

# Mindsets for the Future

## Springboard Trust

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# There are no Future Facts

1800



“Rail travel at high speed is not possible, because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia.”

Dr. Dionysys Larder, Professor of Natural Philosophy & Astronomy, University College London

1876



“This telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication.”

Western Union internal memo

1977



“There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home.”

Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation

1916



“The cinema is little more than a fad. It's canned drama. What audiences really want to see is flesh and blood on the stage.”

Charlie Chaplin, actor, producer, director, and studio founder

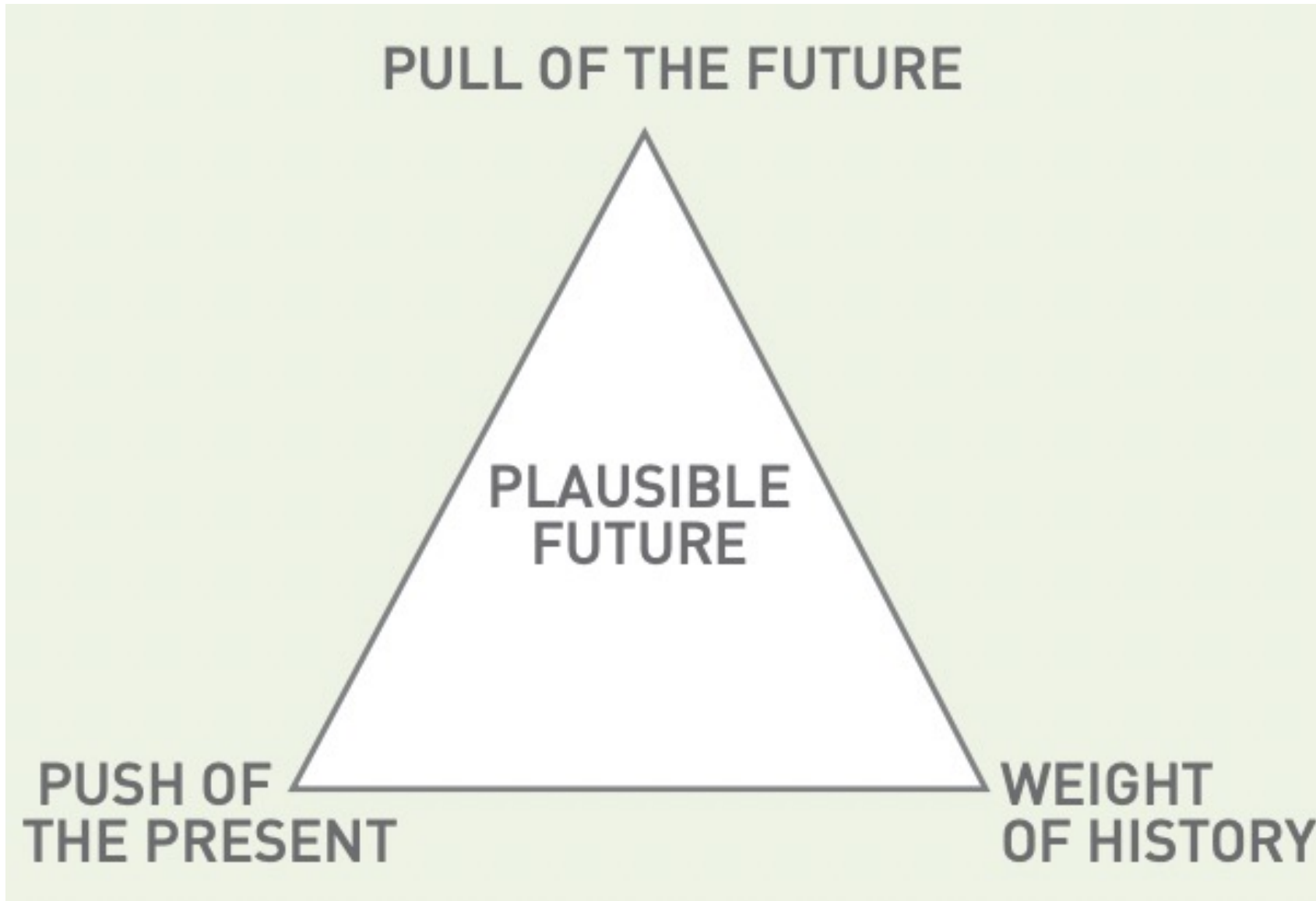
1995



“The truth is no online database will replace your daily newspaper...”

