

Unbroken Conversation

Indigenous Ways of Gathering, Bohmian Dialogue,
and the Psyche as Field.

A comparative study of Tjukurpa teachings, Quantum Philosophy, and Depth Psychology.

Dialogue is not something individuals produce; it is something the world produces through them.



Western Model: Exchange of Ideas

Indigenous Model: Exchange of Being

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In Western thought, we talk to exchange viewpoints. In Indigenous Australian philosophy, dialogue begins before a word is spoken—by sitting on Country, listening to the wind, and sensing how the moment wants to unfold.

The Land Is the First Speaker.

Concept: Dadirri (Inner Deep Listening)

The land tells us how
to think together.

— Yolngu Elders

Conversation is not something you do; it is something you join.
It is an entry into a field of relation already in motion,
including kin, ancestors, and the more-than-human world.

Yarning Circles.

Relational equality.

Letting the story find its place.

Speech circulates like a current, not a debate.

Yolngu Galtha.

Alignment.

A gathering held at a specific place to align people, land, and ancestors when a situation is "out of pattern."

Warlpiri Kurdiji.

Shielding.

A healing circle where the community holds a person back into connection.

Feeling one's skin again.

Anangu Kanyini.

Ours-ness.

Unconditional responsibility.

There is no "mine," only "ours."

Organic Structuralism

The Physics of Collective Thought

The Problem: Fragmentation.

We break the world into pieces and then try to defend our piece.

The Insight: The Implicate Order.

An undivided wholeness from which all forms arise.

The Goal: To move from Discussion (breaking things apart) to Dialogue (a stream of meaning flowing among us).



“Suspension: The Art of Hanging Thoughts.”



We do not suppress our assumptions, nor do we act on them. We hang them in the air, visible but suspended.

When a group suspends judgment, individual thought quiets, and a “pool of meaning” becomes visible.

“We are not trying to win. We are trying to think together.”

The Psyche Is Not Inside You.

James Hillman's Insight: The psyche is in the world.



Jung and post-Jungians argue that the mind is not contained in the brain. It arises at the boundary between self and world. We participate in the psyche; we do not own it. The Collective Unconscious is a living, relational matrix.

The Temenos (Sacred Space)



The Function: A container defined not by walls, but by attention and trust.

The Result: When we listen deeply, a “felt presence” arises.

Archetypes: Relational patterns that activate in the space between people.

Three Maps, One Territory.

Indigenous:
Ancestral Law
Law & Country

Bohm:
The Implicate
Order

Jung: The Collective
Unconscious

The Shared Truth: Mind is Relational.
Meaning does not exist in isolation; it emerges in the 'between.'

The Geometry of Equality



Indigenous: A cosmological structure mimicking the horizon.

Bohm: A disruption of social hierarchy to allow flow.

Jung: A protective boundary (Temenos) for the psyche.

The shape of the gathering determines the quality of the thought.

Listening as Entry.



Dadirri = **Suspension** = **Reverie**
(Deep Listening) (Hanging Assumptions) (Analytic Attunement)

In all three traditions, listening is not the absence of speech. It is an active attunement to the 'atmosphere' of the gathering. It is the act of entering the field.

The Invisible Fabric.

- **Indigenous:** Kurunpa (Spirit/Energy) flows through all beings.
- **Bohm:** The Holomovement (undivided flowing wholeness).
 - **Jung:** The Psychoid or Collective Unconscious.

“We do not have thoughts. We participate in Thought.”

From 'Mine' to 'Ours-ness'.

Bob Randall's Teaching

“There is no ‘mine’ in isolation;
there is only ‘ours’.”

Identity is not a possession; it is a process of belonging to the web of life. When we dialogue, we are re-weaving the web.
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Dialogue is World-Making.

- Central Desert creation narratives describe the first beings emerging from darkness, drawn by a vibration, gathering in a circle to “talk” and choose their place.
- Parallel: Bohm’s universe is a “Holomovement”—reality unfolds through interaction.
- Takeaway: When we gather to listen, we are re-enacting the first moment of creation.

Sit. Listen. Let the World Think Through Us.



Dialogue is a cosmological act. It is how we align with the life force.
To restore our world, we must move from debating voices to tending the field.