

Futures Methods from Around the World



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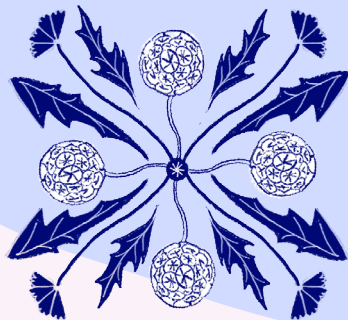
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Mexican society lives in an evolving duality.

Native communities in Xochimilco (native land south from Mexico City) root their beliefs in the relationship between humans, animals, plants, water — a deep connection with the natural world, where plants are teachers and indicator of changes in the territory.

“Be resilient like the dandelion — a reminder that even on a planet being damaged, life will always find a way to thrive.”

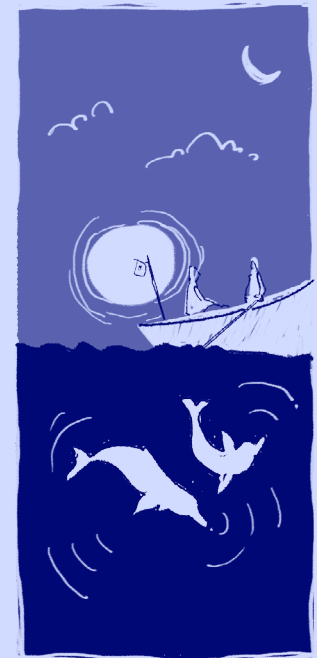
Meanwhile, in urban Mexico, it’s colonial past and the spread of Catholicism continue to shape every facet of life, including how trust here manifests in a profound faith and trust in God (a shift from the human-nature relationship of indigenous communities) .



20 years from now, how do you want to see trust manifesting? What would have to change? How do you think you might need to show up differently?

Night fishing with (blind) Ganges River Dolphins

- there is a dying art of artisanal fishing in which the fishermen work alongside the dolphins to catch fish. The fishermen use their harpoons to agitate the water which signals to the dolphins that there might be fish. The dolphins come up alongside the boats and agitate the fish who flee in front of them and the fishermen harpoon the fleeing fish.



20 years from now how might we think of interspecies communication and mutualism to build for just futures?



"A single bracelet does not jingle." – Congolese proverb

Trust requires others; no one makes harmony alone

"When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot harm you."

– African proverb (widely attributed to East Africa)

True trust begins with self-trust and inner peace.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

– African proverb often cited from the Akan or East Africa.

Trust grows through shared journeys, not solitary speed.

20 years from now how might self-love, self-awareness and acceptance help us challenge current models of hate and distrust that capitalism profits from? How could you see self-love create more solidarity and trust amongst each other?



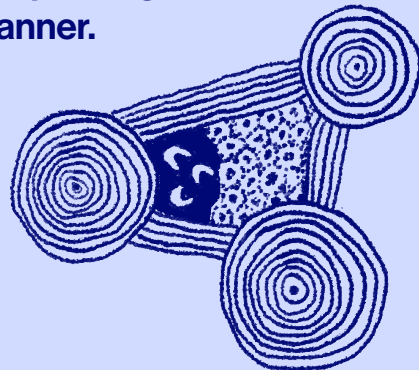
Tawakkul is the Islamic concept of trust and reliance on God, in regards to the future. The belief that one has to do their work to the best of their knowledge but leave the results to Allah. Even when the outcome is against one's wishes or desires, Allah says *"But it may be that you hate something while it is good for you, and it may be that you love something while it is bad for you. Allah knows, and you do not know. (2:216)"* **This trust in the higher power creates patience when experiencing hardships leaving no room for pessimism**



20 years from now what if pessimism was not an option?

How would that change how you approach life?

Songlines memorised and sung by Australian Aboriginal Mobs (communities) can be considered a combination of directions for travel, cultural stories and topographical indicators. Among other things they can also be considered a 'Cultural Passport' which allows members of one Mob to traverse through the lands of another, by singing the verses in the language of the Mob whose lands they are passing through. This way, they know that the travelers are passing through in a respectful manner.



Does anything in this zine remind you of a practice, source of knowledge or wisdom from your community that you would like to share with us?

20 years from now, what possibilities open up if we reframe currency beyond its current capitalist frame of money? What new forms of currency that build respect and solidarity and community would you want to see as the basis of our exchanges?

We shared some of the provocations and questions the entries sparked for us when thinking about potential ideas and implications 20 years from now. Did reading the entries surface any other questions or provocations for you?



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