

Conscious Practice

*a courageous choice for
sign language interpreters*

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Systems

- 1: a **regularly** interacting or interdependent group of items **forming** a unified whole
- 2: an **organized** set of doctrines, ideas, or principles(...)
- 3: an **organized** or established procedure
- 4: harmonious **arrangement** or **pattern**
- 5: an **organized** society or social situation regarded as stultifying or oppressive

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/system>

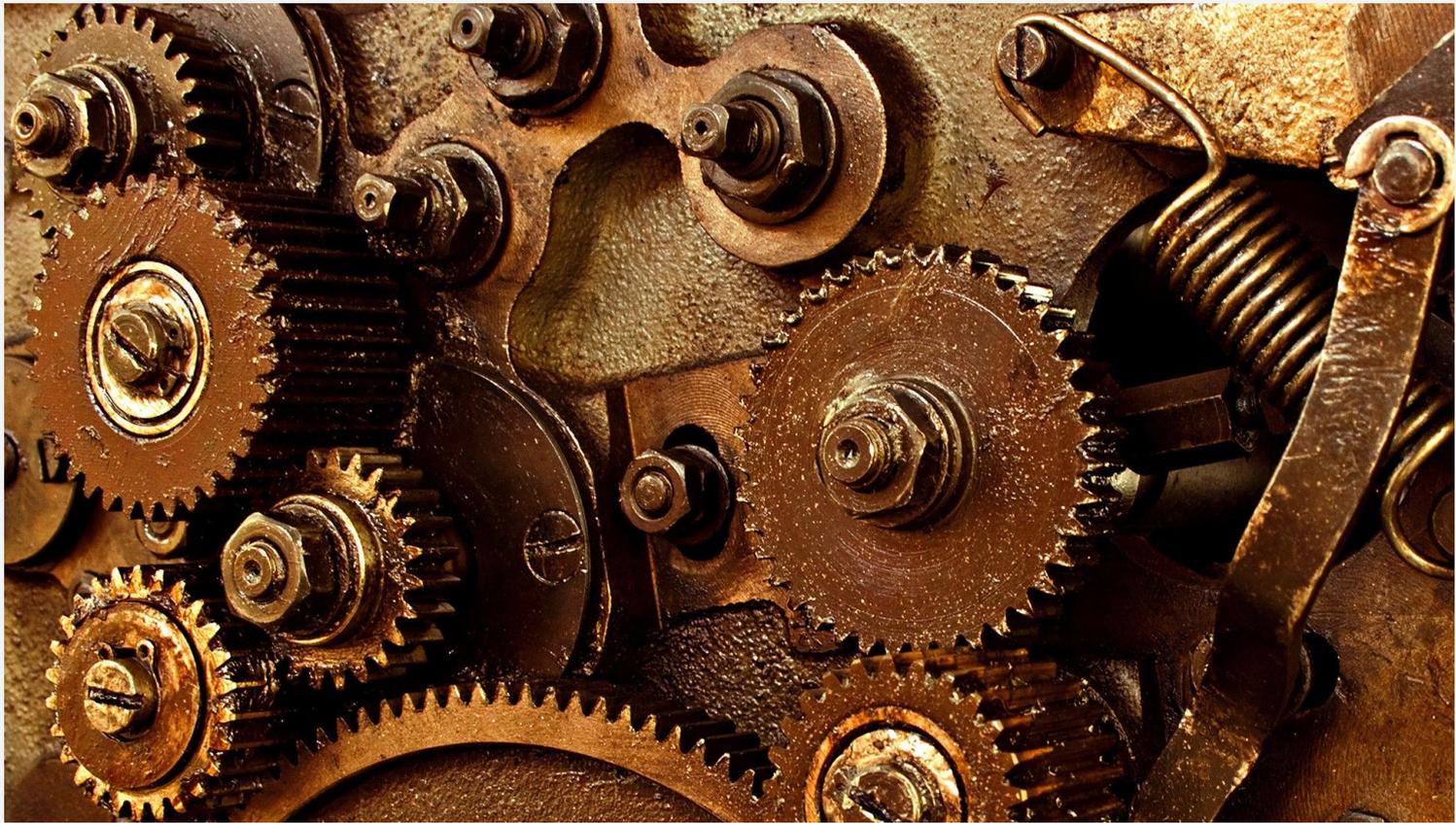


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Audism or Genocide?

