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# **Exemplarily Leadership: Lessons from Great Leaders**

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All great leaders by their passion and sense of purpose, and their accomplishments, live a great story.

Their stories are told and retold by the people they inspire and later by historians. The stories resonate with people in all the lands, and they do so for a long, long time.



# Leadership Mnemonic

**L**istening

**E**mpathy

**A**ttitude

**D**reaming Big

**E**ffectiveness

**R**esilience

**S**ense of Purpose

**H**umility

**I**ntegrity

**P**ack others' Parachutes

# Leaders Are Good Listeners

“Listen a hundred times. Ponder a thousand times. Speak once.”

-Anonymous

“It is in the province of knowledge to speak, and it is in the privilege of wisdom to listen.”

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Great Leaders Have Empathy & Compassion

“Be kind whenever possible.  
It is always possible.”



His Holiness, The Dalai Lama

“Compassion is the highest form of wisdom.”

The Talmud

“The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that’s wrong with the world.”

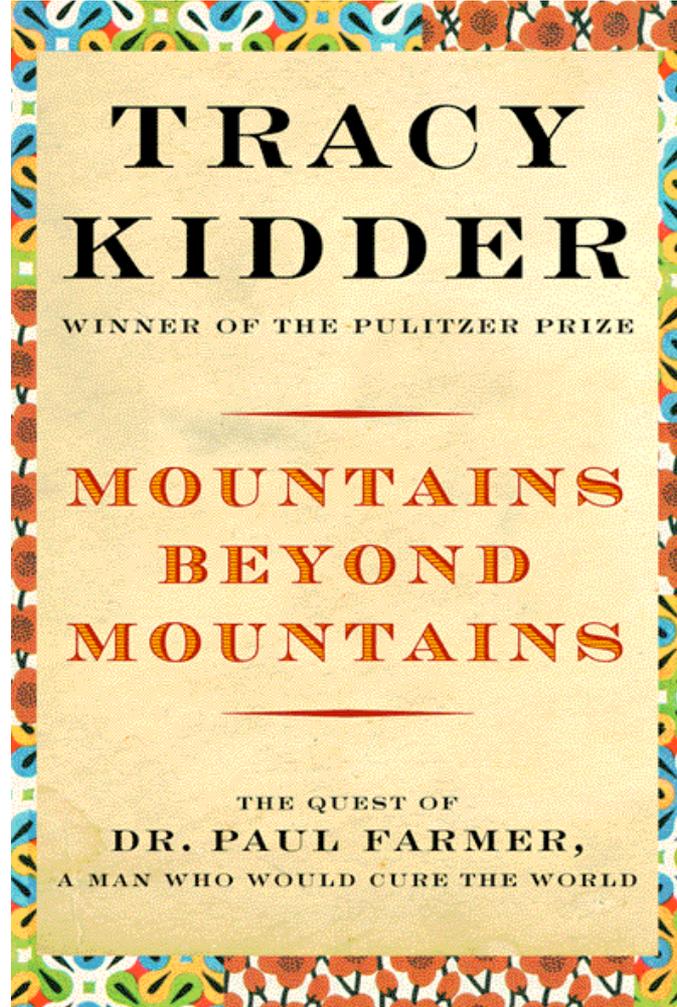


**Paul Farmer, MD**



LEADERSHIP  
EMPATHY





LEADERSHIP  
EMPATHY



What work are *you* doing?



# It's all about attitude

Can't you see, I'm carrying bricks on this hot,  
muggy day!

I'm helping build the most beautiful cathedral in  
the world !

Leaders possess an **attitude** that is **upbeat** and **courageous**

“Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities, because it is the quality that guarantees all others.”



Sir Winston Churchill

## **Great leaders lead with both heart and soul.**

Countries without great leaders – leaders without soul – will not only be economically and ecologically disadvantaged, they will also be spiritually bankrupt.

They will emerge free from the morass and the shackles only when an enlightened leader appears.

# Dream of owning a horse farm

You can keep the **F**. I will keep my **dream**.

