

THE HUMAN COHERENCE TRILOGY

# THE TRILOGY

PODS, PRESENCE AND HUMAN BECOMING

THREE BOOKS. ONE JOURNEY. A FUTURE WORTH BUILDING TOGETHER.

**BOOK I  
FRAGMENTED  
HUMANITY**

The Story We Don't  
Always See

**BOOK II  
RECLAIMING  
RHYTHM**

The Story We  
Learn Together

**BOOK III  
THE ENVIRONMENT  
WE CREATE TOGETHER**

The Story We Become  
Together

REGULATION • RELATIONSHIP • MEANING • ETHICS  
INTELLIGENCE • STEWARDSHIP • FUTURE HUMANITY

**YOUR PLACE IN THE STORY**

Read. Reflect. Recognise. Contribute.  
Help shape the Lived Human Edition.



BECAUSE THE FUTURE WILL NOT BE BUILT BY PERFECT PEOPLE.  
IT WILL BE BUILT BY HUMAN BEINGS WILLING TO BECOME  
MORE HONEST, MORE PRESENT, MORE COURAGEOUS TOGETHER.

## **PREFACE**

### **The Human Coherence Trilogy**

There comes a moment in many human lives when the noise becomes impossible to ignore.

Sometimes it arrives quietly.

A parent sitting awake long after midnight unable to switch off their thoughts.

A teenager overwhelmed by pressure they do not yet know how to explain.

A coach realising fear has slowly replaced joy inside the environment they lead.

A teacher watching exhausted children struggle to learn inside systems moving too fast for human rhythm.

A relationship that no longer feels emotionally safe despite two people still loving one another deeply.

An older man staring through a hospital window finally understanding the body remembers every year it spent surviving without enough rest, regulation or recovery.

A woman discovering she has spent so long holding everybody else together that she no longer knows how to hear herself think in silence.

Or perhaps it arrives in simpler moments.

A walk.

A burnout.

A panic attack.

A grief no longer avoidable.

A child asking a question adults no longer know how to answer.

This trilogy was born from those moments.

Not as theory.

Not as ideology.

And not as another system promising perfection.

These books are an exploration of what happens when human beings begin honestly recognising the effects of modern pressure on:

- the body,
- the nervous system,

- relationships,
- environments,
- learning,
- leadership,
- meaning,
- and the future we are creating together.

At its heart, this trilogy asks a simple question:

What kind of human beings are we becoming while the world accelerates around us?

Because despite unprecedented technological advancement, many people now live carrying:

- chronic stress,
- emotional exhaustion,
- fragmentation,
- overstimulation,
- loneliness,
- disconnection,
- pressure without recovery,
- and environments that often reward performance while quietly neglecting regulation, rhythm and presence.

The result is not merely individual suffering.

It affects:

families,

teams,

schools,

workplaces,

sporting environments,

communities,

and eventually entire cultures.

Yet hidden beneath this fragmentation sits another possibility.

Human beings may not be broken.

Many may simply have been living for too long in ways the body, nervous system and deeper human self were never designed to sustain continuously.

This trilogy explores what begins changing when people slowly remember:

- rhythm,
- presence,
- truth,
- nervous-system safety,
- emotional honesty,
- relational connection,
- embodied learning,
- environmental awareness,
- and shared humanity.

The journey unfolds across three connected books.

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## **BOOK I**

### **The Fractured Human**

The first book explores the hidden emotional climate of modern life.

Through intertwined fictional narratives inspired by real human patterns, we meet:

parents, players, coaches, teachers, teenagers, leaders, carers and older generations all attempting to function inside environments shaped increasingly by:

pressure,  
speed,  
fear,  
performance,  
and disconnection.

Book One is about recognition.

It invites readers to see themselves honestly:  
not as failures,

but as human beings carrying nervous-system loads many environments still poorly understand.

This is the mirror.

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## **BOOK II**

### **The Rhythm of the Body**

The second book explores what happens when human beings begin reconnecting with regulation, rhythm and presence.

Without preaching protocols or optimisation culture, the story gently reveals the profound impact of:

sleep,  
stillness,  
fasting,  
silence,  
nature,  
emotional pacing,  
movement,  
cold exposure,  
nutrition,  
attention,  
recovery,  
grief,  
and relational safety.

This is not a book about becoming superhuman.

It is a book about remembering what the body has been trying to say all along.

Book Two is about restoration.

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## **BOOK III**

### **The Environment We Create Together**

The third book expands beyond the individual and asks a deeper question:

What becomes possible when enough human beings begin regulating environments together?

Here the story moves into:  
education,  
leadership,  
AI,  
future-human learning,  
community,  
consciousness,  
ethical technology,  
intergenerational wisdom,  
environmental relationship,  
and collective human becoming.

This is where the trilogy explores the future.

Not merely technological futures.

Human futures.

Book Three is about stewardship.

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Together, these books form:

**The Human Coherence Trilogy.**

But this trilogy is not intended to end on the final page.

Because the emotional realities inside these stories are already being lived by millions of people every day.

That is why this work now continues beyond fiction.

Alongside the trilogy sits an evolving collection of:  
real human stories,  
reflections,  
field experiences,  
educational insights,  
leadership journeys,  
family transformations,  
and lived examples of what happens when people begin creating  
healthier environments together.

These stories will continue growing over time through:  
parents,  
teachers,  
coaches,

young people,  
practitioners,  
leaders,  
families,  
pods,  
and communities contributing their own experiences.

In this way, the trilogy becomes not merely a set of books.

But a living human conversation.

A mirror.

A map.

And perhaps, slowly, a reminder that even in an age of accelerating technology, the future may still depend upon deeply human things:

regulated presence,  
truth,  
relationship,  
meaning,  
and the courage to remain fully human together.

THE HUMAN COHERENCE TRILOGY

BOOK I

# THE FRACTURED HUMAN

THE STORY WE DON'T  
ALWAYS SEE

PRESSURE. DISCONNECTION. OVERWHELM.  
WHEN THE WORLD MOVES TOO FAST,  
HUMANS BEGIN TO BREAK.



MIND



EMOTION



RELATIONSHIP



ENVIRONMENT



PRESSURE

RECOGNISE. UNDERSTAND. BEGIN AGAIN.

