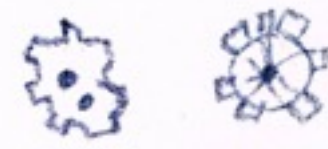
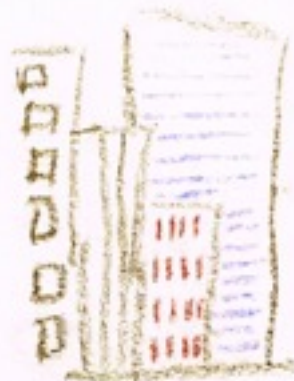


# Technologies of



# Peace



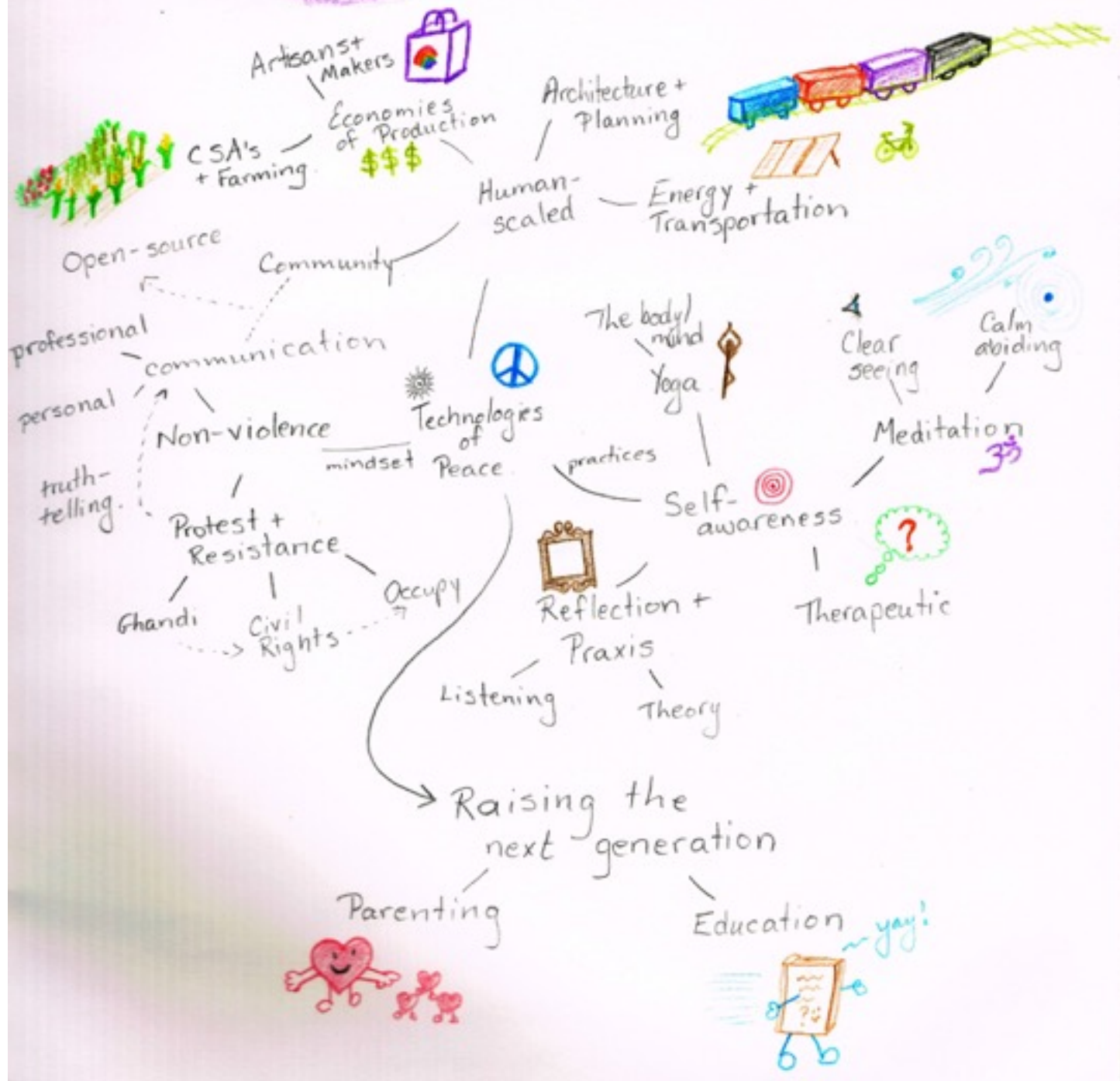
# Book at-a-Glance!

