

## Overview: The Path of Opportunity Book Series

I have been creating and experiencing for over 60 years. Almost every day I wake up at 5am ready to start playing, actively participating with others to do something new. Each experience adds to my joy, to my energy, and fosters my desire to do MORE. Every morning I look in the mirror and say “Let’s go to NEXT.” Sitting at my desk at work (or worse while I am driving to work or meetings), I write NEXT on the top of a sticky note or blank notebook page and list all the choices to make that day or name all the people with whom I need to connect to further an experidigm. As the day progresses, I mark off from the list the choices I made and the people with whom I connected, deferring those with whom I did not interact for another day. As I go to bed at night, I make a mental note of the experiences I expect to do tomorrow, so I am excited at 5am to jump out of bed and get going to the NEXT experidigm. In my books, I describe an experidigm as an intentional creative change in experience with the support of others who help achieve the new experidigm.

Every day I learn some keys to living joyfully, so I write notes on these key points as I drive to work, sit watching something, or just about anytime I am alone. My friends say I think too much and have boundless energy – I am always experiencing my NEXT experidigm with others! My books are the result of my having culled my personal notes. The order in which I wrote the books was extremely important to me. The first book teaches how to communicate visually so others can clearly understand and can visually communicate their thoughts on how to improve their NEXT experidigm to you. The second and third books teach how to deflect the “bad” people who try to deter individuals from achieving their experidigms. These “bad” people are dominant in most societies and social settings, so before soaring to your desired future, you must know how to deflect them. Armed with my deflection shield, I wrote book four to show how to make choices to reach the experidigm vision to which one points up toward, shares, and expects others to assist in your journey of choices. Reaching one experidigm is not good enough as stagnation or addiction may negatively keep the individual “safe and secure.” To break stagnation or addiction, a constant flow of experidigms is needed to keep receiving Joy, since the attainment of joy is the most desirable achievement in one’s life. The fifth book shows how to focus and capture Joy for any individual “I am...” person. Joy grows when an “I am...er” moves on to a NEXT experidigm, sharing the visualization of that experidigm with those whom can contribute. This sixth book teaches how groups of individual “I am...ers” can form “We am...” communities that reach joy and create experidigms together. Individual “I am...ers” can kick start their MORE options for NEXT experidigms by witnessing and participating in the progress of “We am...ers” to their NEXT and MORE. Certainly, the Infinite “Amness” creates all options. To make any option manifest as a real experidigm, the individual or group should visualize that experidigm and share it publicly in “Amness.” “Amness” will act on the visual and make the visual manifest in due time. Having “We am...ness” kick start experidigms may assist with how “I am...ness” receive MORE joy. All “Amness” is connected.

Some readers have told me they started with reading *Turd Throwers Beware* first because they needed to learn how to deflect bullies, freeing themselves to begin to successfully create and experience. Then, reading all the books enabled them to create experidigms and receive joy. For

me, the series of books represents the Path of Life and Opportunities in the order that is important to me as I learned to experience NEXT and MORE. Visual communication frees me to clearly show others my vision. But, before I could deliver on all the experidigms I saw, I needed to learn how to deflect the bullies who wanted to stop me. Now skilled at seeing and deflecting, I have learned how to connect, share, and build experidigms, never stop, and always keep pushing to NEXT using MORE choices my connections brought to me. Your path may be different from mine, but I bet your path, too, will be challenged by Turd Throwing bullies and Takers. Your true joy will come as you experidigm with others.

Below is a more detailed explanation of the series. Some may wish to skip this context and move directly to Part 1.

I wrote *Elements of Visual Talking* because I witnessed how important visual communication is to clearly portray ideas and thoughts to other people. If speakers are unable to visually convey the exact details of their thoughts for new experiences, the possible connections may not be able to participate, to suggest, or to converse. Words are not adequate to describe the new effectively. So much meaning may be assumed and misinterpreted. The best way to describe a future experience is to visualize it. I first built manual systems to share drawings of parts of the future and work on the drawings together to make better drawings of the future. The manual systems worked so well, I built online social media to communicate with images. Today, in 2017, using imagery to “talk” on cell phones with text messages is the common standard. This book teaches how to use imagery to talk in normal conversation or tell visual stories to describe the best future. Using images to talk allows clear discussions about the details of future experiences.

With the resulting freedom that visual communication brings comes the unexpected attacks from the status quo controlling leaders who do not want innovation and who want to stop communicating new ideas. (Note: Status quo leaders are persons in influential positions who wish to perpetuate current practices and policies. These are individuals who fear that any changes will negatively alter their own positions. Thus status quo leaders are those who impede innovation.) Those participating together with visual communication are bullied to stop by the status quo. Little literature exists to teach how to effectively deflect bullying thereby not allowing me to continue to talk visually and create new experiences. Using my 30 years as an innovation practitioner, I wrote *Turd Throwers Beware* to show how to deflect various types of bullies. Each type of bully Turd Thrower is described and effective methods are provided on how to overcome their destructive approach. I use a deflection shield as the analogy on how to defect Turd Throwers.

