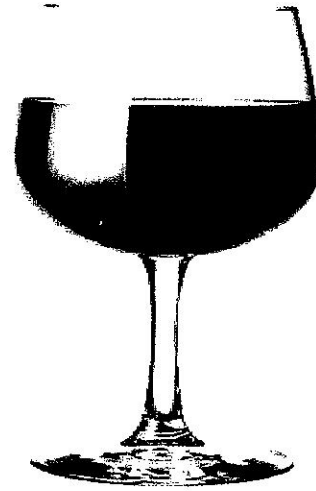
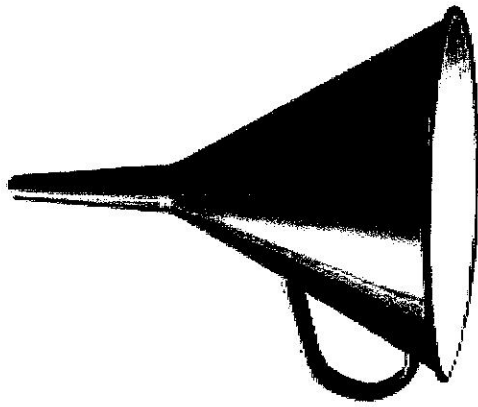


# HERMENEUTICS TO CONSCIENTIZATION



How do you see things? Is that determined by who you are, where you come from, what you know, and what you have experience in your life's journey? Is your way of seeing thing only determined by this narrow passage?

Do you have other people's way of seeing things enhance how you see the bigger picture? Do they help to you to get your knowledge into knowing?

How do you see this glass of wine? Is it half full or half empty? As you look through the funnel, are you stuck in the narrow end? Or, have you expanded how you see things through the wider end?

Hermeneutics is taking how your see things (your perspectives or interpretation) and sharing ideas and listening to other perspectives to see the bigger picture and making change for self and your community.  
(Conscientization)

Sometimes this is referred to as GROWTH or TRANSFORMATION.



## **FROM HERMENEUTICS TO CONSCIOUSTIZATION**



**A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside and said to her husband, "That laundry is not very clean, she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."**

**Her husband looked on, but remained silent.**

**Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.**

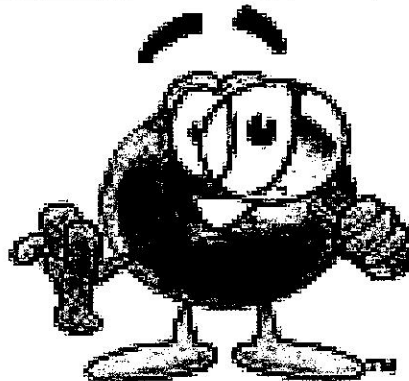
**About a one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her how to do it?"**

**The husband said, "Well sweetheart, I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."**

**And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.**

**We see the world, not as it is, but as we are or as we are conditioned to see it.**

**Found in Stephen Covey's book: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People**



## MEET THE TATE OHANA

**You may have heard of the Tate Family. Members of this family attend every group.**

There is Dic Tate who wants to run everything.

Ro Tate tries to change things whether they need it or not.

Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever possible.

She gets a helping hand from her brother, Irri Tate.

Devas Tate loves to disrupt whatever is happening.

And Poten Tate wants to be the big shot.

When new ideas are suggested, Hesi Tate and Vegi Tate are

Quick to stand back and watch everyone else do it.

Imi Tate would rather copy others than try something new.

Their cousins Facili Tate and Medi Tate help to bring balance to this family.

Their cousin from their mother's side Coope Rate is also helpful in helping to make things happen. Cousin Concern Trate also helps them to keep focus so that his chief rival Consti Pate doesn't appear. Smile, it takes the whole family to make things happen.

Hopefully you are a part of the positive side of the TATE family who will try to work together to achieve your goals. Remember there is no

"I " in TEAM.

**LAULIMA-COORPERATION-TEAM WORKS!!!**

Never get jealous  
when you see  
your ex with  
someone else, because  
our parents  
taught us to give our used  
toys to the  
less fortunate

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## **A STRONG WOMAN VS A WOMAN OF STRENGTH**

**A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape. But a woman of strength builds relationships to keep her soul in shape.**

**A strong woman isn't afraid of anything. But a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.**

**A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her. But a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.**

**A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future. But a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be blessings and capitalizes on them.**

**A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face. But a woman of strength wears humility.**

**A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey. But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.**

**~UNKNOWN AUTHOR**



## **SHARING THE LIGHT OF LEARNING:**



### **LEADERSHIP**



### **“The Hawaiian KUKUI”**

#### **Kukui (koo koo ee)**

- 1. Candlenut Tree, State tree of Hawaii**
- 2. Lamp, light, torch. Figurative: Leader, Guide**

#### **Kukui nut (the outer shell)**

Just like the kukui, we are all unique, coming in different shapes, sizes and colors. The outer shell of the nut can be rough and bumpy yet, with use over time, gradually wears smooth and becomes shinier. As we walk through life, gaining experience and wisdom, the same is true for us.

#### **Kukui Oil**

Kukui oil is highly revered and versatile and is used for lighting, healing, cleansing and purification. We too, all the while have the gift of healing, compassion, and growth. We too hold light, the Light from within.

#### **Kukui seed**

Eventually the shell cracks so the seed can sprout and fulfill its pattern to grow into the full tree. Sometimes a part of us must give way so our true nature can emerge: our personal opportunity to shine and become a beacon for others.

As we each grow in the light of learning, it is important to **MALAMA** ourselves and each other. Through **malama**, we understand that to care of one's self and honor one's uniqueness allows us to do the same for others. **Malama** provides for **LAULIMA**, the opportunity to join together – as in a lei – to create something more beautiful and better. **LAULIMA** is the venue for **ALOHA** to flow.

**KAUNA** – (kah-u-nah), the deeper meaning of a word

**MALAMA** – (mah-lah-mah), to take care of, maintain and preserve

**LAULIMA** – (la-uh-lee-mah) to cooperate, work together in unison and harmony

**“ua ola loko I ke aloha – love gives life within”** Mary .K. Pukui



**An elder from the Cherokee Nations was talking one day with his grandson.**

**“A fight is going on inside me,” he said to his grandson. “It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.**

**“One wolf is evil and ugly; He is anger, envy, war, greed, self-pity, sorrow, regret, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority. He is full of selfishness and arrogance.”**

**“The other wolf is beautiful and good; He is friendly, joyful, peace, love, hope serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, justice, fairness, empathy, generosity, true, compassion. He is full of gratitude, and deep vision.”**

**“This same fight is going on inside you, and inside of every other person you will ever meet as well.”**

**The grandson paused in reflection because of what his grandfather had just said. “Oh Grandfather, which wolf will win?**

**The Cherokee elder replied, “The wolf that you feed.”**



## The Garbage Truck Story

One day, I hopped into a taxi and took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly, a black car, jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed the brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck'

He explained, "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. NEVER take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on with the routine life." Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

\* As very rightly said quote:- Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it!