## THE FRACTURED ENVIRONMENT

What Modern Pressure Is Doing To Humans

Book I of The Human Coherence Trilogy

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There are moments in life when people slowly stop feeling like themselves.

Not dramatically.

Usually quietly.

A teacher becomes less patient than she used to be. A father stops laughing as easily. A player who once loved the game begins sitting in the car park before training trying to calm her breathing. A child who once spoke constantly becomes quieter every month. A coach who genuinely cares about people slowly becomes harder without noticing. A mother starts staying in her parked car for a few extra minutes before walking into her own home.

Outwardly, life still looks normal.

People continue working. They answer messages. They smile in photographs. They attend meetings. They clap from the sidelines. They post positive things online.

But somewhere underneath the movement of modern life, something begins tightening.

For years people have described this in different ways.

Stress. Burnout. Anxiety. Behaviour problems. Weakness. Poor resilience. Lack of discipline.

Yet the deeper this work developed, the more another possibility slowly appeared.

Perhaps many people are not failing because they are weak.

Perhaps many are trying to function inside environments that no longer move in healthy rhythm with the human body.

Perhaps the pressure is not only inside people.

Perhaps the environments themselves have become fractured.

And perhaps what many human beings are quietly searching for is not perfection.

Perhaps they are searching for regulated presence.

Someone steady enough to help them feel safe becoming fully themselves again.

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4:12am

The forwards coach woke before the alarm again.

4:12am.

Rain touched softly against the bedroom window while the blue light from the digital clock cut through the darkness beside the bed.

His body felt exhausted.

His nervous system did not.

Thoughts were already moving.

Selection decisions. The injured player he had not called back. The conversation with the head coach. The growing pressure from supporters. The fear that some of the younger women no longer trusted him.

Beside him, his wife slept facing the opposite direction.

He stared at the ceiling for a long time.

Two years earlier he would have rolled over and gone back to sleep.

Now his body woke before dawn most mornings as though something inside him no longer believed rest was completely safe.

At breakfast his youngest daughter asked if he would be home for dinner.

“I’ll try,” he said.

She nodded without looking surprised.

On the drive to training he convinced himself he was coping well.

Most people around him believed he was strong.

In many ways he was.

But somewhere along the line, strength had slowly become confused with permanent tension.

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The women's squad meant more to him than people realised.

Having daughters of his own had softened parts of him over the years.

He wanted the players to feel supported. Protected. Believed in.

But elite rugby had shaped him inside older patterns long before he understood women properly.

He had grown up inside dressing rooms where fear passed for leadership. Where emotion was weakness. Where silence was toughness. Where pressure was called standards.

He did not realise how often his nervous system still communicated urgency even when his words communicated care.

The players felt both.

And because many respected him deeply, they rarely said anything openly.

Instead, small fractures appeared quietly.

One player stopped sleeping properly. Another became emotionally reactive during training. One started missing meals. Another sat alone in her car before every session trying to stop crying.

Still, training continued.

The sessions remained sharp. Results stayed good.

From the outside, the environment looked successful.

But something had changed.

The laughter disappeared first.

Nobody noticed.

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People can survive inside pressure for a very long time.

But surviving and feeling fully alive are not always the same thing.

## The Girl By The Window

Mia used to answer questions before the teacher finished asking them.

Now she stared out of the classroom window most mornings pretending to think.

Her school report described her as: “capable but inconsistent.”

Her father preferred: “easily distracted.”

At home he had recently started calling her lazy.

Nobody noticed she had not slept properly in almost four months.

Nobody noticed the headaches. The stomach pain. The way she sometimes sat frozen at her desk unable to begin even simple tasks.

Mia was bright. Very bright.

Her thoughts moved quickly. Too quickly sometimes.

When she became interested in something she disappeared into it completely. When she became overwhelmed, anger arrived suddenly and frightened everyone around her.

Her mother loved her fiercely.

But her mother was exhausted too.

She spent most of her life trying to hold everything together. The house. The schedules. The meals. The routines. The finances. The appearances.

Perfection made her feel temporarily safe.

Chaos frightened her.

She did not realise how often her daughter experienced constant correction as emotional absence.

Mia did not need perfect parenting.

She needed moments where somebody slowed down enough to fully arrive beside her.

But modern life rarely slowed down for anyone.

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Exam season made everything worse.

Teachers looked tired. Students compared grades constantly. Phones glowed beneath desks. Lunch breaks became revision sessions.

Even friendship groups no longer felt relaxed.

Everything seemed measured now. Performance. Productivity. The future.

One afternoon a teacher asked Mia why she had stopped contributing during lessons.

“I don’t know,” she replied.

It felt easier than explaining the truth.

The truth was that her nervous system reacted before her mind did.

Her chest tightened. Her breathing changed. Words disappeared.

At home she spent hours scrolling through short videos while feeling increasingly guilty for not revising.

The guilt made starting harder.

The harder starting became, the more frightened she felt.

Adults around her interpreted this as poor discipline.

Mia interpreted it as personal failure.

Neither explanation fully recognised what was actually happening.

Her nervous system had slowly become overloaded.

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He thought she needed more discipline.

She thought she was failing.

Neither realised her body had stopped feeling safe enough to learn.

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## The Man In The Car Park

Daniel sat in his car long after the gym had closed.

The steering wheel rested beneath both hands while rain moved slowly across the windscreen.

His phone screen glowed beside him.

Three missed calls. Two work emails. One message from his ex-partner asking if he could swap weekends again.

Most people described Daniel as confident.

He was physically strong. Direct. Funny when he wanted to be.

Other men looked up to him.

What very few people understood was how lonely he had become.

For years he had built his identity around being dependable. The provider. The strong one. The man who handled things.

But recently the world around him no longer felt clear.

Financial pressure kept growing. Work became unstable. Conversations about masculinity often left him feeling simultaneously blamed and invisible.

Part of him wanted to speak honestly.

Another part believed nobody truly wanted to hear weakness from men like him.

So he carried everything quietly.

Like many men do.

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That evening he had driven to training after working a ten-hour shift.

He could not really afford the fuel. He needed the part-time work. But missing sessions risked losing his place in the squad.

So he kept going.

At training he laughed loudly. Encouraged younger players. Posted a smiling team photograph online.

Nobody noticed how emotionally absent he looked when the camera stopped recording.

