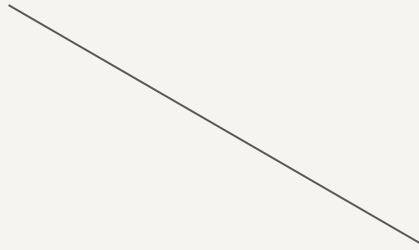


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care for



both create the container for change

Cultivate imagination as a
practice at your organization.

Apply liberatory thinking.

Have we invited multiple perspectives and created an environment that encourages everyone to share ideas without fear of judgment?

Are we making our brainstorming process accessible to everyone?

Did we choose methods that allow all people to contribute according to their strengths: visually, verbally, physically?

Are we giving ourselves permission to consider ideas that may not feel possible in order to move past status quo solutions?

Practice **both/and**.

Create a shared manifesto.

I shall be a bestselling writer.

After I mago, each of my books
will be on the bestseller lists of
LAT, NYT, PW, WP, ~~etc.~~, etc.

My novels will go onto the above lists
whether publishers push them hard or not,
whether I'm paid a high advance or not,
whether I ever win another award or not.

This is my life. I write bestselling
novels. My novels go onto the bestseller lists
on or shortly after publication. My novels
each travel up to the top of the bestseller
lists and they reach the top and they stay
on top for months (at least two). Each of my
novels does this. So be it! I will find the way
to do this.
See to it! So be it! See to it!

My books will be read by millions of people.

I will buy a beautiful home in an excellent neighborhood.

I will send poor black youngsters to Clarion or other writers' workshops.

I will help poor black youngsters broaden their horizons.

I will help poor black youngsters go to college.

I will get the best of health care for my mother and myself.

I will hire a car whenever I want or need to.

I will travel whenever and wherever in the world that I choose.

My books will be read by millions of people!

So be it! See to it!

Start from abundance.

What is already abundant in our work?

What have been the major points of progress so far?

What more can we call in? What more is out there waiting for us?