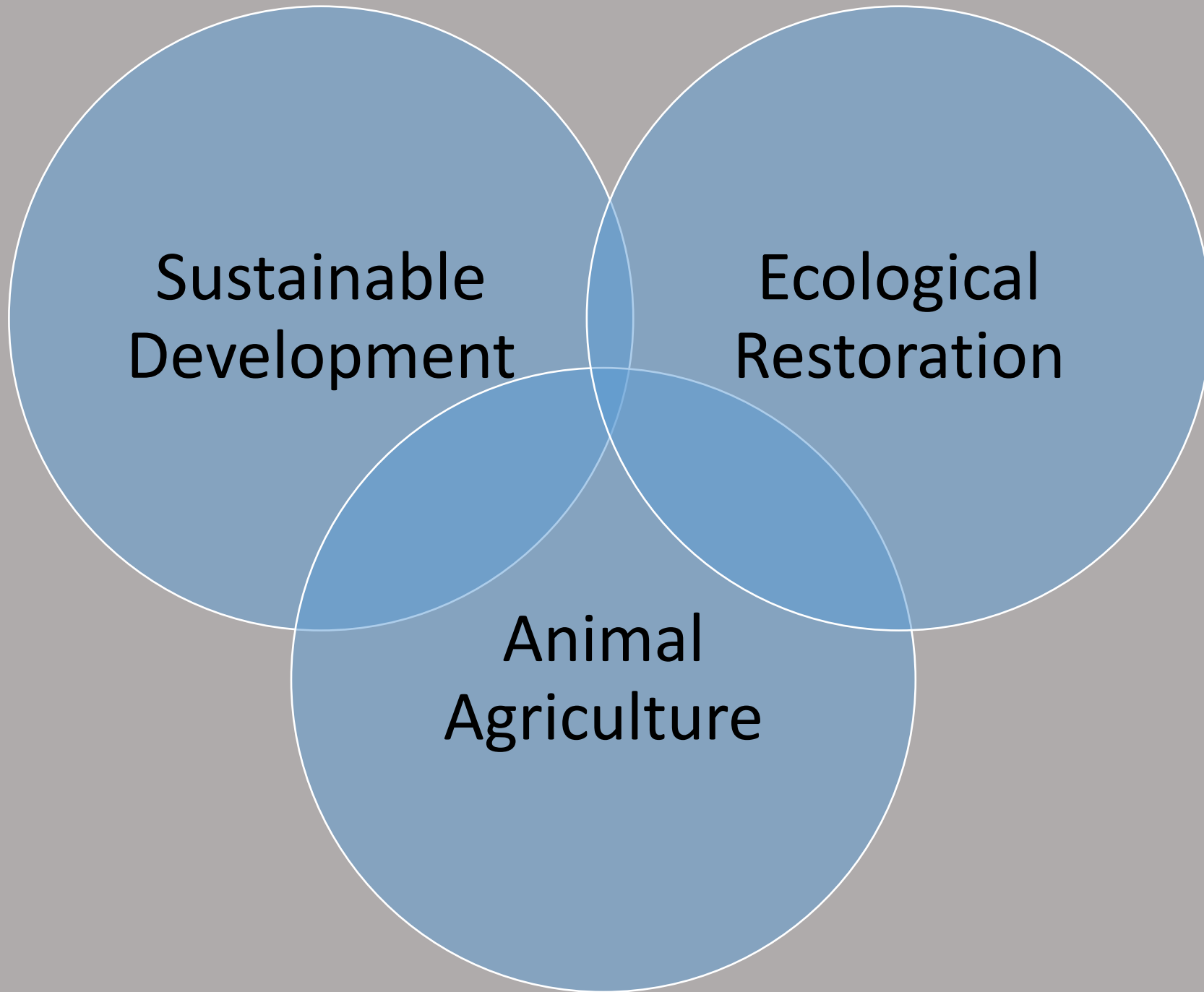


# The Sweet Spot: Bringing Together Sustainable Development, Animal Agriculture, and Ecological Restoration

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# Development

About achieving balance  
Relationship to growth  
Biblical examples  
Poverty





# Sustainability

**Capacity and ability of natural and social systems to survive and thrive indefinitely**



# KEY POINTS

- **Place**
- **Rapidly  
changing world**
- **Harmony**

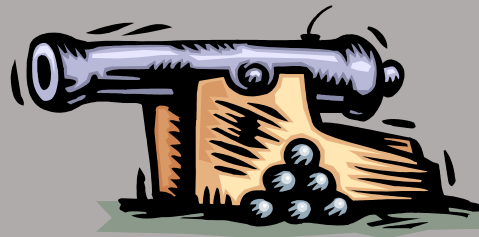
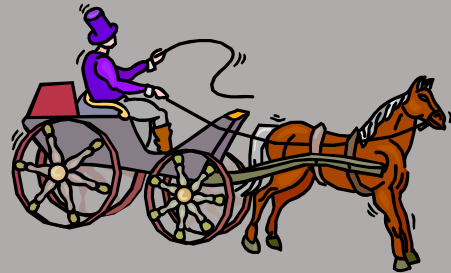


