

Change it Anyway

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Changing systems can be frustrating, confusing
and time consuming;
Strive to change them anyway.

If you speak out for change,
they may accuse you of being self-serving;
Speak out anyway.

If you make changes that work,
they may pretend to be an ally or persist with attacks;
Make change anyway.

If you make honest attempts at change,
they may undermine your efforts;
Attempt change anyway.

What you spend years developing,
they may undo overnight;
Develop it anyway.

If your innovations are successful,
they may be jealous;
Innovate anyway.

The progress you achieve today,
they may forget tomorrow;
Make progress anyway.

Create positive change the best that you can,
and it may never be enough;
Give it the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and the person relying on the system;
It was never between you and them anyway.