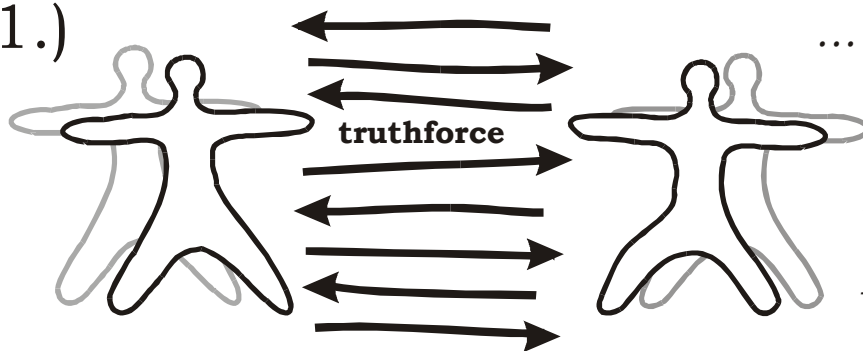


Truthforce is ...

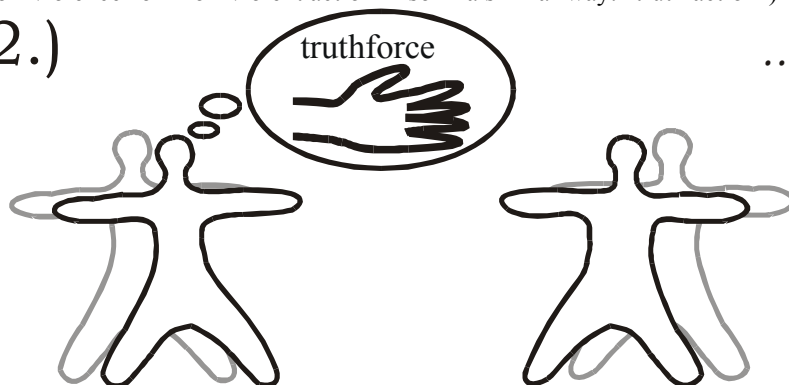
1.)



... something that may happen between (groups of) people and is influenced by both sides: a specific *pattern of interaction*

Truth-Force primarily denotes a specific pattern of interaction. The term interaction has different meanings, here it is not meant to describe the action of one side alone, but everything that happens between (inter) the people involved. This is not up to either of the parties to decide. But whatever happens between them is determined by the actions and reactions, the whole set of behaviours of both of them. It is in this sense that the notions of interaction and pattern of interaction are used here. There are also other patterns of interaction. For instance triggered by the action of one side and depending on what happened before and on the response of the other side, a dynamism may develop in a conflict which is called "spiral of violence" or "vicious circle of violence". Irrespective of whether weapons, knives, fists or canons are used or not used for fighting, this is a repetitive pattern in different conflicts showing what may happen between people. It is a pattern of interaction. Whether the interaction develops in line with the pattern, depends on the actions of both sides. The truthforce pattern of interaction is a dynamism that leads to a "spiral of truthforce" (Robert Antoch) or to a "virtuous circle" (Gertrud Brücher as quoted by Dieter Senghaas). This also means that neither side may unilaterally enforce the prevalence of a specific pattern of interaction, as in the "spiral of violence": When one side does not play along, the interaction does not follow this pattern. -----How can I act, how should I act, what should be my inner attitude so that this pattern of interaction may prevail? The concept seeking the truthforce pattern of interaction is also called truthforce. So in a second meaning, truthforce is a concept of encounter, encounter in a conflict, a concept of how to handle a conflict. (So far, in the socio-political sphere, this has been called e.g. "active non-violence" or "non-violent action" - so in a similar way: "truth action")

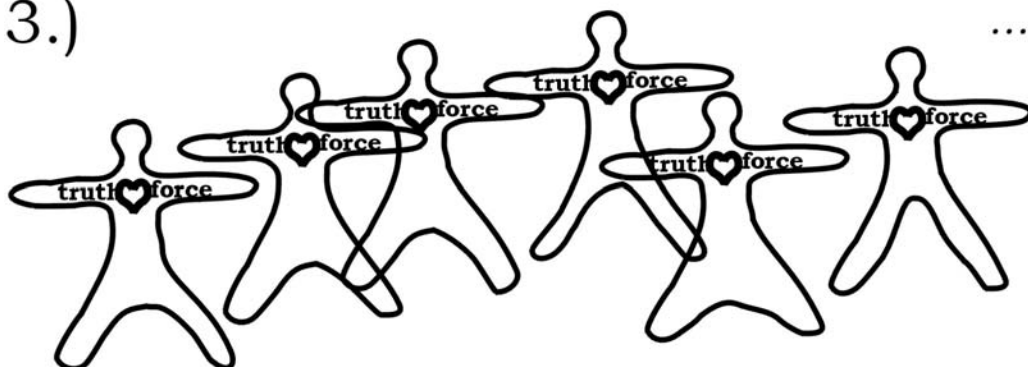
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... is a specific *program of encounter* held by one side, e.g. on how to handle a conflict

Basically, action in line with this concept is as possible as action in line with any other concept (e.g. "violence" or "wanting to dominate"). The concept can be deliberately and methodologically developed and trained. Or it may be unconscious in the form of an attitude or a repertory of behaviours. ----- The truthforce concept of encounter assumes that the other side, if he/she so wishes, may also act in line with this concept. This fundamental possibility that is open to all people may also be called truthforce.

3.)



... a way of acting open to all people

UN: Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Art. 1: "All human beings...are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." This also means that all people have truthforce within themselves, truthforce is one of their characteristics. So it cannot be said that it is true for some and not for others. Truthforce as a possibility for action is an integral part of people's fundamental resources. (Martin Arnold, Nov. 2002)