On the drive home he pulled into the empty gym car park and sat completely still.

For the first time in his life, a frightening thought entered his mind.

What if everybody would actually cope perfectly well without him?

The thought scared him immediately.

But not enough to make it disappear.

Then his phone vibrated.

A simple message.

You okay mate? You were quiet tonight.

It came from another parent at the rugby club. A man who had once gone through his own difficult years. Burnout. Relationship strain. Panic attacks he hid from everybody.

The message was simple.

But something inside Daniel cracked slightly when he read it.

Because for the first time in a long time, somebody had noticed.

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Sometimes the beginning of healing is not advice.

Sometimes it is simply being noticed before you disappear inside yourself completely.

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The Meeting Nobody Recovered From

The email arrived at 6:43am.

Mandatory staff meeting. Conference Room B. 9:00 sharp.

Nobody said it aloud, but everyone already knew what that usually meant.

The organisation had been under pressure for months. Targets. Funding uncertainty. Staff shortages. Increasing workload.

People still described the workplace as supportive.

Most of the time it genuinely was.

But lately something had changed.

People had started choosing their words more carefully.

Rachel noticed it first during safeguarding meetings.

The room still sounded professional. But fewer people told the truth.

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The manager entered carrying printed spreadsheets.

Nobody touched the coffee arranged around the table.

For the first twenty minutes the meeting sounded normal. Performance metrics. Efficiency. Response times. Budget concerns.

Then one staff member quietly questioned whether the new system was sustainable.

The room changed almost immediately.

Not dramatically.

Subtly.

The manager's jaw tightened. One colleague stopped making eye contact. Several people lowered their heads toward their notebooks.

The discussion became sharper. Faster. More defensive.

By lunchtime everyone was back at their desks pretending the meeting had finished.

It had not.

For weeks afterwards the emotional atmosphere remained altered.

People replied differently to emails. Conversations shortened. Several staff stopped offering ideas during meetings altogether. One quietly applied for another job.

Officially, nothing serious had happened.

Emotionally, the environment no longer felt safe in the same way.

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Fear can organise a room very quickly.

But safety is what allows people to remain themselves inside it.

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The Child Who Was “Too Much”

Aaron arrived at the residential home already expecting trouble.

Adults often misunderstood this about children who had learned to survive through vigilance.

People thought the behaviour started during the outburst.

Usually it started much earlier.

Sometimes days earlier.

Aaron noticed everything.

The change in staff tone. The delayed reply. The look between two workers during handover. The sound of footsteps approaching his bedroom.

His nervous system listened constantly for danger.

One evening another young person sat in his usual place in the television room.

The argument escalated within minutes.

Voices rose. Furniture moved. Staff intervened. Aaron shouted at everyone.

Later that night, after the incident report was completed, one worker described him as manipulative.

Another quietly disagreed.

The second worker had started noticing something important.

Aaron only became explosive after periods where the environment felt emotionally unpredictable.

If routines changed suddenly, incidents increased. If staff tension rose, Aaron became hypervigilant. If emotional safety reduced, his behaviour intensified.

What looked like aggression was often fear arriving too fast for language.

And underneath the anger sat something even harder to see.

Aaron desperately wanted somebody steady enough to stay.

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Children do not always say when they stop feeling safe.

Sometimes they simply become quieter.

Or louder.

Until behaviour becomes the only language their nervous system still knows how to use.

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The Woman Who Floated Above Everything

Leah often described herself as spiritual.

People usually liked her immediately.

She spoke softly. Moved gently. Listened carefully.

She believed deeply in energy. Healing. Consciousness. Meditation. The idea that human beings were capable of becoming more than the frightened versions of themselves modern life often produced.

In many ways, she was right.

But lately something had started troubling her.

The more emotionally aware she became, the more disconnected from ordinary people she sometimes felt.

At rugby matches she listened to conversations about work pressure, money worries, relationship strain and exhaustion while part of her quietly judged how unconscious everybody seemed.

Then immediately she felt guilty for thinking it.

Because underneath the judgement sat another truth entirely.

She did not actually feel deeply connected either.

Not fully.

She could speak beautifully about healing. But struggled to sit calmly beside ordinary human pain without trying to spiritually rise above it.

When Daniel admitted he sometimes felt like disappearing, part of her instinctively wanted to tell him:

“Everything happens for a reason.”

But something stopped her.

For once, she simply stayed quiet.

And slowly she realised something important.

People do not always need philosophy when they are hurting.

Sometimes they need presence.

Real presence.

Grounded enough to stay beside fear. Steady enough not to escape discomfort. Human enough not to float above ordinary suffering.

That frightened her slightly.

Because she began recognising something she had avoided for years.

Spiritual language can also become a hiding place.

Not only for pain.

For distance.

And perhaps true coherence was not about becoming emotionally above other people.

Perhaps it was about becoming safe enough to remain fully human beside them.

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Some people escape into performance.

Others escape into detachment.

But healing rarely asks us to rise above humanity.

Usually it asks us to return to it.

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## Saturday Afternoon

The rugby club looked beautiful in the afternoon sunlight.

Children ran beside the touchline. Parents laughed near the food stand. Players warmed up beneath a bright blue sky. Music drifted softly from the clubhouse.

From the outside, everything looked happy.

And in many ways, parts of it genuinely were.

But underneath the movement of the day sat hundreds of invisible stories.

The coach trying to hold standards together while privately wondering if he was becoming too hard.

The mother smiling beside the pitch while her nervous system remained permanently exhausted.

Mia pretending she was fine.

Daniel laughing loudly with other parents despite wondering the previous night whether anybody would truly miss him.

A player worrying about paying rent. Another frightened of losing selection. One secretly struggling with hormonal exhaustion. Another emotionally overwhelmed from balancing university, work and elite sport.

Everyone carried something.

Most people hid it reasonably well.

Then, after the match, one parent made a suggestion.

“No fundraising. No meetings. No pressure. Why don’t we just all sit down together one evening properly?”

People laughed awkwardly at first.

Modern adults often feel strangely uncomfortable around unstructured honesty.

Still, something about the suggestion stayed with people.

Perhaps because many were more tired than they realised.

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The first Fractal Banquet felt unfamiliar.

Nobody quite knew what was expected.

Some arrived guarded. Some arrived emotionally exhausted. Some arrived sceptical. One player almost cancelled twice before coming.