“Ah, a man’s reach should exceed his grasp or what’s a heaven for. ”

- Robert Browning

## Leaders Dare to Dream Big

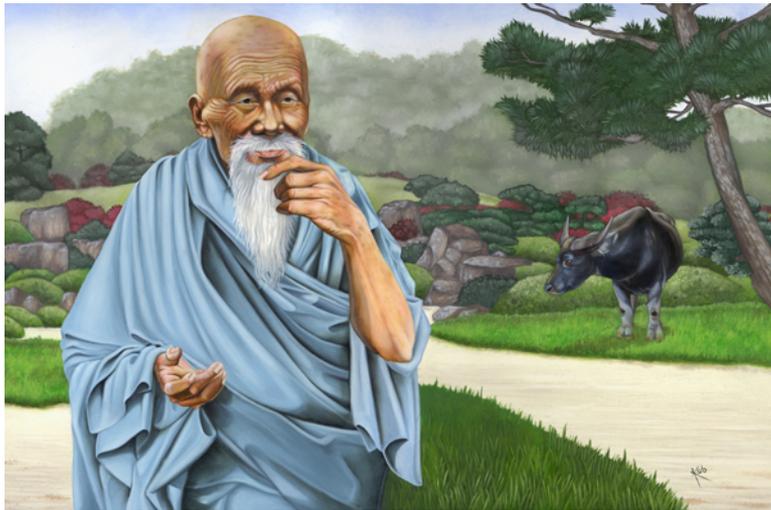
“To dare is to lose one’s  
footing momentarily.

Not to dare is to lose  
one’s self.”



Soren Kierkegaard  
Danish Philosopher

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”



- Lao Tzu

The Gandhi Salt  
March, 1930



## The Seven Sins

Wealth **without** work

Pleasure **without** conscience

Knowledge **without** character

Commerce **without** morality

Science **without** humanity

Worship **without** sacrifice

Politics **without** principle



Mahatma Gandhi

# Gandhi's Worldly Possessions

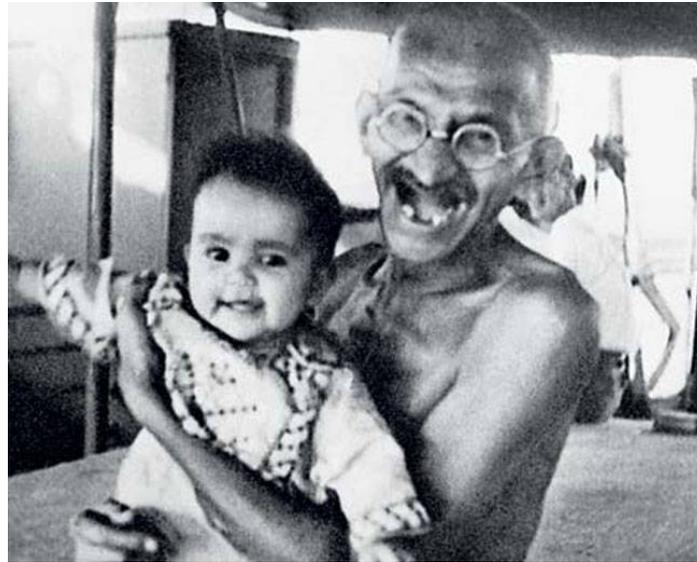


## Gandhi's eloquence was masterful...

“It is my certain  
conviction that with  
every thread I draw, I  
am spinning the destiny  
of India”

