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Subject: Our problem with problems and why truth matters

Dear ……… ,

*‘Solving problems is to progress in life’*

We all fail, regularly, to solve solvable problems. The thing is that *not* solving solvable problems is ignoring the truth. The idea of solving problems is to be part of the solution, which is to choose to tell a complete and truthful story. If you choose not to solve a problem, the problem will continue to exist and get worse. Solving problems is to progress in life. Not solving a problem is often ignoring the truth.

The idea is that you must excel in solving problems. We often take for granted that problems are solved and action has been taken to solve them. This is a universal believe, but it often is a false believe. Consequently, many problems remain to exist. Many problems can be solved, because they have been solved before.

You must understand how problems must be tackled strategically. Einstein once remarked: ‘*A problem’s formulation is most often more important than its solution’*. Problem formation is our representation of the problem. So, how to get to the optimal formulation of a problem?

Problems require deliberate thought, formulated as an understandable story. Every problem must have a *beginning,* a *middle* and an *end*. The *beginning* is the situation that you are in. The *middle* is the solution, and the *end* is your goal. Be aware that unfortunately, most problems are ill defined, meaning the *beginning, middle* or *end* are unclear. It is the journey where you are now to where you would rather be.

Solving problems is how we think critically about arguments, being claims and counterclaims. And how we support arguments with evidence. Two things determine whether your arguments are sound. First, the robustness of the process of identifying the truth of a problem. Meaning that there are enough claim and counterclaim iterations. Second, how you move toward or arrive at a truth.

The soundness of the evidence you bring forward is crucial to develop a successful defense. Be aware of opinions and anecdotes, as these are just opinions and anecdotes, which do not give any evidence of representing the truth. Opinions are based on words and stories instead of facts and figures. Therefore, disregard individual opinions and anecdotes.

No problem can be solved until it has been completely and truthfully represented. Believing in misrepresented problems result in disappointments, having wasted valuable time, money, effort and emotion, achieving nothing or too little. This is what the author calls, ‘Our problem with problems’.

The whole idea of solving problems is to be part of the solution, which is to choose to tell a complete and truthful story. Your problem with problems is yours. Problems will go unsolved until they are solved.

And if we choose not to solve a problem, the problem will continue to exist. Unsolved problems often lead to other problems instead of fewer problems. Solving problems is to progress in live. How well you live is determined by the problems you solve. The goal is to become better at solving problems, by welcoming problems rather than run away from problems. All of this starts with having confidence in the ability to solve problems.

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