At first people performed normality.

Then gradually the pace softened.

Phones disappeared. Nobody rushed. People stopped interrupting. Silence no longer felt threatening.

And slowly, honesty appeared.

Not dramatic honesty. Human honesty.

One mother admitted she felt guilty almost constantly.

A player admitted she sometimes dreaded training despite loving rugby.

The coach admitted he no longer knew how to switch off.

Daniel stared down at the table for a long time before quietly saying:

“Some days I honestly don’t know how much longer I can keep carrying everything.”

Nobody rushed to fix him.

Nobody laughed. Nobody panicked.

People simply stayed present with him.

And perhaps that was the moment many realised what had actually been missing all along.

Not stronger masks. Not more pressure. Not better performance.

Regulated presence.

Steady human beings helping one another feel less alone.

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The strongest environments are not always the loudest.

Often they are simply the places where people no longer need to pretend as much.

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### Closing Reflection

Maybe human beings were never designed to carry modern life alone.

Maybe children were never supposed to learn emotional safety from exhausted adults.

Maybe teams were never meant to confuse fear with standards.

Maybe schools were never designed for permanently activated nervous systems.

Maybe strength was never supposed to mean emotional isolation.

And maybe the body was never the enemy.

Maybe it was trying, for years, to tell the truth before the mind was finally ready to listen.

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Book II: # THE RHYTHM OF THE BODY ## The Sequence Humans Forgot continues the journey.

Because once people begin recognising fragmentation, another question slowly appears.

What conditions help human beings feel whole again?

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To continue exploring:

- regulation,
- rhythm,
- recovery,
- reflection,

- pods,
- and human coherence, visit:

<https://www.1to1.me.uk/join-now/>

THE HUMAN COHERENCE TRILOGY

BOOK II

# THE RHYTHM OF THE BODY

THE STORY WE LEARN TOGETHER



SLEEP



HYDRATION & MINERALS



NUTRITION & FASTING



COLD & RESILIENCE



BREATH & MOVEMENT



STILLNESS & PRESENCE



RELATIONSHIP & RECOVERY

When the body  
finds rhythm,  
the mind softens.  
When the mind softens,  
relationships heal.  
When relationships heal,  
life becomes coherent.



RHYTHM IS NOT A LUXURY.  
IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF A HEALTHY HUMAN LIFE.



REGULATE. RESTORE. RECONNECT. REMEMBER.

## THE RHYTHM OF THE BODY

### The Sequence Humans Forgot

#### Book II of The Human Coherence Trilogy

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Daniel first noticed the silence on a Tuesday morning.

Not outside.

Inside himself.

For years his mind had woken already running.

Bills.

Messages.

Deadlines.

Training.

Work.

Worry.

Responsibility.

Noise.

Even before his feet touched the floor each morning, his nervous system behaved as though danger had already entered the room.

But this morning felt different.

He sat alone in the kitchen before sunrise while the rest of the house slept upstairs. A glass of water rested beside him. Outside, pale early light slowly touched the tops of the trees beyond the fence.

The world had not changed.

His life had not magically improved.

Money was still tight.

Work still uncertain.

Parenting still exhausting.

The future still unclear.

Yet something inside his body felt less hunted.

That frightened him slightly.

Because he realised how long it had been since calm felt familiar.

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For years Daniel believed the body was something people pushed through.

Tiredness meant weakness.

Pain meant keep going.

Rest was something earned only after exhaustion.

That was how most men around him had lived.

His father.

His coaches.

The older men at work.

The fathers beside rugby pitches.

The men who kept families functioning by carrying pressure quietly until their bodies eventually began collapsing under the weight of it.

Most of them were decent men.

Good men, often.

Protective.

Sacrificial.

Dependable.

But many had learned a dangerous lesson very early in life:

usefulness mattered more than regulation.

So they kept moving.

Even when the body whispered.

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The body whispers  
for a very long time.

Then eventually  
it stops whispering.

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Daniel's father sat beside the hospital window staring out at winter rain while machines hummed softly around the room.

Type 2 diabetes.  
Heart complications.  
Years of chronic inflammation.

The doctors spoke carefully about lifestyle factors. Stress. Weight. Sleep.  
Blood sugar. Long-term strain.

But sitting beside the bed, Daniel saw something deeper than illness.  
He saw decades.

Overtime shifts.  
Financial pressure.  
Emotional suppression.  
Responsibility without recovery.  
A whole life spent surviving.

His father had always described himself as “fine.”  
Now even opening small plastic packets tired him.

One afternoon the old man stared out at the rain for a long time before  
speaking quietly.

“I don’t think I ever learned how to stop.”

Daniel looked down at his hands because suddenly he understood  
something frightening.

Many people spend so long surviving that eventually survival itself  
becomes their identity.

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At the rugby club the changes were quieter.

The coach noticed them first during winter training.

The players still worked hard.  
Still showed up.  
Still smiled in photographs.

But the body always tells the truth eventually.

One player became emotionally reactive over tiny mistakes.  
Another stopped sleeping properly before matches.

Several lived on caffeine, stress and convenience food because there simply was not enough time.

Many of the women carried impossible schedules.

Full-time jobs.

University assignments.

Travel.

Family pressure.

Hormonal exhaustion.

Social expectation.

Financial strain.

Then rugby on top.

The club still called the environment high-performance.

In many ways it was.

But sometimes the phrase “high-performance” quietly hid the reality that many nervous systems inside the environment had stopped fully recovering at all.

The coach began noticing something difficult to ignore.

The players struggling most were not always the weakest.

Often they were the ones who had lived under pressure the longest without enough rhythm, nourishment, emotional safety or recovery.

At first this challenged everything he had been taught.

Elite rugby had shaped him inside older patterns.

Pressure creates resilience.

Hardship creates strength.

Emotion clouds performance.

Yet somewhere inside himself another truth had slowly begun emerging.

Fear may create obedience.

But regulated human beings sustain excellence far longer.

That changed everything.

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The Fractal Banquets continued quietly through winter.

Not perfectly organised.

Not performative.

Just human.

Sometimes they gathered around long tables covered in mismatched food and candles while children ran between adults carrying plates too large for their hands.

Sometimes they walked silently beside rivers before sunrise.