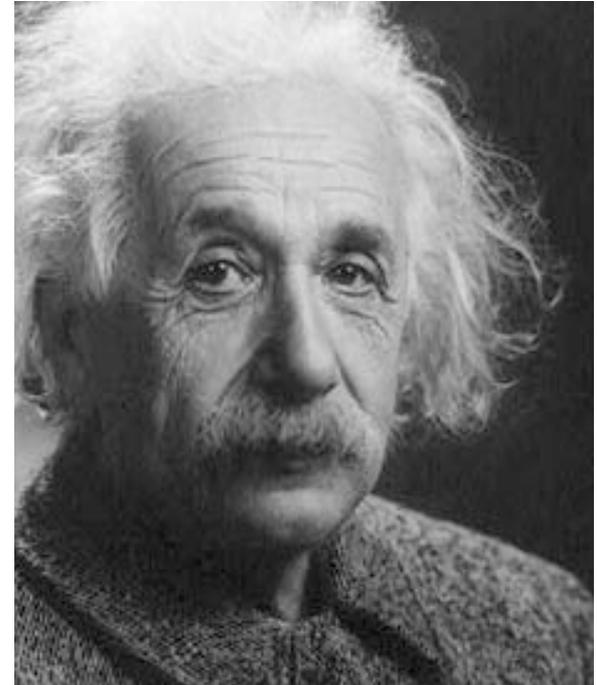


**Why didn't Gandhi tell the boy not to eat sugar  
the first time that he met him?**



**“At that time, I had not given up sugar.”**

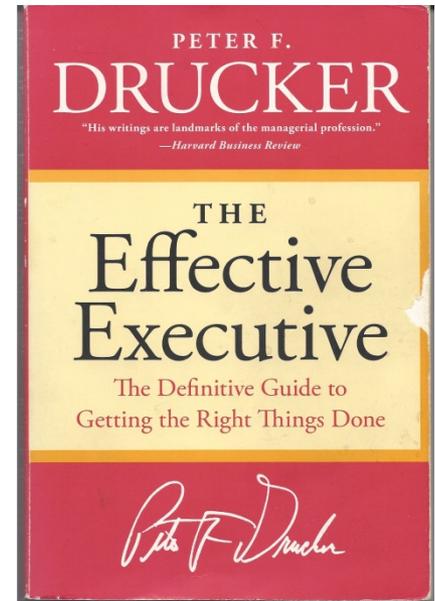
“Generations to come, it may be, will scarce believe that such a one as this, ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth.”



**Albert Einstein**

“Efficiency is doing things right;  
Effectiveness is doing the right things.”

- Peter F. Drucker



We are resolved to destroy Hitler and every vestige of the Nazi regime. From this nothing will turn us – nothing. We will never parley. We will never negotiate with Hitler or any of his gang. We shall fight him by land. We shall fight him by sea. We shall fight him in the air, until with God’s help we had rid the earth of his shadow and liberate its people from his yoke.



**Sir Winston Churchill**

Was Hitler a Great Leader?



“The fact is that Hitler was beloved by his people ...the average Germans pledged to him an affection, a tenderness and a fidelity that bordered on the irrational.

His kingdom collapsed after 12 years in a war that remains the most atrocious, brutal and deadliest in history. But which, by the same token, allowed several large figures to emerge. Their names have become legendary: Eisenhower, De Gaulle, Montgomery, Zhukov and Patton.

But when later we evoke the 20th century, among the first names that will surge to mind will be that of a fanatic with a mustache who thought to reign by selling the soul of his people to the thousand demons of hate and of death.”

- Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate

## May 8, 1945 V-E Day

“This is your victory! In all our long history we have never seen a greater day than this. Everyone has tried. Neither the long years, nor the dangers, nor the fierce attacks of the enemy, have in any way weakened the independent resolve of the British nation.”

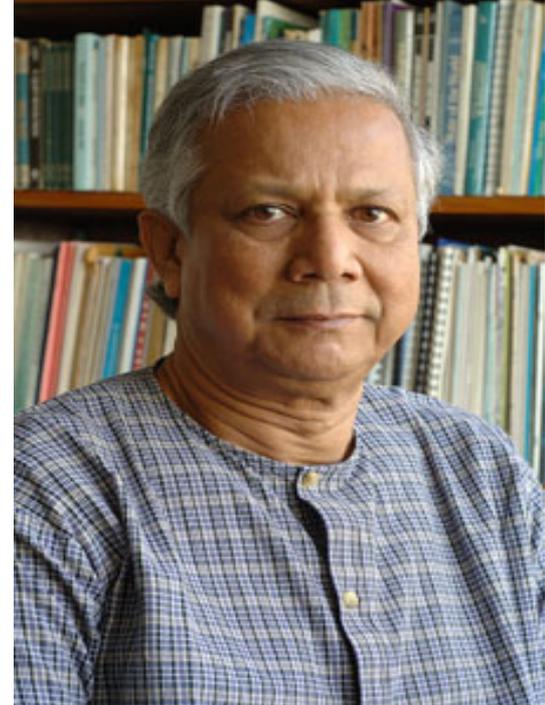


Sir Winston Churchill

## A Visionary Leader

One day, in a destitute village, he met Sufiya Begum. She made bamboo stools and earned two cents a day.