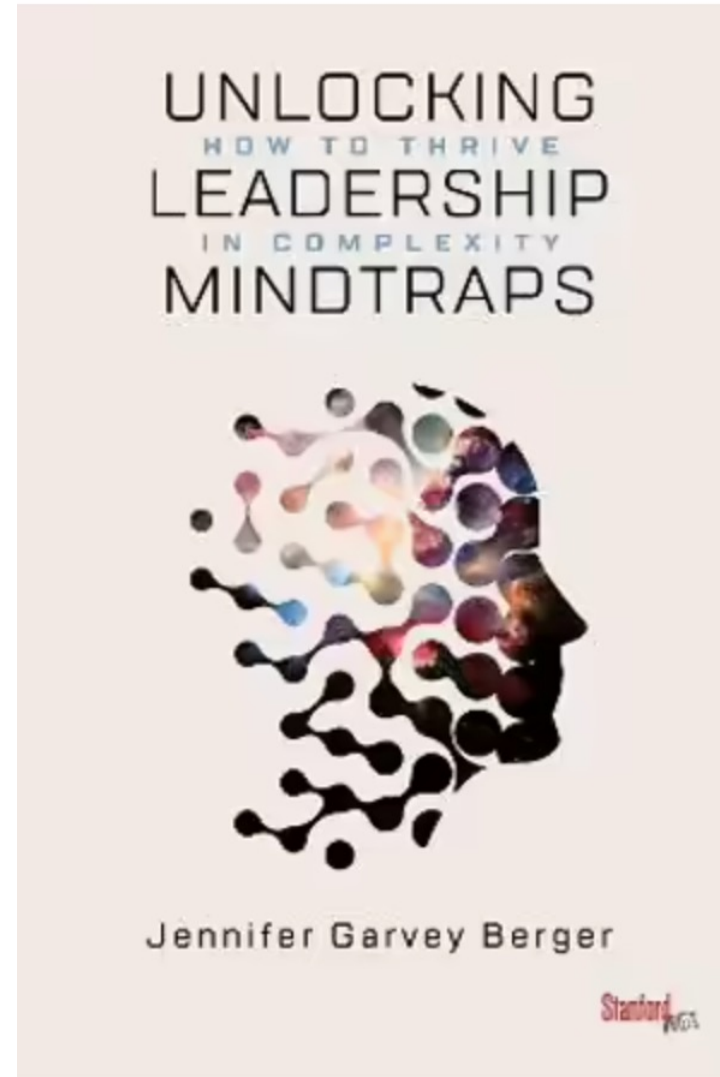
Clifford Stoll, Newsweek article entitled *The Internet? Bah!*

# Sohail Inayatullah's Futures Triangle



# Mindtraps (Jennifer Garvey Berger)

- Simple Stories
- Rightness
- Agreement
- Control
- Ego



# The Ladder out

- Simple Stories: *What other stories might provide insight? Can we imagine alternate futures and a multiplicity of solutions?*
- Rightness: *Listening to Learn. What do I believe and where might I be wrong?*
- Agreement: *Disagree to expand solution set, deepen relationship through conflict.*
- Control: *Enable others. Experiment at the edges.*
- Ego: *Who do I need to become in order to solve this? Where is our next development edge?*



# How might we?

- Expand our ability to work with complexity?
- Identify our blindspots and biases?
- Prepare for multiple futures in order to build resilience?
- Stay Curious?
- Design our futures, while understanding that we need to evolve as people in order to get there?
- Who do I need to BE for my preferred future to come about?



Kia ora!

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