Sometimes they sat around fires after training wrapped in coats while cold air drifted across the fields.

Sometimes almost nobody spoke.

And strangely, those evenings often changed people the most.

Modern humans had become frightened of silence.

Silence left space for feeling.

Space for noticing.

Space for truth.

At first many people tried filling every gap with conversation.

Then gradually the nervous systems inside the group began slowing together.

People breathed differently.

Laughed differently.

Listened differently.

Nobody was trying to impress anyone anymore.

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Some healing begins  
the moment people realise  
they no longer need  
to perform survival constantly.

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Leah noticed the shift before most people did.

For years she had searched for meaning through spirituality.

Meditation.

Energy work.

Consciousness.

Books about awakening.

In many ways, these things genuinely helped her.

But lately something uncomfortable had begun surfacing.

She often felt calmer alone than she did around ordinary struggling human beings.

That disturbed her.

At first she interpreted it spiritually.

Then slowly another truth emerged.

Perhaps she had become skilled at rising above pain rather than remaining fully present beside it.

That frightened her more deeply than she admitted.

One freezing morning after training she followed several players into the sea.

The cold hit her chest like panic.

Every thought disappeared instantly.

No philosophy.

No spiritual language.

No identity.

Only breath.

Only presence.

Afterwards they stood laughing together beneath pale morning light wrapped in towels while steam rose from takeaway coffee cups.

For the first time in years, Leah did not feel spiritually elevated.

She felt grounded.

Human.

Connected.

And strangely, that felt far more healing than transcendence ever had.

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to rise above humanity.

Usually  
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to return to it.

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Mia hated the walks at first.

No headphones.

No phone.

No constant stimulation.

Just footsteps beside her mother through cold morning air.

The first few walks felt unbearable.

Her thoughts became louder.

Her anxiety sharper.

But gradually something changed.

The world inside her head became less crowded.

One morning they stopped halfway across an open field while sunlight  
broke through low clouds across the hills.

Neither spoke.

For the first time in months, Mia noticed she could hear birds instead of  
thoughts.

The feeling almost made her cry.

Her mother noticed too.

Not the birds.

The softness.

For years she had tried loving her daughter through organisation, correction and control because control helped her feel temporarily safe.

Now she was beginning to understand something much harder.

Children do not only need guidance.

They need regulated presence.

Someone emotionally available enough to stay with them before trying to solve them.

That changed the way she listened forever.

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Daniel struggled with this more than most.

Like many men, his instinct under pressure was solution.

Fix the problem.

Improve the situation.

Move toward action.

He genuinely believed helping meant solving.

Then one evening his daughter sat crying beside the kitchen table describing friendship problems at school.

Halfway through the conversation he already had three possible solutions forming in his head.

Speak to the teacher.

Reduce social media.

Create boundaries.

Then he remembered something from one of the river walks.

Sometimes people do not need immediate solutions.

Sometimes they need nervous systems willing to stay beside uncertainty long enough for meaning to emerge naturally.

So instead of interrupting, he stayed quiet.

At first the silence felt physically uncomfortable.

His body wanted to move toward resolution.

But slowly his daughter's breathing softened.

The tears slowed.

And eventually she whispered something he would have completely missed if he had rushed to solve the situation too quickly.

"I just didn't want to feel alone in it."

Later that evening Daniel sat outside in darkness thinking about how many times in life he had mistaken fixing for presence.

Not because he lacked love.

Because somewhere along the line, he had learned usefulness felt safer than helplessness.

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Human beings do not always need answers first.

Sometimes they need presence strong enough to remain beside uncertainty without fleeing from it.

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Over time, small things began changing across the club and the wider pod around it.

People protected sleep more carefully.

Several players stopped scrolling late into the night.

Morning light became important.

Some began fasting naturally without obsessing over it.

Not as punishment.

As space.

Daniel realised many days he had spent years eating constantly without ever truly feeling nourished.

Stress had disconnected him from hunger itself.

Coffee replaced breakfast.

Urgency replaced lunch.

Sugar replaced recovery.

Then one Saturday after a long silent river walk, he realised he had not eaten until almost six in the evening.

Strangely, he felt clearer than usual.

Not euphoric.

Just quieter.

His thinking slowed.

The constant emotional static he carried every day seemed softer somehow.

For years he had believed constant thinking meant control.

Now he wondered whether endless stimulation had simply exhausted his nervous system.

He found himself watching light move across the water without needing distraction.

That feeling alone seemed revolutionary.

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Perhaps the body  
was never asking people  
to become superhuman.

Perhaps it was asking them  
to return to rhythm.

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The older people at the Banquets carried different stories.

Menopause.

Arthritis.

Cancer.

Memory decline.

Diabetes.

Loneliness after retirement.

Fear after losing partners.

One grandmother admitted she no longer recognised herself after her husband died.

Another man quietly revealed he had spent forty years working so hard he never learned how to rest emotionally.

Nobody rushed to fix each other.

That mattered.

The younger people slowly realised something important while listening to the older generations speak.

Many illnesses were not simply random interruptions to otherwise healthy lives.

Often the body had been carrying overload silently for decades.

Stress.

Suppression.

Disconnection.

Poor sleep.

Inflammation.

Loss.

Loneliness.

Hypervigilance.

Emotional exhaustion.

The body remembered all of it.

Not vindictively.

Faithfully.

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True coherence

is not the absence of suffering.

It is the ability  
to remain meaningfully human  
while facing reality together.

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One evening near the end of winter, the coach stood alone beside the empty pitch after everybody else had gone home.

Cold air drifted across the grass.

For years he had believed leadership meant pushing people harder than they believed possible.

Now another possibility had begun emerging.

Perhaps great environments are not created through fear at all.

Perhaps the strongest teams are built when nervous systems feel safe enough to:

- tell the truth,
- recover properly,
- challenge each other honestly,
- remain fully human,
- and still pursue excellence together.

He looked up at the darkening sky and suddenly thought about his daughters.

Then about the players.

Then about himself.

And for the first time in a very long time, he stopped treating his own body like an enemy.

THE HUMAN COHERENCE TRILOGY

BOOK III



# THE ENVIRONMENT WE CREATE TOGETHER

THE STORY WE BECOME TOGETHER

“

The future will not be built by perfect systems or powerful technology.

