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Introduce

Subject: **Supposition Conceptual & Functional Space**

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Chapter 1: Why dimensions?

At first, when we think about a subject, we should see it from different views to understand it well. Every angle that we use to attend our favor subject, give us a part of data about it. When we have grabbed most of these informations, we would have an authentic perspective around the subject. We call these view angles "Dimensions".

Dimensions tell us how to be extended the domain of the subject. It shows quantity and quality of it that helps us to understand it more and more, because we know "understanding" is not binary (0,1), the same as B&W, it is usually gray! So, how much we can imagine more dimensions of a subject, we would know it better than others who analyze less dimensions of same subject.

Understanding is not a simple process, when we meet complicated and widespread subjects. In these cases we had to use an accepted and reliable method to know subject; A method that have proved by philosophical theories and have used in several fields, that shows it's useful and practical in real world.

In this case, the same as we told, we should have a method, because we are in front of a very great and complicated subject: "Convert to Shia". We need a method that can:

- Introduce borders of the subject, where territory of the subject be finished and others have started. (External)
- Describe ingredients and elements inside the subject, that how relate to each other. (Internal)
- Finally, explain the true relation between subject's "External" and "Internal" that told before.

We have a method can do those things. We use it in this document to find dimensions of our subject and understand it. But we're not going to explain the method itself, because of low time. It should be explained in academic papers and articles.



Chapter 2: Which dimensions?

When we attend "Converting", and we wanna help to happen a guided convert, far enough from corruptions and slopes, we find ourselves in front of these questions that show us some concepts:

- Who?
- How?

The first question, ask us "Who is converting to Shia?". To answer this question we should know several things:

- Nationality
- Race
- Age
- Current religion & faith
- Education
- Job & estimated income

Which of these personality information can has many conditions. But our foundation's goals forces us to choose a determined condition. We can't relate to all people over the world to help them in their converts. We are limited and have to get limited decisions. So we are determine our territory by answering this questions.

In this case, we chose "Americans" who live in North America and about race, we responsible to "Blacks" & "Indians", when they going to convert to Shia. Of course we should introduce our status about "Age", "Education", "Job" and etc.

By the way, exploring these concepts show us inside of our subject. We can classify our partners by "Age", "Education", "Race", "Job", etc. So, when we go to guide them, we can make a different manual for each collection.

At the second question. We're looking for the "Reason" of converting and also, that happens in which conditions and environment. We found below concepts for this question:

- Reasons
- Environment
- Time
- Support

"Reasons" can dialyze to three type of events:

- Political
- Cultural
 - Behavior & Ethic
 - Study & Research
- Economical

As you can see, "Cultural reasons" dialyzed to two sects; "Behavior" and "Study", as its turn. To explain more, we should say: when somebody decides change religion and convert to a new one, It has one of these four type of reasons:

- Perseverance against oppression and social inequality
- Desirable behavior in an immoral society



- Research religions and beliefs
- Financial assistance

For example: When he/she found somebody helps him/her in financial matters, hates him and his beliefs. Because we, humans, know that everybody usually acts accordingly to his faith. It is the same in 2nd type of reasons, when somebody has moral behavior.

However, at the 1st kind of reasons, "Political", we turn to our creation; we hate injustice. So, we'll like everybody stands against it. This reason happens when we see Imam Hussein's life (AS). Today, in this age, when somebody sees Imam Khomeini's standing against world imperialism, he/she will senses love to that man and his beliefs. It can help him/her to decide convert to Shia.

About 3rd type of reasons, somebody who has tasted injustice in his/her life, looking for a refuge. He/she starts to research and study all religions. By the way, he/she meets Shia. The power of proofs and the light of guidance in words of Quran and Ahl-ol-bayt (AS) help him/her to make a new decision.

Every conversion happens inside an environment. because we, humans, live near each other, our environment is our people who live with us and around us:

- Family
 - Parents
 - Spouse
 - Children
- Society
 - Classmates
 - Coworkers
 - Neighbors

All of these peoples are effective in the conversion and have effectiveness of his/her conversion. This effectiveness can happens in three different step of conversion, we call it "Time dimension". "Time" as an environment's effect has three stages:

- Before convert
- During convert
- After convert

Our purpose from 2nd concept, "During convert", is a time immediately after the convert that faith's tree is young and weak, it needs to protection until it grows and to be strong. So, its shape is same as below diagram.



