

# INITIAL MEETING

Follow this general outline to host a 2-hour Golden Civilization Conversation with your audience. Conversations can be modified in many ways and as long as the structure includes an inspiring and developing Vision, some acknowledgement of the Obstacles we face, and then engaging, personal, inspiring and stimulating actions at the end we've done our work, assuming of course we've done it in the context of respectful, empathic and appreciative listening. The results seem to show every time in the enthusiasm, energy, hopefulness and passion with which people leave the conversations.

## Exploration (20-30 minutes)

What inspired your interest in participating?  
What is your Vision of a Golden Civilization?  
Frame the vision as 250-1000 years in the future.  
The ultimate purpose is to take this large vision and make it happen in short order.  
During the group sharing, the scribe writes down key qualities shared by each participant on a medium that the group can see (whiteboard, flip chart, Powerpoint, etc.)

### Choose

#### Individual

Ask each person to share their responses to the Exploration questions for 1 minute each  
Ask the rest of the group to give their full attention to each speaker  
Use if:  
The group members already know one another  
It is a small group  
30 minutes

or

#### Dyads

Find a partner that you don't already know  
One person speaks for 3 minutes answering the Exploration questions, and then they switch  
Ask the person listening to give their full attention to the speaker  
Use if:  
The group members do not know each other  
It is a medium-sized group  
10 minutes for dyads, and then move into group sharing for 20 minutes

or

#### Triads

Find two partners that you don't already know (if possible)  
One person speaks for 2 minutes answering the Exploration questions, and then they switch, and switch again.  
Ask the people listening to give their full attention to the speaker  
Use if:  
The group members do not know each other  
It is a large group 10 minutes for triads, and then move into group sharing for 20 minutes

## Welcome & Introduction (10 minutes)

Share why we are gathered  
Global movement launches March 4, 2019  
Visit the website [www.agoldencivilization.com](http://www.agoldencivilization.com)  
Simple individual introductions  
Ask: What is your name? Where are you from?

## Inner Listening (5 minutes)

Center and guide the group's purpose  
Share ground rules for the meeting

## Discussion of Common Themes (15 minutes)

What qualities really resonate with the group?  
After common themes are shared ask (if needed):

- Is there war?
- Is there corruption?

## Group Vision Statement (15 minutes)

Facilitator delivers the group's vision  
"If as a consequence of our work together, and the work of all the other groups having conversations all over the world, I or we were to deliver this world...\*list each quality presented by the group, or refer in some way to the qualities listed\*...to you within a generation, how would that be?"  
Request reactions from the group  
Ask: Is anything missing?  
Scribe adds to the group's vision work

## Discussion of Action Steps (10 minutes)

What are some actions steps that you can think of that could be taken individually, as a group, or globally? Allow time for each person to share

## Prioritization of Obstacles (10 minutes)

Ask: What are the top three obstacles that if addressed would have the greatest impact on the vision?  
Scribe documents the obstacles  
Prioritize the list again by having each member of the group denote the two obstacles that they'd like the group to focus on and this will create a top three

## Exploration of Obstacles (20 minutes)

Ask: What could possibly get in the way?  
Have individuals share inner and outer obstacles while group members give their full attention  
Scribe documents inner and outer obstacles

## Individual Commitments (20 minutes)

Ask: What are you willing to do to live into this vision?  
Suggest these options as a starting point: you might host one of these conversations participate again in a future conversation live as if you are already living in a Golden Civilization  
Allow each person time to share their individual commitments

## Closing (10 minutes)

Review what the group just accomplished Share the next meeting details  
Encourage each person to lead their own conversation with a different group.  
1 minute of silence.  
Encourage attendees to live as if the Golden Civilization was here.  
Thank you!