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## Upgrading Human Thoughtware

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My highest value is contributing full-out in a non-hierarchical self-organized chaordic collaboration of transformational possibility makers doing whatever they can to build bridges over which humanity can walk into a sustainable human presence on Earth. We started in 2006. We call it [Trainer Guild](#).

Recently 6 of us Trainer Guilders (3 couples, plus some kids) bought a seminar house in Bavaria, Germany, as the physical location of a [nanonation](#) called [Puls der Erde](#). The thoughtware of *Puls der Erde* emerges out of the context of [radical responsibility](#).

Our nanonation is a seed-crystal of next culture in the global ethnosphere, cutting new forms of consciousness that others can more easily follow. It's the result of decades of experimentation and sometimes not-so-rapid learning: Beep! Shift! Go!

Millions of people could be taking their authority back from external systems and moving into their own nanonations. What is slowing this down? One model says there are two ways for getting warmer water while taking a shower: turn up the hot or turn down the cold. In terms of human possibilities the hot has been turned up since day one. The cold comes from our [thoughtware](#).

For the last 40 years I've been working with small teams beneath the radar in USA and Europe figuring out how to upgrade human thoughtware. Along the way we've assembled a [stunning array](#) of tools, distinctions, and thoughtmaps for healing and [archetypal adulthood initiatory processes](#). It is a treasure of immeasurable value. We call it [Possibility Management](#).

What would *you* do with a treasure like that? I'll tell you what we're doing. We're trying to give it away as fast as possible to as many people as possible all over the world. Can you help?

Humans are born with empty thoughtware banks. This means no language, no culture, no beliefs, no rules. We learn all this from the people around us. Where did they learn it? From the people around them.

Without knowing it, we are using thoughtware that has been passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years. We are using very old thoughtware.

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Just because you are using a certain brand of thoughtware does not mean this is the only kind of thoughtware you can use. At this point it might be useful to ask, “What other thoughtware is available?”

Thoughtware is not what you think *about* such as *content* learned at school and spread through books and the media. Thoughtware is what you think *with*, and can be upgraded in transformational training spaces such as [Expand The Box](#) and [Possibility Labs](#) from Possibility Management. <http://possibilitymanagement.org>.

The point of upgrading your thoughtware is that by changing one distinction your entire life may work differently.

Modern culture’s rules of engagement lead to planetary suicide quicker than you can say, “*global warming deniers are funded by corporate psychopaths.*”

Distinctions that formulate modern culture’s context include: might it right, costs can be externalized, whoever dies with the most toys wins, competition brings creativity, if some people are allowed to be rich everyone benefits, nature has no value until money changes hands, Earth orbits the needs of humans, we are adults when we are 21 years old, it is possible to own land and resources, the government exists for the good of the people, more technology means a better life, democracy is saving the world, the USA is not a rogue nation, and so on.

If we human beings do not upgrade our thoughtware we are [toast!](#) Einstein said, “No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.” But he did not say how to upgrade the level of consciousness... this was left to us. The quickest way to upgrade thoughtware is to shift context.

Possibility Management thoughtware recognizes that human beings have 4 bodies, not just one: *intellectual, emotional, energetic and physical*. Shifting context involves entering an in-between phase while things reorganize themselves, a *liquid state*. If there is no liquid state, how can there be a change? Trainers learn to navigate to the liquid state and use *golden keys* to unlock new potentials.

*Living transformation* means taking radical responsibility for getting your thoughtware upgraded so you can create the culture you would love to live in. *Living activism* is one step further: gaining the Trainer skills to hold the spaces and facilitate the processes that empower others to upgrade their thoughtware.