

The Laws of Systems

1. Today's problems come from yesterday's solutions.
2. The harder you push; the harder the system pushes back.
3. Behavior grows better before it grows worse.
4. The easy way out usually leads back in.
5. The cure can be worse than the disease.
6. Faster is slower.
7. Cause and effect are not closely related in time and space.
8. Small changes can produce big results, but the areas of highest leverage are often the least obvious.
9. You can have your cake and eat it too, but not all at once.
10. Dividing an elephant in half does not produce two elephants. (Systems have integrity, Their character depends on the whole.)
11. There is no blame.

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