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Book at-a-glance  
(non-exhaustive)

Book at-a-glance...



We are living entities in a physical world and it is finite.

Definition I will be using  
Technologies are

-means of influencing the arrangement of the atoms of the physical world

Look here!

The physical world includes the minds in which the stories are stored.

This is the most important thing in the book.

Your mind (body) carries the threads of history from which the present is woven.

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The story itself (the nation, the mind, the people, the religion, the Corporation, the System, the Structure) is not a technology.

Technology lies in the means of Influence.

Not the structure as it is, but how to either navigate or shift it.  
(From where you are.) (Difference between finding food and growing it, for example)  
(Local, partial)

# Mind

∴ Therefore:  
Means of influencing the mind (including your own) are part of (perhaps the most important part of) the realm of technology.

Social structures emerge from "negotiations" among competing minds.

is (a)

most of these answers are given to you... they are the implicit order in the threads you carry.

Here is a world. How are we going to move through it?

- How am I going to?
- Who can I convince to "help" me?
- How? - Who must I help? - Why?

# PHYSICAL

Entity (Entity, form, Phenomenon, Pattern, Structure, State, Thing.)



They (the threads of your history) tell you where you are in The Story. They provide a map.

The map is incomplete.



The further away, the vaguer our understanding.



here there be fish.

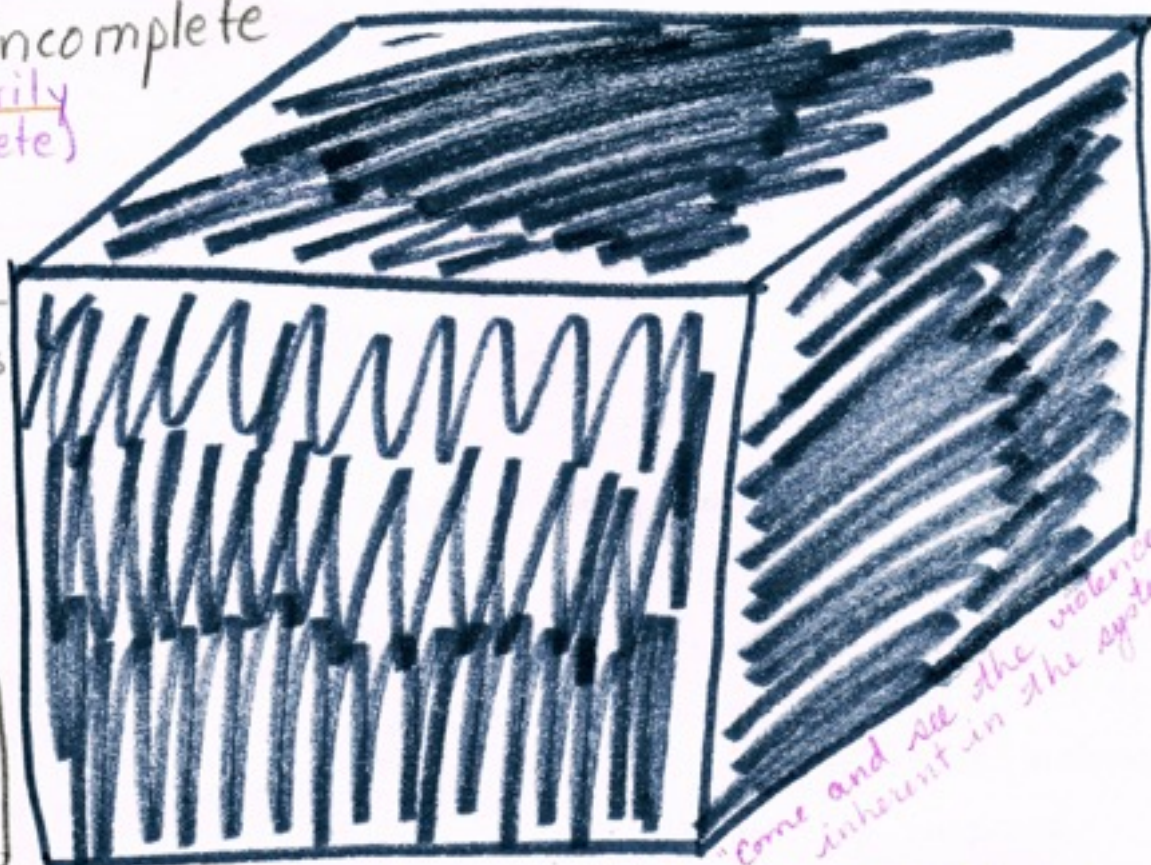
$x \propto \alpha \propto \alpha \propto \alpha$