“The notion that one is superior based on one’s ability to hear or to behave in the manner of one who hears.”

- Tom Humphries

the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/genocide>



Image: www.flickr.com/photos/genocideintervention



Investigating Models

Management Models (*Practice Models*)

Helper, Conduit, Facilitator, Mediator

Western Cultural Models (*Processing/Cognitive Models*)

Colonomos, Cokely, Gish

How-To Models (Decision Making Models)

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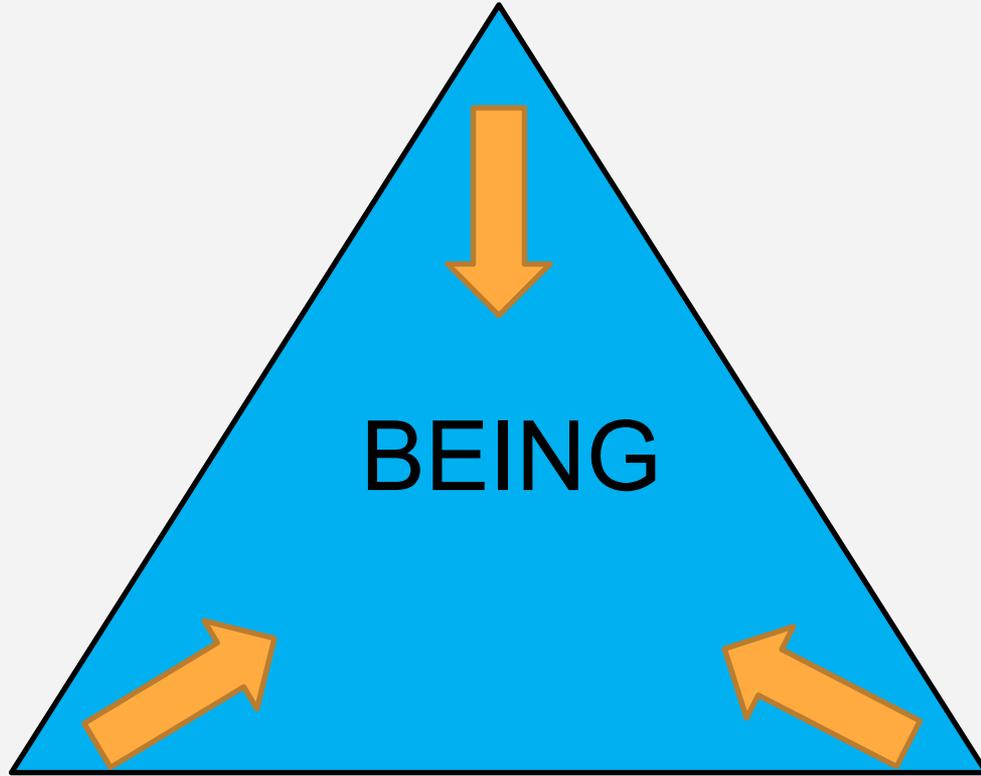


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Consciousness

- 1a: the quality or state of being aware especially of something within oneself
- 1b: the state or fact of being conscious of an external object, state, or fact
- 1c: awareness; *especially* : concern for some social or political cause
- 2: the state of being characterized by **sensation, emotion, volition, and thought**
- 3: the totality of conscious states of an individual
- 4: the normal state of conscious life
- 5: the upper level of mental life of which the person is aware as contrasted with unconscious processes

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/consciousness>



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A Courageous Choice

to **think** with Deaf peoples

to **feel** with Deaf peoples

to **act** with Deaf peoples

to **be** with Deaf peoples

A final thought...

If Deaf peoples are, as Veditz stated, “first, last, and all the time the people of the eye”, then,

who are sign language interpreters? And, who do we want to Be?