“I was shocked. In my university courses, I theorized about sums in the millions of dollars but here before my eyes, the problems of life and death were posed in terms of pennies.”

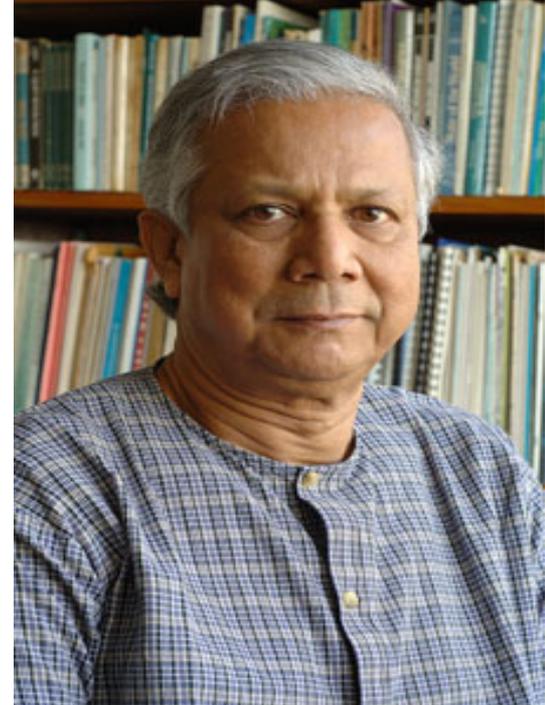


**Muhammad Yunus**  
Nobel Laureate

## **An Amazingly Effective Bank**

“Muhammad Yunus has shown himself to be a leader who has managed to translate visions into practical action for the benefit of millions of people, not only in Bangladesh, but also in many other countries.”

**Citation, Nobel Peace Prize Committee**



**Muhammad Yunus**  
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“Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.”

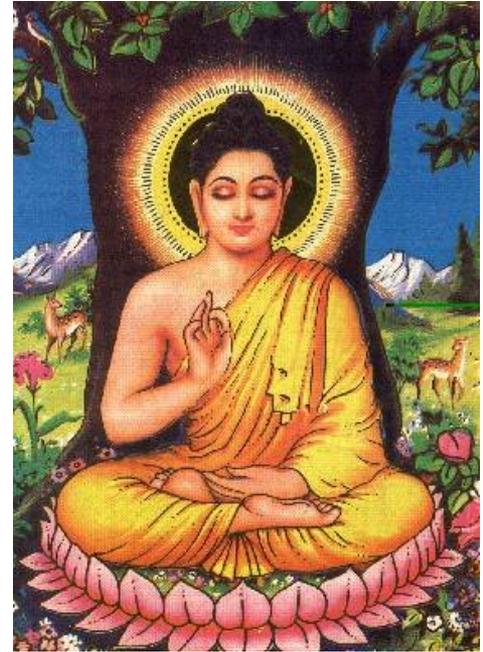


**King Solomon**

Great leaders reflect on key events in their life or a single transformative or ‘magical’ moment. The moment can be jolting and starkly negative, yet it is momentous.

From it emerges a burning desire to have a laser-like focus and passion to make that dream a reality.

“Every life has a measure of sorrow.  
Sometimes it is this that awakens us.”



