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Thinking Like a Martian in the Age of Crisis: Inspired by the writings of Daniel Quinn

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"If they give you lined paper, write sideways." - Daniel Quinn

That isn't just a clever line—it's a quiet revolution. A simple, sharp instruction to unlearn what we've been told is "normal" and think differently. It's also the title of a book by Daniel Quinn, whose work continues to challenge the way we perceive culture, truth, and the very foundations of human thinking. As we celebrate World Creativity and Innovation Day on April 21, it's time to recognize that creativity isn't just about painting pretty things or inventing shiny apps. It can be about questioning frameworks as well. It's about thinking sideways—And exactly what we desperately need today. Quinn had explored human culture not from within, but from the outside, free of assumptions, illusions, and inherited biases. This kind of creativity doesn't just produce better ideas. It shatters the existing ones.



This isn't just philosophical flair. It's a practical survival skill in an age of misinformation, disinformation, dangerous mediocrity and sameness. Daniel Quinn had warned that if people go on thinking the way they do now, we are doomed. Creativity isn't just "thinking outside the box." Sometimes, it's realizing the box doesn't exist—except in your mind.

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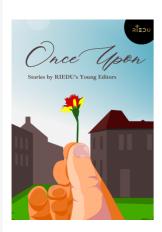
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- Aadya Goel, 11 years, Karnal, India (YOUNG EDITOR, 2024)



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