It will be built by human beings willing to become more present, more connected, and more courageous together.

”



RELATIONSHIPS THAT HEAL



EDUCATION THAT LIBERATES



AI & TECHNOLOGY THAT SERVE HUMANITY



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



CONSCIOUSNESS AND MEANING



PODS, COMMUNITY AND COLLECTIVE COHERENCE



FUTURE HUMANITY OUR GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY



BETTER ENVIRONMENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. THEY ARE CREATED, PROTECTED AND EVOLVED TOGETHER.



PRESENCE



TRUTH



COLLABORATION



STEWARDSHIP



HOPE



LEGACY

WE ARE NOT HERE TO OUTPERFORM EACH OTHER. WE ARE HERE TO CREATE A WORLD WORTH INHERITING.

## THE ENVIRONMENT WE CREATE TOGETHER

### Pods, Presence and Human Becoming

#### Book 3 of The Human Coherence Trilogy

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The future did not arrive all at once.

It arrived quietly.

In tired classrooms.

In glowing phone screens late at night.

In children unable to focus because their nervous systems never truly rested.

In parents who loved deeply but no longer knew how to slow down enough to feel present with one another.

In coaches mistaking pressure for preparation.

In workplaces calling exhaustion commitment.

In older people carrying forty years of silent stress through inflamed bodies while still insisting they were “fine.”

And somewhere underneath all of it sat a strange human loneliness no amount of information seemed able to solve.

The world had become more connected than ever before.

Yet many people had never felt more emotionally alone.

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Daniel noticed it first during one of the Banquets near the beginning of spring.

Children sat beside grandparents.

Players beside teachers.

Single parents beside business owners.

Teenagers beside exhausted healthcare workers.

Coaches beside men who had once nearly taken their own lives but never told anyone properly why.

Nobody looked extraordinary from the outside.

Yet slowly, while evening light softened through the old clubhouse windows, something remarkable happened.

People began listening differently.

Not waiting to speak.

Listening.

And the more people spoke honestly, the more everyone realised the same hidden truth:

almost nobody had felt safe carrying modern life alone.

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Outside, children ran barefoot across damp grass chasing one another through fading sunlight.

Inside, an older woman quietly described losing her husband after fifty-two years together.

“For months after he died,” she whispered, “I kept pretending I was coping because everybody else looked uncomfortable when I told the truth.”

Nobody interrupted her.

Nobody rushed toward motivational language.

Nobody tried turning grief into a lesson.

People simply stayed with her.

And for perhaps the first time since her husband’s funeral, she cried without apologising.

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Human beings do not heal  
only through solutions.

Often, they heal  
when they no longer feel  
emotionally abandoned  
inside reality.

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The coach sat quietly watching the room.

A year earlier he would have dismissed evenings like this as distraction.

Now he was beginning to understand something profound.

The strongest teams were not always built through fear, hierarchy or control.

The strongest environments were often the places where human beings no longer needed to hide quite so much from one another.

That truth changed him more deeply than he admitted aloud.

For years he had carried inherited patterns from older rugby cultures.

Pressure creates resilience.

Emotion weakens focus.

Standards must remain uncompromising.

Yet somewhere along the line, many environments had confused intimidation with leadership.

The language sounded noble:

culture,

ethos,

high-performance,

mental toughness,

professionalism.

But underneath some of those words sat frightened nervous systems quietly learning survival instead of growth.

Now he watched players laughing naturally again after training and realised something almost painful:

he had forgotten that joy was also part of elite performance.

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At the edge of the room Leah stood beside the open doorway watching evening air move softly through the trees outside.

For years she had searched for meaning upward.

Meditation.

Energy.

Consciousness.

Awakening.

But somewhere between the cold-water mornings, the silent walks and the Banquets, another understanding had emerged quietly inside her.

Real spirituality was not escape from ordinary humanity.

It was presence within it.

The future did not need humans who floated above suffering speaking beautifully about consciousness while remaining emotionally unreachable.

The future needed humans capable of:

- grounded presence,
- regulated nervous systems,
- ethical discernment,
- deep attention,
- meaningful connection,
- and courage gentle enough to remain human in difficult environments.

That was far harder.

And far more important.

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The children understood some of this naturally.

Not intellectually.

Instinctively.

Rachel noticed it constantly through her work with them.

When pressure reduced, something extraordinary often emerged.

Children became:

more attentive,

more creative,

more emotionally perceptive,  
more curious,  
more connected to their environment,  
and strangely capable of forms of learning adults had forgotten how to  
access.

Not because they were superhuman.

Because their nervous systems had not fully disconnected from embodied  
perception yet.

One afternoon Mia sat beneath a tree after fieldwork staring quietly at  
sunlight moving across water while younger children collected leaves  
nearby.

“What are you thinking about?” Rachel asked gently.

Mia took a long time answering.

“Everything feels louder when people are stressed,” she finally whispered.

Rachel felt goosebumps rise softly across her arms.

Because children often recognised emotional climate long before adults  
found language for it.

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Perhaps children  
do not arrive in the world  
empty.

Perhaps many arrive  
still connected  
to ways of perceiving  
adults slowly forget.

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The educational systems surrounding them, however, still moved mostly  
through pressure.

Faster testing.

More performance.

Less stillness.

Less rhythm.

Less nature.

Less attention to nervous systems.

The world called this preparation for the future.

Yet increasingly, many children were becoming:

exhausted,

anxious,

overstimulated,

fragmented,

and emotionally detached from themselves before adulthood had even properly begun.

So small groups of teachers, parents and coaches quietly began asking deeper questions.

What if learning changes when nervous systems feel safe?

What if attention is biological before it is behavioural?

What if emotional safety affects cognition more deeply than modern systems currently recognise?

What if children are not failing education systems?

What if many systems are failing human nervous systems?

The questions spread slowly.

Like roots underground before visible growth appears above the surface.

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Meanwhile technology accelerated.

Artificial intelligence entered homes, schools and workplaces faster than most people emotionally understood.

Information became endless.

Answers became instant.

Yet strangely, many people felt more confused than before.

Because intelligence alone was no longer enough.

The future was beginning to reveal something uncomfortable:

fragmented humans with powerful technology could create deeply fragmented worlds.

Which meant the deeper question was no longer:

“How intelligent are we becoming?”