It shows that somebody who are going to convert needs our help in these three steps. Thus, "Support" may be is the last environment that we should attend it, "Support" should multiplies in "Time". In its turn, it can be dialyzed:

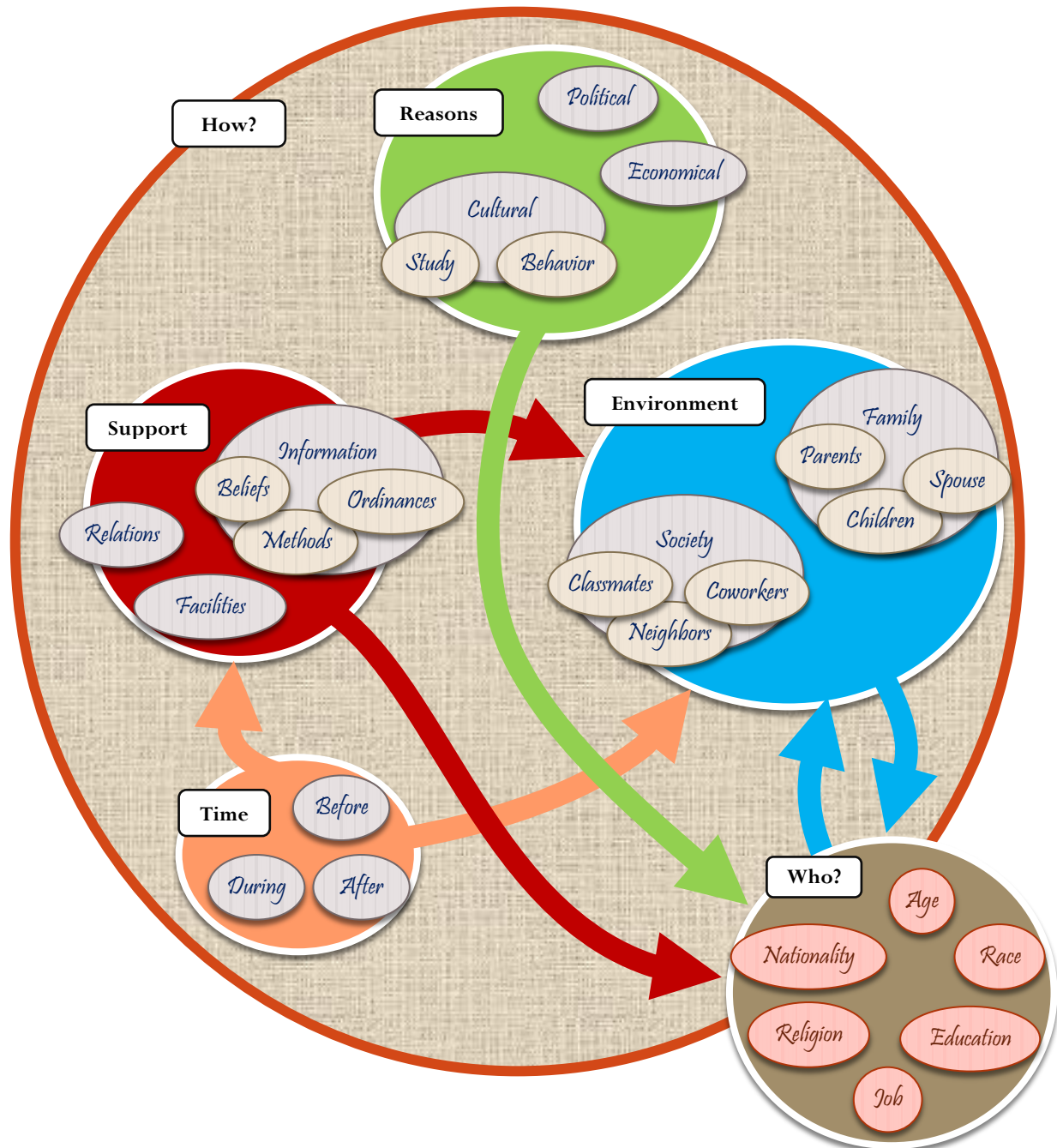
- Information
 - Beliefs & principles
 - Ordinances



- Methods
- Relations
- Facilities

"Methods" means some ways, if he/she learns them, can make his/her life better in his/her family, neighbors, etc. everybody needs others who are same as him/her in their religion and beliefs. So we should join converted people to each other to help them make their beliefs stronger together. At the end, "Facilities" are everything he/she needs for continues his/her life; job, money, school, books and etc.