(My cosmic map is much larger, but won't get me fed.)

These incomplete  
(necessarily  
incomplete)

maps  
obscure  
the inner  
workings  
of the  
"System"  
and  
create a  
kind of

Black-  
Box  
Morality.



Black-Box Morality is a collective **Plausible Deniability**.

We agree to restrict our knowledge to our local spaces to absolve ourselves of the violence done <sup>on</sup> our behalf.

And when we don't agree to restrict our knowledge, people who are committed to maintaining this **Plausible Deniability** will restrict it for us. (It's for your own good.) (The American way of Life is not up for negotiation.)

Two kinds of transparency

① Software... transparent = invisible. You don't notice you are interacting with it. This is not the definition I'm using.

② Direct democracy (or participatory)

The Black Box's walls are rendered transparent.  
The inner workings are on display.

The real flows of energy, power, resources become apparent.

Peaceful  
First Key: (Physical) technologies are human-scaled.

-We can look them in the eye. Metaphorically.

An Aside

(or perhaps the main point)

Defining "Violence".

(And a physicist's use of the word "Force".)

↑ This is where I discovered that my fixative prevents smudging, but causes bleeding.

When, in common parlance, a person is "forced" to do something, it is against their will, and may include (threat of) physical harm. This is one aspect of violence, but it is not comprehensive enough for my purposes.

So I want to restrict my use of the word "Force" (or perhaps open it up).

To include

The adjustment of a lever.

The nudge,  
The pressure gently applied,

That which, if not resisted, induces movement (technically acceleration but we need not be technical in this moment) ⓘ

$$F = ma.$$

It's OK. That's all the math. So far.



So that I can say "We need to understand where to apply Force" without you hearing me advocating violence.

Think of the skill and subtlety of the potter with the wheel. Or rather the clay, which must be handled with enough, but ~~to~~ not too much force.



# Violence

Is a level of force that damages  
the integrity of that which is  
acted upon.

A mountain, a tree, a human being all have integrity in the sense of wholeness. There is a selfness to each of those, an entelechy, perhaps, but certainly a current state that reflects the path through the universe traversed by these atoms.

Let us imagine that there is also a path into the future which would continue that mountain-ness. Even a mountain has a lifespan, so in this sense, it is not merely affecting the mountain-ness. It is acts which cause a discontinuity in either the wholeness or the mountain-ness.

Honesty

Integrity

Truth becomes an honest external representation of the internal (felt) experience.

Wholeness



This holds us  
to a higher  
standard of

Truth.

For to honour our own integrity... to not do violence to ourselves, we are called to resist our

→ temptations to Conform. (this is generally approved of.)  
(By those who agree with...)  
(To support some pattern in the great swirl out of fear, social seeking, any reason other than because we genuinely believe in it.)

**Enforced conformity undermines the consciousness project of the universe.**

The Universe seeks wholeness.

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universality  
universe.  
(a particular part of)  
Here.  
Now.  
THE UNIVERSE. ©  
? the universe?  
...all. And only a small part.

Misrepresenting your part of the story does violence to the whole.