**Buddha**



Papa Jaime

# Great leaders possess a Sense of Purpose

**This Young Lady is 16 Years Old.  
Do you know her name and what she stands for?**



**Greta Thunberg**

- Political Activist seeking to stop Global Warming and Climate Change
- She has spoken at TED x Stockholm
- She has addressed the UN Climate Change Conference
- She was invited to talk to the World Economic Forum at Davos
- Youth Climate Strikes held in 100 Countries on Friday March 15, 2019



**Greta Thunberg**

# Great Leaders Have Humility

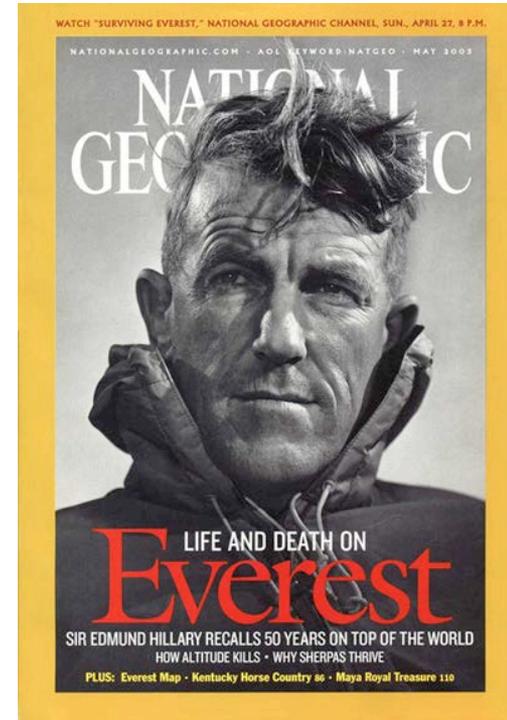
“I was just an average bloke; it was the media that transformed me into a heroic figure. But as I learned through the years, as long as you didn’t believe all that rubbish about yourself, you wouldn’t come to much harm.”



Sir Edmund Hillary

# Great Leaders Have Humility

“I have enjoyed great satisfaction from my climb of Everest. But, my most worthwhile things have been the building of schools and medical clinics. That has given me more satisfaction than a footprint on a mountain.”

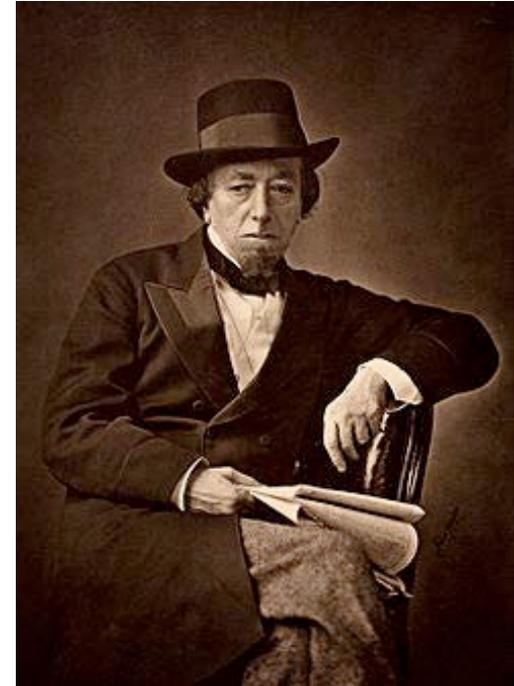


Sir Edmund Hillary

## Many Great Leaders Possess A Sense of Humor

Reporter to Prime Minister  
Disraeli: “What’s the difference  
between misfortune and  
calamity?”

Disraeli: “If Mr. Gladstone fell  
into the Thames, that would be a  
misfortune; if someone were to  
drag him out, that would be a  
calamity.”