The methods that status quo groups use to stop communication are described as bricks in a wall to block individuals. How to handle each brick is described; thus the wall comes crumbling down. The simplest type of Turd Thrower is called a “you are...” he or she is one who attacks by trying to redefine the victim in their “you are...” terms in an attempt to control and manipulate the victim. Always state the “I am...ness” to deflect a “you are...” trying to manipulate and control the victim. When they say, “You are fat,” say in return “I am a dancer” or whatever you consider yourself to be at that time or in a future experidigm.

Knowing how to deflect TTERS alone is not sufficient to allow sharing to reach new experiences. Being loving and caring, I was susceptible to Takers who would enslave me in their problems and

needs, and drain my energy in an effort to control my “I am...ness.” Takers will abuse the “I am...” goodness of people who would willingly work together and share together. Takers keep taking and taking. Takers have no limits to taking. The book *Avoiding Takers* teaches how to identify a Taker, break their abusive control cycle, get away, and avoid them forever.

Having the ability to communicate visually and to deflect Takers and Takers allows an “I am...” person to picture the best future and to choose the best components.

The book *Choosing UP* describes the skills and tools required to design experidigms and to choose the necessary components. The book shows how to create one’s first puzzle experidigm picture and then to create a series of puzzle experidigms, like steps, to take a person to higher and higher levels of experidigms.

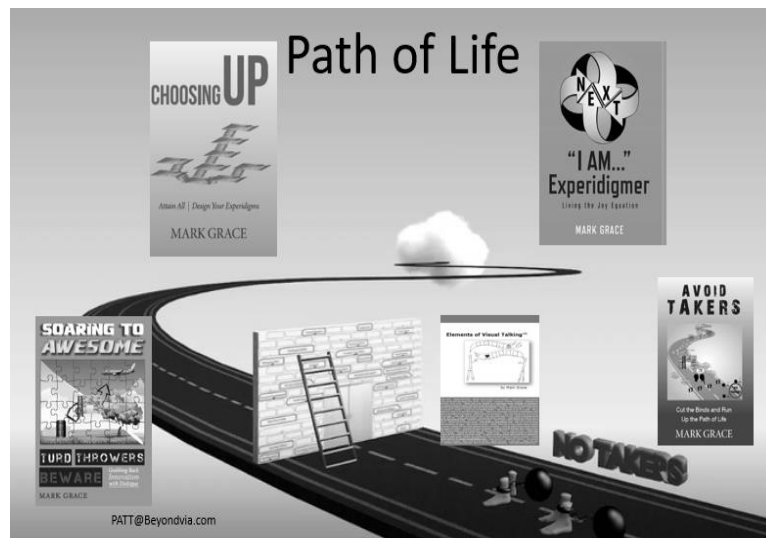
Armed with key *Choosing UP* skills and the ability to deflect bully Turd Throwers, most people are able to attain their dream experidigms. The picture below illustrates how a person can travel beyond a rocky road and the Turd Thrower wall and point up to their experidigm and achieve the experidigm. The waves of “Amness” will add knowledge and energy for MORE choices and NEXT experidigms.



The fifth book in the Path of Life and Opportunities series, *NEXT: “I am...” Experidigmer* describes how to live in Joy every day. The Joy equation shows the simplicity of focus needed for daily Joy. Just create new experidigms and connect with others to make the experidigms happen while defecting bully Turd Throwers. The new experidigm economy is described along with the impact the economy has on current ways of living.

NEXT is always available to us. With each NEXT, MORE choices are available to individuals and the group.

The sixth book in the Path of Life and Opportunity series, *MORE: "We am..." Experidigmers*, shows how individual "I am...ers" come together as "We am...ers" to create group experidigms. MORE choices come from groups. How to participate in open and flexible groups is a core theme of the book. Individuals can live joyously as both "I am..." and "We am..." Just like an "I am..." can be bullied by a "you are...", a "We am..." can be bullied by a status quo "We are..." closed member group. "We am...ers" can use the same shield approaches described in *Turd Throwers Beware* to deflect "We are..." groups. The bottom line is that each individual and group will joyously interact as "I am..." and "We am..." In "Amness" persons are connected as they experidigm. In "areness" we are manipulated and controlled. Always choose up to NEXT, receiving MORE, and choosing up to another NEXT and receiving MORE, and the cycle repeats. Here is the Path of Life and Opportunities:



In a not-too-distant future, citizens will elect politicians based on their experidigm expertise, not their political party affiliation, or geography, or economic status, or corporate position. Citizens want to participate in experidigms and will elect those politicians who will openly enable the path to creating certain experidigms the politician represents. "We am..." is a community of "I am...ers" who share and participate in the experidigms they choose. "Am...ers" want to participate in experidigms and will elect officials who will enable "We am..." communities to openly and freely create "Amness" community infrastructure and support processes. "We am...ers" do not accept being defined and having walls built around them or other groups. "We am...ers" teach how to collaborate on achieving and growing group experidigms. Spread joy by participating in group experidigms.

