The Essentialist Leader: Unforgettable-Exceptional-Remarkable

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The desire to do something unforgettable, exceptional and remarkable is the fire that burns in the head and hearts of leaders who strive to create a better future; a living, learning, evolving workplace where potential thrives and products and services create value for all constituents and the communities they serve. What is Essentialism? Why is it so important? Buy the book by Greg McKeown and find out what "Essentialism" can do for your life, your work, your potential because it is a worthy read. And, for a moment reflect upon the words of Greg McKeown, "The way of the essentialist means living by design not by default." Thinking by design and not by default means training your brain in ways that can help you build a better present and future.

The imperative to train our brains to focus on that which is essential is brilliant in its simplicity and power. what we think. Our ability to learn to focus, to develop greater strategic thought through ideation and innovation in a sea of stressors and changes, is paramount to our individual, collective and organizational success. What would happen if you could see through the sea of noise, information, and opinions around you with greater acuity by learning to focus on that which is essential to a better present and future? The challenge, the courage to grab the gauntlet, go against the flow and embrace "essentialism" is something that can lead to exceptional and remarkable results. Think about it. Essentialism is a brilliant concept that can help forwardthinking people, leaders and organizations to strengthen their 3Q Edge/Advantage in disruptive times. 3Q Edge™ uses strengths, challenges, failures and stressors to build three critical areas of strength:

- Q1: IQ Enhanced ideation, innovative thought, strategic thought, ability to learn-relearn
- Q2: EQ Emotional intelligence, communication, collaboration, risk tolerance, resiliency
- Q3: SQ Values, purpose, integrity of communication, action; and the development of the intrinsic motivators that keep us learning, leading and striving forward when times are tough)

Will you become a Essentialist Leader? Embrace your ability to do remarkable and exceptional things in disruptive times? The imperative to do so is clear, because it is a philosophy that can help your leadership, your people and your organization develop a new way of thinking that will help you gain the clarity and courage you need to push boundaries, optimize potential with rapidity while strengthening the emotional, mental and spiritual strength that can take you and your people forward.

The biggest opportunity lies in looking at things in new ways while anchoring the values, integrity and courage that can

take us forward; it is this opportunity that helped me develop my 3Q model, it is this opportunity that punctuates my days with purpose and determination. I believe essentialism is fundamental to our ability to grow, evolve and embrace our ability in a sea of change, noise, competition, opinions and information that will continue to grow. The essentialist leader speaks to those who seek to lead greatly in disruptive times, by building a better present and future.

Is it time to be not simply an agent of change, but a change leader? Only you can decide, but the imperative to develop new ways of thinking, doing and communicating that take you and your people forward has never been greater. Carpe Diem!

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- 3Q Leadership™ Exposed: Cover Story Interview for Realizing Leadership Magazine
- Possibility Thinking, Doing and Results: 3Q Cognitive, Emotional and Leadership Strengths
- How to Build 3 Benchmarks of 21st Century Leadership and Success | REACH™ coaching and training methodology
- 12 Important Things I Have Learned About Leadership, Success and Failure
- 3Q Leadership™ and REACH™ Benefits-Why I Have Dedicated My Life to This Work
- My personal story, Against All Odds-The genesis of my 3Q work and model

Podcasts and Videos

Realizing Leadership Magazine Interview, Laurie Wilhelm,
 Editor

- Extraordinary Women WebTV Interview by Shannon Skinner
- HR Thought Leadership 3.0 Interview Podcast by JoAnn Corley
- The LinchPin To Your Company's Success Web TV Interview by Ted Coine
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