

## The “D’s” of Quantum Storytelling

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I find that stories can be powerful tools that we can use to look into the complex being of human consciousness and awareness. As we unfold the stories of individuals we hear the hidden beliefs of a culture, the consensus of normality, and an opening for a world of transformation. Throughout the ages people have known the unprecedented power of storytelling. As the stories of Moses spread through the plantation fields, slaves heard the story of freedom and were empowered. In the ghettos and concentration camps the story of Esther was written from memory and passed through the people and hope was found.

We have this belief that stories are merely fictional or historical, but in the space of rhetoric is found the capacity for greatness. As the story is being told there is an expansive nature where ether meets reality, and they collide in a magnificent dance. It is in the space of storytelling that the heart and mind are opened up; where past, present and future become now, and a realm of possibility is expanded. Hidden in the narrative is a world where meaning is derived. As you share your story, I find hope, I find freedom, peace, a new self-expression, and the ability to go beyond limits into the unknown.

I would like to explore the stories of people who have come-out-of-the-closet and disclosed their homosexuality. Through these stories I would like to uncover the cultural mindsets that our society has. I would like to see if there are certain themes, or cultural norms, and what this consensus agreement reality is. As we uncover these stories and let them unfold, I would like to hear from people who had, in their interpretation, a warm experience, and those who may not have had a warm welcoming. I would like to hear some of the profound coming out experiences, and some of the small stories.

I would like to not only hear from people who came out, but from those people that someone came out to you. How did it feel? What thoughts did you have? What stories do you have? Did it build up, or tear down your relationship? I want to uncover what happened in leading up to this moment, and what happened thereafter.

I want to follow the model of Boje's 11 D's of Quantum Storytelling and use this as the basis for creating our stories.

1. Directionality
2. Datability
3. Duration
4. Disclosability
5. Destining
6. Deployment

7. Dwelling
8. De-severance
9. Drafts
10. Dispersion
11. Detaching

1. What was the conversation you had? What were the words used? How did you deliver it? What was your intention in the conversation?
2. When did you do this? Why did you choose the time/date/moment you did? (gay pride, coming out day, or something else?)
3. What was the moment like? What was your awareness of time like?
4. What unfolded there after? What was made known by the conversation? What did you uncover? What appeared?
5. What possibilities opened up? What futures did you see?
6. Finish these two statements: I came out in order to..., i came out for the sake of...
7. What was going on in the world around you at the time? What world were you dwelling in?
8. What came together during this? What reconciling happened, integratedness (integrity), or becoming whole, becoming one?
9. What was going for you, and going against you? What forces were at play? (political, spiritual, ontological.....)
10. Did you come out to a small amount of people? Was it one-on-one? Was it electronic? Public? Private? Did it get easier? Did news spread? Did you share privately and other people outed you?.....
11. Stepping away, and looking back at it, who did you become in coming out?