But:

“What kind of humans are we becoming while intelligence accelerates around us?”

That question changed everything.

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One evening Daniel sat beside his daughter helping her with schoolwork while an AI assistant answered questions instantly on the screen between them.

His daughter looked up suddenly.

“Dad?”

“Yeah?”

“If computers know everything one day... what will humans still be for?”

The question stayed inside him long after she went to bed.

Later that night during a walk beside the river he asked the same question aloud to the older man who had first texted him months earlier asking:  
You okay mate?

The old man smiled quietly.

“Maybe the future won’t belong to the people who know the most.”

Daniel looked across the dark water.

“Then who?”

The man took a long time answering.

“Maybe the people who remain most human.”

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The sentence spread quietly through the pod over the following months.

Not as a slogan.

As recognition.

Because increasingly people understood something many modern systems had forgotten.

Human beings are not machines for productivity.

They are relational ecosystems.

Bodies.

Nervous systems.

Meaning.

Emotion.

Memory.

Biology.

Environment.

Attention.

Presence.

Connection.

Everything affecting everything else constantly.

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The Banquets evolved again after that.

Now they appeared everywhere.

A teacher began holding quiet evening meals for overwhelmed parents once a month at school.

A residential care worker started walking silently with traumatised teenagers before difficult conversations instead of forcing eye contact in office rooms.

Several rugby players began checking on isolated older supporters living alone.

One workplace replaced aggressive morning meetings with slower walking discussions outdoors twice weekly.

Nobody called these things revolutionary.

Yet slowly environments changed.

Children softened.

Arguments shortened.

People listened longer before reacting.

Some men cried openly for the first time in decades.

Several women stopped carrying entire emotional ecosystems alone.

Older people became less invisible.

Teenagers became less frightening to adults once adults slowed down enough to understand their nervous systems properly.

Not every environment changed.

Some resisted fiercely.

Certain leaders mocked the softness of it all.

Some organisations copied the language of regulation while still rewarding fear underneath.

One manager spoke constantly about “psychological safety” while quietly punishing honesty during meetings.

Another club adopted wellbeing slogans while still emotionally exhausting players behind closed doors.

The pod learned something important from this too.

Language alone changes nothing.

Human nervous systems always detect the emotional truth underneath words eventually.

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Fear can imitate leadership  
for a while.

But the body always knows  
the difference  
between control  
and safety.

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One autumn evening the entire community gathered near the coast for a large Banquet after months of fieldwork, training, learning and shared struggle together.

Children played near the dunes while older people wrapped themselves in blankets against the cold sea air.

Somebody lit fires along the shoreline.

Others carried food between driftwood tables beneath strings of soft lights moving in the wind.

No grand speeches were planned.

No performance.

Just people.

At one point Daniel looked around the firelight and realised something almost impossible to describe.

For the first time in years, nobody seemed to be pretending quite so much.

The coach sat laughing naturally beside players.

Teenagers spoke openly with older adults.

Children moved safely between groups without tension.

Leah sat quietly watching waves fold into darkness while listening to ordinary conversation instead of searching constantly for transcendence.

Mia's mother looked peaceful for the first time Daniel could remember.

And his father, slower now but softer too, sat beside the fire holding his granddaughter's hand without needing to speak at all.

Daniel suddenly understood something profound.

The future would not be saved by information alone.

Nor by technology alone.

Nor by performance alone.

The future would depend upon whether human beings learned how to remain connected to:

- themselves,

- one another,
- the body,
- truth,
- environment,
- meaning,
- and future generations  
while the world accelerated around them.

That was the real work.

Not perfection.

Participation.

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Perhaps human beings  
were never meant  
to evolve through intelligence alone.

Perhaps we were always meant  
to evolve through relationship.

Relationship with:  
body,  
time,  
environment,  
truth,  
one another,  
and the generations still waiting  
to inherit whatever kind of world  
we choose to create together.

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Long after the fires faded and the shoreline emptied into darkness, the  
sound of children laughing still carried softly through the cold night air.

And somewhere beneath the stars above the sea, humanity quietly  
remembered itself again.

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To continue exploring:  
regulation,  
rhythm,  
pods,  
future-human learning,  
presence,  
ethical AI,  
consciousness,  
and human coherence, visit:  
<https://www.1to1.me.uk/join-now/>

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## **YOUR PLACE IN THE STORY**

If you recognised yourself somewhere inside these pages,  
you are not alone.

Perhaps you saw yourself in:

the exhausted parent trying to hold everything together while quietly falling  
apart inside.

The coach carrying pressure he never learned how to put down.

The teenager overwhelmed by noise nobody else seemed able to hear.

The child whose nervous system was misunderstood as behaviour.

The teacher trying to care inside systems moving too fast for human  
rhythm.

The player pretending confidence while feeling emotionally alone.

The older man who survived everything except rest.

The mother who confused control with safety because life had taught her  
that letting go felt dangerous.

The spiritually searching person who slowly realised healing is not escape  
from humanity, but deeper presence within it.

Or perhaps you recognised yourself in moments nobody else around you  
has fully seen yet.

These stories began as mirrors.

Not conclusions.

Because real human lives are always deeper, messier, more courageous and more meaningful than any single narrative can fully hold.

This trilogy was never meant to be the final word.

It was meant to begin something.

Conversations.

Reflection.

Recognition.

Safer environments.

More truthful leadership.

More human education.

More regulated families.

More compassionate teams.

More honest communities.

And perhaps, slowly, a more coherent future.

The characters inside these books are fictional.

But the emotional realities are not.

Every day, human beings carry:

pressure, grief, exhaustion, hope, love, confusion, responsibility, fear, courage and longing while trying to remain present for one another in a rapidly changing world.

Many do so silently.

Perhaps your story matters because another human being somewhere is still carrying theirs alone.

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## **A Living Human Narrative**

We are now inviting individuals, families, educators, coaches, leaders, practitioners, teams and wider pods to contribute their own lived experiences as part of a future “Lived Human Edition” of this work.

Not polished stories.

Not perfect stories.

Human stories.

Moments where:

- pressure became too much,
- rhythm was lost,
- environments became unhealthy,
- regulation returned,
- relationships changed,
- leadership softened,
- grief transformed people,
- children revealed deeper truths,
- teams rediscovered connection,
- or ordinary human presence quietly changed everything.

