Master/Slave Vs. Dialogical

The common way of relating in Western Cultures.
Familiar, Efficient, but unstable.

Democratic / Dialogical Relationships
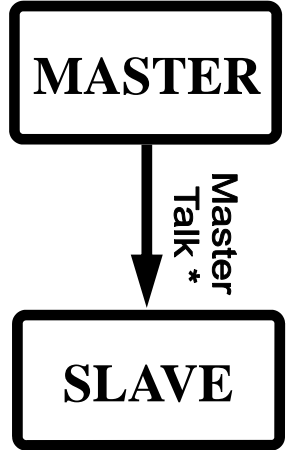## 1Person-1Vote
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Truth Sub-System
* 1 truth (master's)
* 1 reality (master's)
* Facts (the master's)
* Correctness (master's)
* Agreement with the master.
* Silence from slave.

Punishment System
for non-compliance, expressed-disagreement.
* Push the Slave Down: shame, ridicule, mock, demote, degrade, devalue.
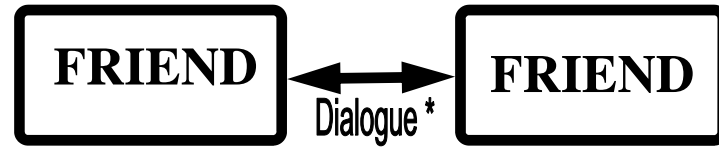* Push the Slave Out: abandon, dismiss, fire, evict, divorce.

MASTER

Master Talk *

SLAVE

FRIEND ←→ **FRIEND**
Dialogue *

Prime Symptom is Arguments: Two people trying to be Master at the same time.

Summary
• Familiar
• Ideal for the impatient
• Pretend -Truth/Clarity
• Pretend-Agreement
• Low-anxiety for Master only
• Illusion of being in control for Master only
• Irresponsibility for Slave
• Enmeshed boundaries
• Unstable, falls apart

Summary
• Very inefficient, slow
• Requires the skill of patience
• No truth! Multiple truths.
• Sharing Differences
• **Dialogical***
• Safe for all
• Shared control
• All people are responsible all the time
• PreValidation
• Requires boundary skills
• Very reliable in the long-term

"I believe the ideal relationship is to remain durably in Friend/Friend and to temporarily use Master/Slave only when everyone believes that efficiency is necessary." Al

* MasterTalk - Any sentence that implies there is only a single way to see the truth.

* Dialogue - Any sentence that implies there are multiple ways of seeing the truth.