Finally, we can see all dimensions in this diagram:



As you saw in the diagram, some dimensions are related to others. These related dimensions should multiply each other, then can be defined and introduced well. For example: "Support" can be done in every "Time" and can be contains "Environment" in each time. So, we can see multiplied dimensions in below table:

Support	Self	Information	Beliefs	Before		
				During		
				After		
			Ordinances	During		
				After		
			Methods	During		
				After		
		Relations	Before			
			During			
			After			
		Facilities	Before			
			During			
			After			
	Family	Parents	Information	Beliefs	During	
					After	
		Spouse	Information	Beliefs	During	
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				Ordinances	During	
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				Methods	During	
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			Relations	During		
				After		
		Facilities	During			
			After			
		Children	Information	Beliefs	After	
				Ordinances	After	
				Methods	After	
			Relations	After		
			Facilities	After		
	Society	Coworkers	Information	Beliefs	After	
				Relations	After	
				Facilities	After	
		

In this sample, you see how dimensions multiply to each other. Of course some results should be deleted, because they aren't needed. For example: In support coworkers' of who converted, we should help him/her to give some information to them, but just after convert, not before or during his/her convert. These information just should be as beliefs, because his/her coworkers haven't converted until now, So don't need ordinances!

After multiplying all dimensions those should be multiplied, we will have a wide range of concepts. we call this range "Conceptual space" as they're some concepts. but if we're going to plan some acts to do our duties, we should act just inside of this range. So, we can call it again by a new name: "Functional space".



Chapter 3: Choose indicators

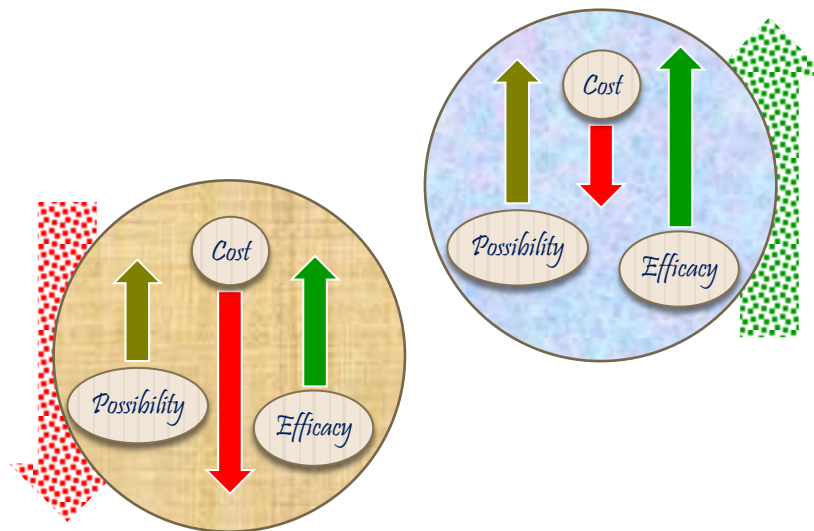
Some of our duties are supporting converts during of the conversion or after it. But about "Before", a big problem exists in front of us; How we can choose a partner and find a person who is ready to convert or suitable for it? Because we know that we can't pay attention to all people at one time, and support all of them. We can't guide all people together.

The answer is: we need some indicators! They can show us who is more suitable to start conversion. We have three:

- Possibility
- Cost
- Efficacy

The first concept came from "Who" question, we talk about it in dimensions' chapter. When we gather dimensions' information, we can find how much is the possibility of a person's conversion. When we add "Reasons" to our deal, we can find the cost of conversion. It means how much our people should pay attention and spend time to prepare he/she for conversion. At the end, efficacy to be taken from "Environment" dimension, which describes who has most role in his/her friends, coworkers, etc. When we determine the efficiency of his/her conversion in the society, we can decide about pay his/her conversion's cost. It means we should believe in that some people have more power in change the world!

For start to help people to convert, we need these three indicators. Two of them have positive act in our counts, and one of them is negative, the same as be shown in below diagrams:



So, by counting these indicators, those come from analyzing dimensions, we can determine priority and importance of each convert. Now, by having these information we can do what is the best way to help partner society to convert more than what happened past.

Conclusion

Handling a huge collection of people who can be convert in each time, by any reason, at any age, etc. IS NOT a simple work. Deciding to guide any of them should occur after study the most variables those can help us to have the best choice. So, we need to know dimensions and their internal and external relations, choose indicators and check them in every step of guide process. □