Some contributions may remain private reflections.

Others may help shape future books, future fieldwork, future educational models, future wellbeing environments and future human conversations.

Both matter equally.

Because every healthier environment begins the same way:

One human being becomes safe enough to tell the truth.

And another human being remains present long enough to hear it.

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## **You Do Not Need To Be Extraordinary**

You do not need:

perfect language,  
academic writing,  
professional status,  
or a dramatic life story.

Sometimes the most powerful reflections come from ordinary moments:

a walk,  
a conversation,  
a breakdown,

a silent meal,  
a child's question,  
a coach's regret,  
a parent finally slowing down enough to listen,  
or a moment where somebody simply stayed beside another human being  
without trying to fix them immediately.

These moments matter.

Because modern life has quietly taught many people to perform strength  
while hiding struggle.

Your honesty may help another person feel less alone inside their own  
experience.

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## **What Happens Next**

As this wider body of lived experience grows, future narrative editions may  
begin integrating real human stories from:

- sport,
- education,
- residential care,
- leadership,
- parenting,
- grief,
- health,
- recovery,
- consciousness exploration,
- environmental connection,
- future-human learning,
- nervous-system regulation,
- AI-era humanity,
- and pod actualisation.

Not to create perfection.

But to create recognition.

Because perhaps the future does not change through louder systems alone.

Perhaps it changes when enough human beings begin telling the truth about what helps people genuinely become more:

- present,
- regulated,
- connected,
- courageous,
- compassionate,
- and fully human again.

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### **If You Feel Part Of This Story**

Then perhaps the next chapter is partly yours too.

To contribute reflections, lived experiences, stories or future collaborations, visit:

1to1 – Join the Human Coherence Journey

Because the future will not be built by perfect people.

It will be built by human beings willing to become more honest, more regulated, more present and more courageous together.

Example of true stories/anecdotes (all that is changed are the names/places):

*KK was taken away from her abused mother at the age of 13 and entered a residential childcare home. She was the only young person in the home and initially this was considered correct as she had significant anger and relationship issues. KK was a selective mute and had not attended school for 3 years due to expressing violence towards other young people and adults. To find herself and distance herself from who she had become, she chose not to speak and focus on being vigilant. She changed her name (on more than one occasion and expressed a desire to be a boy). I was brought into home educate her. I chose not to push learning on her but rather nurture a safe and trusting environment and relationship between us. I supported KK for 3 years, and during this period the greatest level of learning came from me and not her. I learned more about not just sitting in silence and doing things whilst being with her; but rather, sitting in silence and showing unconditional positive regard for her state of regulation. This regard was felt by her, she sensed emotional safety in the same immediate way animals often sense the emotional state around them. This genuine unconditional regard took me 12 months to master; however, it led to KK not only speaking but wanting to be a voice over coach and write poetry. Her reading age improved from a 5-year-old to a 16-year-old, and she went on to pass her English and Maths exams. This coherence was achieved through me learning to communicate with someone else at their level – not mine.*

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*In 2010 I had been running a football coaching programme for more than 10 years. It was a programme with a difference; its purpose was to support people become the best version of themselves, rather than simply improve at football and play in a team that tried to win. I was approached by a local high school to see if I might be able to help with a number of dysregulated 15-year-old boys who projected a range of challenging issues. I went to meet the family worker who invited me and then met individually with as many of the ‘challenging group’ as possible. This was itself a challenge because most of them did not attend school on a regular basis. Furthermore, the boys rarely attended any classes, and especially meetings. Many were refugees, asylum seekers, travellers and students with SEMH issues. Most had parents who had financial difficulties, many had parents or carers who did not*

*understand the importance of support, and as such most had never been involved with a team before. None of them were welcome at local clubs because they could not pay subs, never knew what was going on and were often too quick to start a fight and disrupt a stable environment. This story was written in support of The Human Coherence Trilogy because it highlights what individuals can achieve when they feel they are listened to, not judged and within a safe and trusted environment – moreover, it is written because at the time we did not perceive it would have impacted as positively as it did. I have summarised the story rather than give all the details. The details would have provided more emotion and context; however, I feel the emphasis is on coherence with you the reader, and you already have that in your own story (because deep down we share these deeper understandings). So, moving on – I invited those who would attend to a social gathering where we played pool, cards and music (their choice of music). I established honest ground rules in terms of no drink or drugs and balanced that with no other pressures to comply – just to be amongst one another, to be with me and with the additional support staff I brought in. This seemed to be new to most of them and they came back – but brought their friends – who were similar, but from different schools (who also had the same challenges). Within 4 weeks we had over 30 boys that many would have described as a group of wild out of control hooligans – from many different backgrounds, cultures and life experiences – but unified by an opportunity to be authentic in themselves. We never touched a football until week 6 and then we realised most had no boots or any form of playing/training kit. We overcame this through support from adults with foresight! This foresight was also given by a league committee, who after a few heated meetings agreed to not only allowing us to enter them as team into an established local league, but granted us free entry and no fees for referees. We survived until the end of the season. Survival is an interesting word to use, because it was a challenge for everyone. At the end of the season the players have formed a close bond with the other players, many had never had real friends before, and they socialised outside of the team as well, which was good for them. They learned respect for one another and for themselves – and for the adults who supported them. Most changed their attitude to school, and for many this was their last few years in school. They started to behave better in classes; in fact, we even supported them with maths and English instead of football training – the school were over the moon with our*

*support as nothing else had worked. The 2nd season was a turning point. We had managed to secure them all a new kit, new boots, and a regular training session. They all attended, and we always had at least 5 subs for every match, because it was not the football they wanted – it was a feeling of belonging and of someone allowing them to find themselves. They won the U16's league against players and teams who had been together since being 5 and 6 years old. They beat teams who had academy players and high performing coaches. They had learned what coherence was, because many shared similar feelings of dysregulation, disconnection and lack of hope – they had been nurtured to experience what it felt like to not only respect yourself, but to respect others around you, they had learned loyalty – they showed everyone that we already carry the ability within us – sometimes it simply takes another human being to help us see it. At the time I knew what we were doing was significant, however, this opportunity to share it, has made me realise the importance of reflection, so we can make human coherence resonate about who we really are – not just what society seeks us to project.*

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*Yours may follow. . .*