***Oikonomia***

# WE LIVE IN AN INTER-NATIONAL WORLD

## Treaty of Westphalia - 1468

- “Nation State”
- Horses
- Cannon balls
- 500m population





# INDICATORS OF SUSTAINABILITY

- SOCIAL
  - CULTURAL
  - FINANCIAL
  - ECOLOGICAL
- 
- Genuine?
  - Accountability?
  - Political stability?
  - Resilience/Flexibility/Adaptability?



# PATH BACK TO SUSTAINABILITY

## HOW THE WORLD WORKS?

- SUPPLY LINES
- WASTE
- HIERARCHY
- DIVERSITY
- ENERGY FLOWS
- CONTROL
- ORGANIZATION



# Animal Agriculture





# WHY ANIMALS?

## VALUE

- Income/Savings
- Fertilizer
- Fuel
- Fiber
- Power
- Food
- Diversification/Risk Mgt.
- Social Status
- Ecological value/restoration (HRM)

















































# Ecological Restoration

Multifaceted discipline bringing health and balance to damaged ecosystems





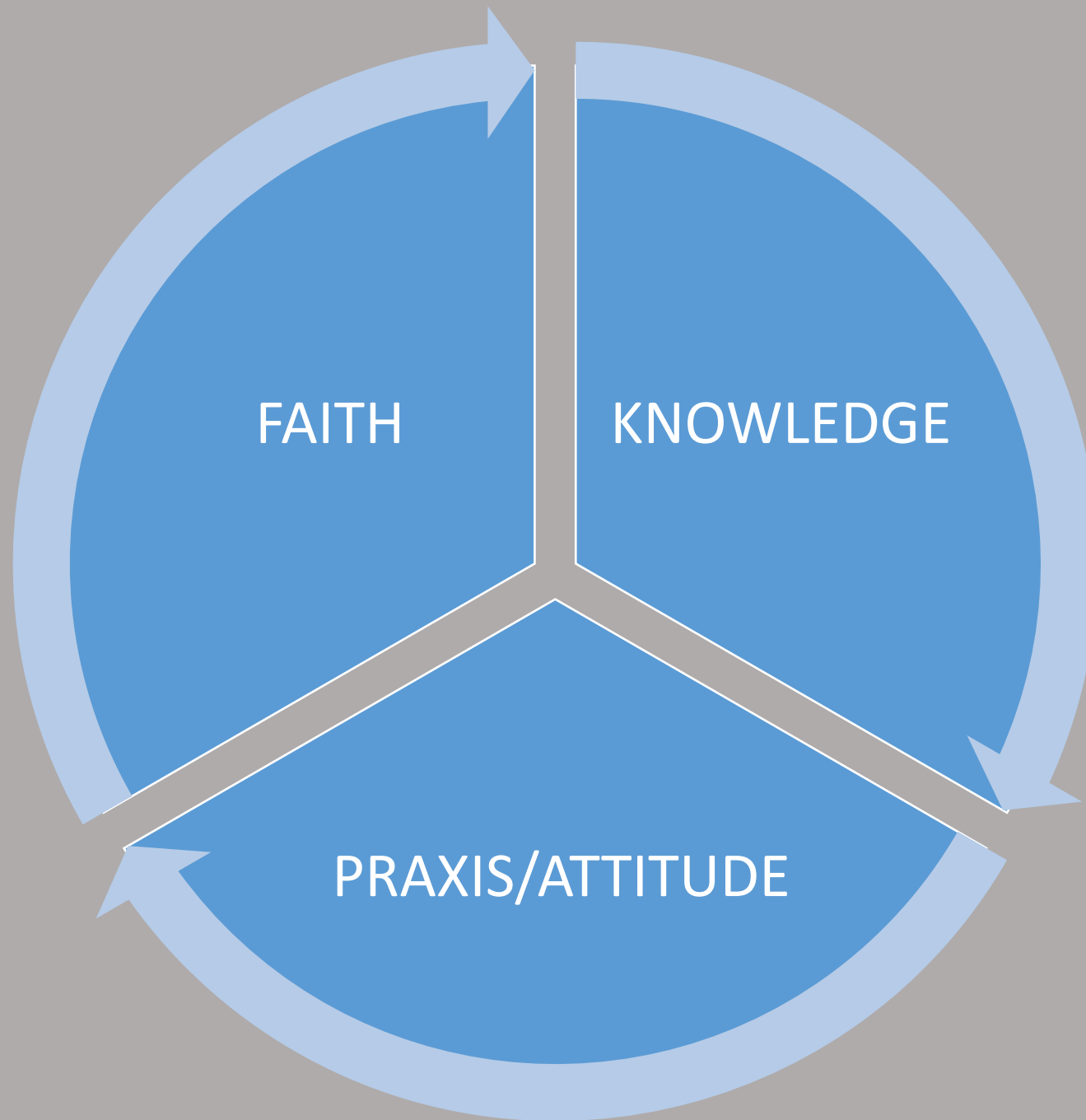
# Ecological Restoration is not:

- Striving for some ideal from the past
- Achieving perfection at all costs
- A set of fixed procedures and action steps
- Static

# WHY AIM FOR THE SWEET SPOT?

- Genesis 2:15 – We are called as stewards – *abad & shamar*
- Being respectful of and wise about the way the world works
- Not ‘rocket science’ – we already have the skills and knowledge



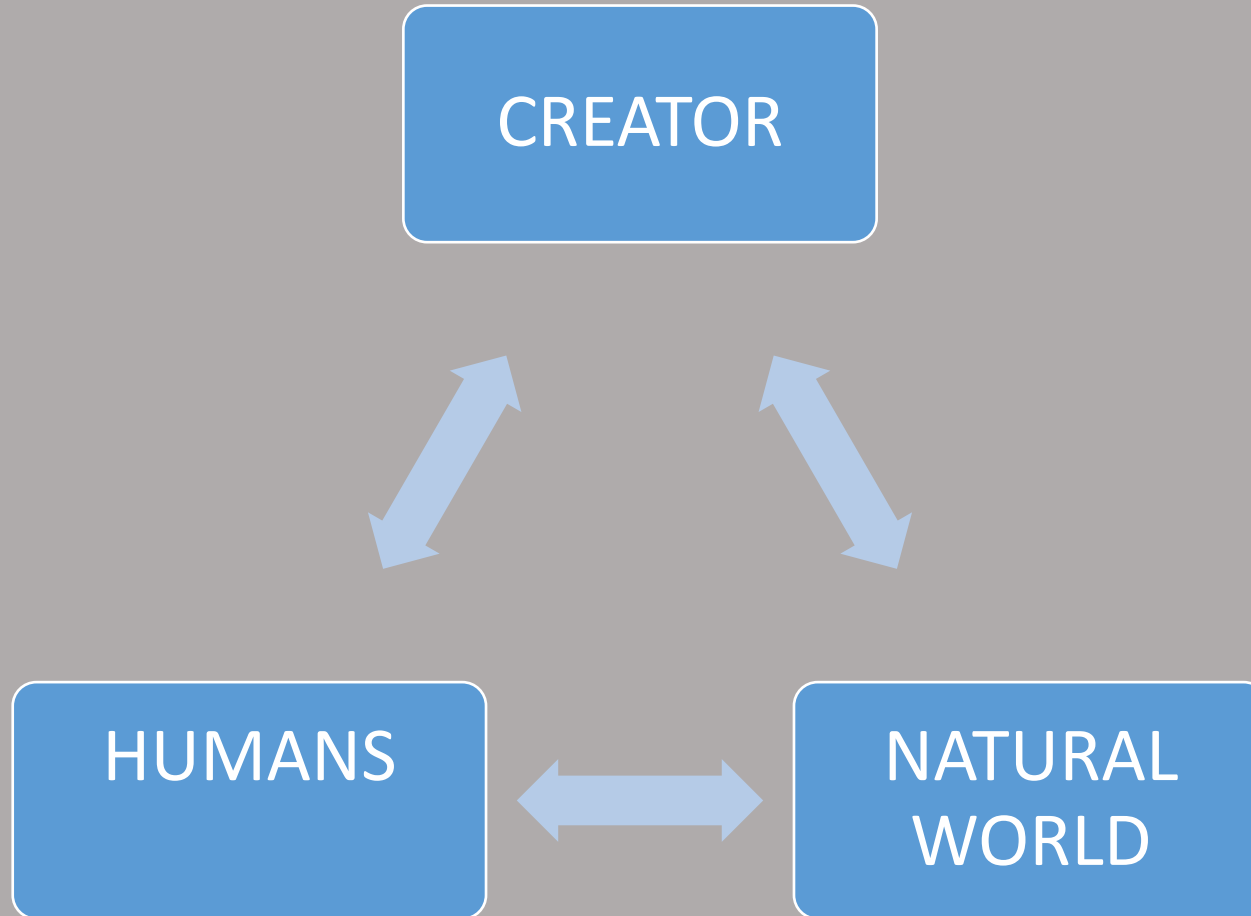




# Reconciliation

- 2 Corinthians 5:18 – Ministry of Reconciliation
- Colossians 1:19-20 – *ta de panta*
- Reconciliation Ecology – biodiversity in human-dominated ecosystems