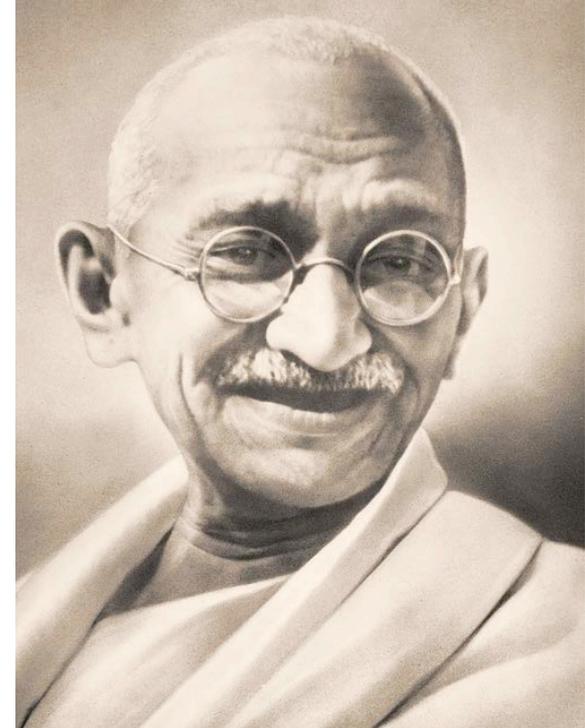


Prime Minister Disraeli

## **Many Great Leaders Possess A Sense of Humor**

Reporter to Gandhi: “What do you think of Western civilization?”

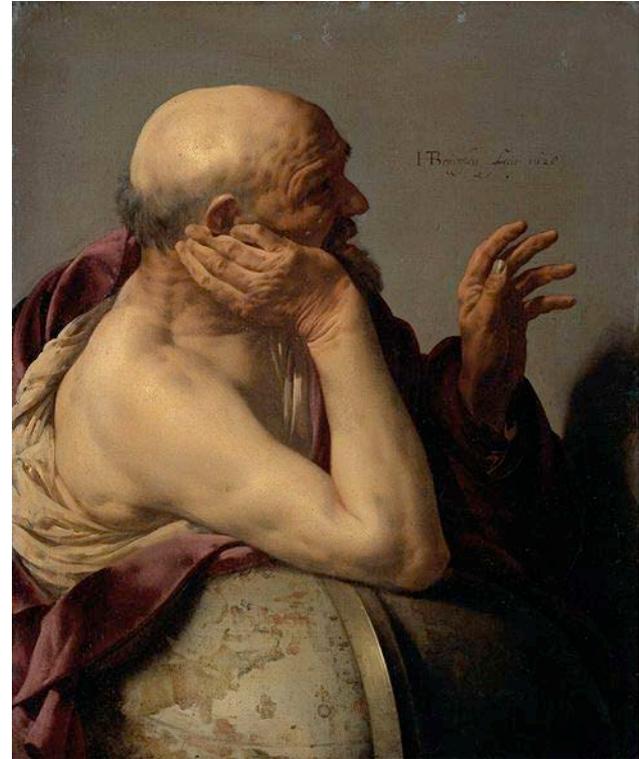
Gandhi: “I think it would be a good idea.”



**Mahatma Gandhi**

“The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts. Think only those things that are in line with your principles and can bear the full light of day. The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think, and what you do is who you become.

Your integrity is your destiny.”



**Heraclitus**

Greek Poet, Philosopher

**Great Leaders...**

Pack Other Peoples' Parachutes

“How’s Your Parachute  
Packing Coming Along ?”



**Capt. J. Charles Plumb**

LEADERSHIP  
PACK OTHERS PARACHUTES



Leadership is a marathon journey, not a sprint.  
Along the way, there can be many a heartbreak hill.

## **Let Me Offer You My Definition of Leadership**

“Leadership is the ability to articulate a vision and walk the path, such that it inspires people to rise above the banality and strife of their common-day existence and achieve a higher and common goal.”

# Leadership Mnemonic: The 10 Tenets

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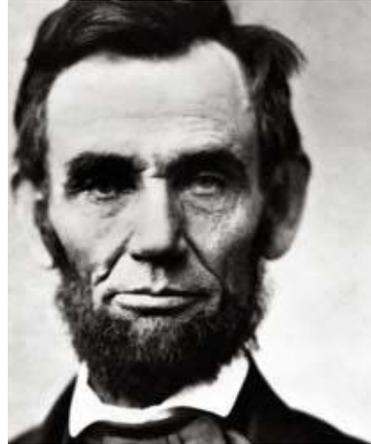
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## Many Other Inspirational Leaders



# Inspirational Leaders



## **An Inspirational Leader**

- When asked if he harbored resentment against his captors, Nelson Mandela, who had been imprisoned for 27 years, answered:

*Resentment is like drinking poison  
and then hoping it will kill your enemies.*



**“As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.”**



# So Many Inspirational Leaders



Madame Curie



Eleanor Roosevelt



Mother Teresa



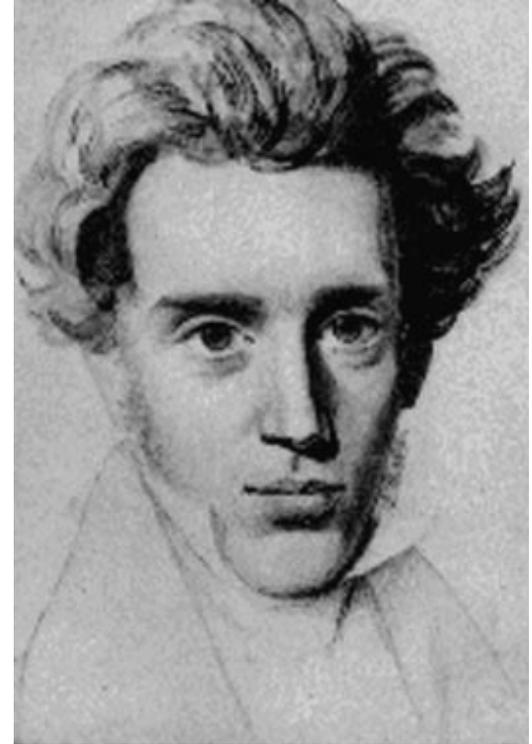
Malala



Oprah Winfrey

## **It Is Always Possible To Lead**

"If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, what so fragrant, what so intoxicating, as possibility!"



**Soren Kierkegaard**  
Danish Philosopher

**Leadership** Opportunities Abound.

One can **Lead** at many different levels

Your and my **Leadership** doesn't have to be audacious and daunting.

# Have you heard of the Starfish Parable?



**Many, if not all, of you have already led.**

**I invite you to take a moment and reflect on it.**

**Then go tell your story.**

**Each One of You Has  
the Spark of Leadership**

**Keep it ignited!**



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*with* David Fisher

Leadership  
*by*  
Example



The Ten Key Principles  
*of* All Great Leaders



**HARVARD**  
MEDICAL SCHOOL

# Be Generous With Your Parachute Packing

“He who gives liberally goes straight to the Gods.  
On the high ridge of Heaven, he stands exalted.”

Rig Veda



# Reserve Slides

ARTHUR HERMAN

Bestselling Author of *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*

# GANDHI & CHURCHILL



The Epic  
Rivalry That  
Destroyed  
an Empire  
and Forged  
Our Age



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It is alarming and also nauseating to see Mr. Gandhi, a seditious Middle Temple lawyer of the type well-known in the East, now posing as a fakir, striding half naked up the steps of the Viceregal palace to parley on equal terms with the representative of the King-Emperor.

(Winston Churchill)

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- **In 1943, up to four million Bengalis starved to death when Churchill diverted food to British soldiers and countries such as Greece while a deadly famine swept through Bengal.**
- **“This is a man the British would have us hail as an apostle of freedom and democracy, when he has as much blood on his hands as some of the worst genocidal dictators of the 20th century,”**
- **“People started dying and Churchill said well it’s all their fault anyway for breeding like rabbits. He said ‘I hate the Indians. They are a beastly people with a beastly religion’.”**



**Shashi Tharoor**

“The great and glorious masterpiece of man is to live with purpose.”



Michel de Montaigne

“Follow your bliss and doors will open where there were no doors before.”



**Joseph Campbell**

# Two Great Philanthropists

Zakaria to Bill Gates: “Do you think history will remember you as the man who created Microsoft or the man who created the Gates Foundation?”



Gates: “You know, who knows how history will think of me? You know, the person who played bridge with Warren Buffet, maybe. Or maybe not at all.”



# An Inspirational Leader



Jacinda Ardern  
Prime Minister of New Zealand

She is the world's youngest female head of government.  
Taking office at age 37.

“It is not the mountain that we conquer, but ourselves.”



**Sir Edmund Hillary**