# Reconciling relationships



# Pacific Rim Institute – Whidbey Island











# Practical steps in the REAL world

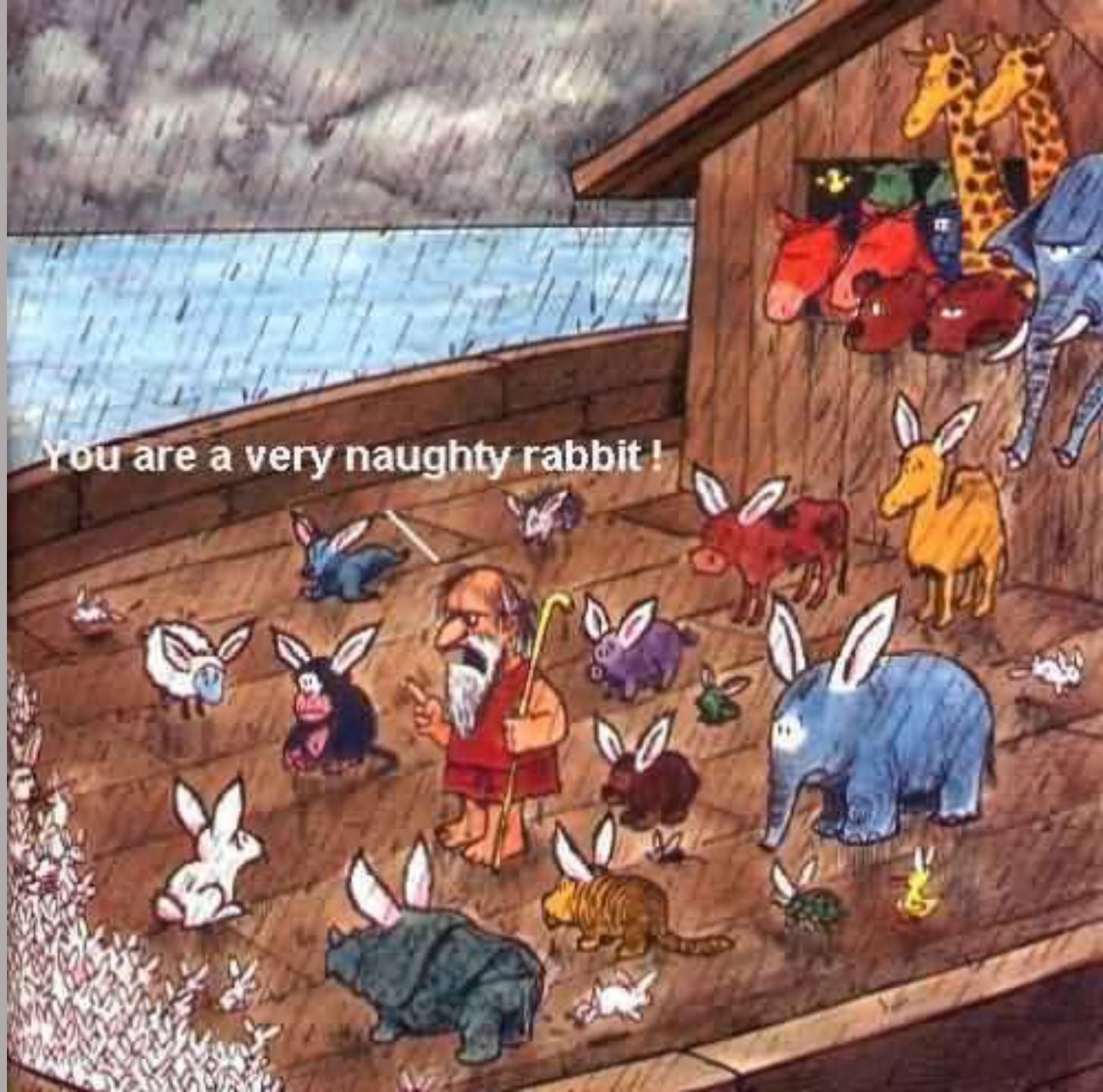
- Collaborate with others to enhance skill set/capacities
- Not always about more – linearly, but about increasing capacity – multidimensional!
- Continually observe, learn and adapt – DISCOVERY/SERENDIPITY
- Study the actual ways in which the world works – become a “learning organism”
- Use our mouth and ears in the proportion in which we have them
- No teaching – only learning
- You’ll never change anyone’s behavior (directly)



# Practical steps in the REAL world

- Don't put 100% of your focus on "jobs" – develop your passion and turn it into a vocation
- Don't confuse expectations with hope
- Attitude-Attitude-Attitude
- Patience and persistence
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You are a very naughty rabbit !





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