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In addition ilrParticles contains material that used to be in Integral Leadership Review. These include the Leadership Cartoon and Announcements of forthcoming events. Occasionally, we may also include short pieces that we think will be of interest of our readers. In this issue is an excerpt by Edgar Morin, translated by Basarab Nicolescu from the French. Morin is an author/intellectual who is cherished by many in France. Nicolescu is a Romanian physicist who is a central figure in the international Transdisciplinary movement.

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An earlier interview with Roberto Bonilla showed us how he was using organizational cultural assessment with a Spiral Dynamics model to help Mexican business executives align policy with culture. In addition he showed us how to see the spreading influence of drug cartels throughout Mexico.

Mexican citizens are taking a much more active role in dealing with the spread of the cartels and the crimes that are committed against citizens, in conflict with other cartels and conflict with the government. Citizens are using social network technology and other approaches to identify problems in neighborhoods and alerting others, including law enforcement. There is a virtual tsunami of citizen activity, including the growth of many NGOs that are looking for various ways to restore peace.

Increasingly this involves members of the business community. Says Roberto, “The people in businesses are more and more aware of the importance of working not only for their own good as a company, but also in their communities.” This involves supporting the “right conditions” for a shift away from the power of the cartels and increased citizen involvement.

Essential to the success of this effort is changes in policy by the United States. President Calderon had weapons captured from cartel members and that had been brought in from the United States crushed by a tank. He then had a sign made that he put up across the border from the United States to spell out “No More Weapons!”

In this conversation Roberto Bonilla also brings us up to date on the use of Spiral Dynamics approaches in working with the current political climate and election dynamics among Mexico’s three major political parties. Along with others, he is helping to create the networks of individuals to influence policy. They do not support individual politicians or particular political parties. On the contrary, they are trying to influence all of them with regard to rebuilding Mexico. A cornerstone of this effort is rebuilding and strengthening the education system. We can all appreciate the support that Dr. Don Beck has provided in Roberto’s Spiral Wizardry.

Full Interview
I wouldn't give a fig for the simplicity on this side of complexity, but I would give my very life for the simplicity on the other side of complexity.

Oliver Wendell Homes

Practice-based design, avers Lisa Norton, professor at the Art Institute of Chicago, has “the ability to order, configure, synthesize and enact consciousness at multiple scales. Understood as the dynamic agency of transformation enacted, design is of crucial importance to the thriving of all life.”

In this overview of design-oriented philosophers and activists from the industrial revolution to the most recent movements as the TED conferences or “Cradle to Cradle,” Dr. Norton presents an exciting cornucopia of leadership approaches to a civilization based on aesthetic and ecological design values instead of exploitation.

She has written a succinct bible of sources for modern design thinking, drawing examples from such varied domains as MBA and art schools, futurists, industry leaders, politics, and the military, while using Ken Wilber’s AQAL model as an exploratory framework.

Norton examines two leadership types of modern design. One group is comprised of professionals in any specialty of design, or design researchers (such as G.K. Van Patter, Sim Van der Ryn, John Thakara, Tony Fry). The other group consists of leaders (such as Steve Jobs, William McDonough, Gunter Pauli and Nicholas Negroponte) who practiced designing catalytically, albeit within other professional domains of expertise.

Norton does a brilliant job of clarifying the complexity of the design movement—one of today’s most important social movements. As Oliver Wendell Homes said, “I wouldn’t give a fig for the simplicity on this side of complexity, but I would give my very life for the simplicity on the other side of complexity.”
Leadership Quote

Mind preceded and initiates all phenomena! Mind is their chief, mind is their maker . . . When one speaks or performs an action with mind, that is internally all pure, then happiness and pleasure follows, like a shadow that never departs . . .

Dhannapada

What would it take for a Leader to internalise this insight and to act from here? . . .

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Leadership: Lessons From History

Dorothy Danher White

If you loved “The Tudors,” TV series on the (historic) shenanigans of Henry the VIII, you might find Dr. White’s take on the prequel saga equally fascinating. She describes “The leadership provided by the Earl of Warwick during the turbulent War of the Roses between the House of Lancaster and the House of York in fifteenth-century England… (an example of leadership in which) . . . The Earl was called the Kingmaker because he used both the power of negotiation and persuasion, as well as force of arms, to place King Edward IV on the throne.”

Dr. White employs several sources for her analysis, notably, “French and Raven… who presented a potent description of the structure of how leaders gain and maintain power: Expert, referent, legitimate, charismatic, reward, and coercion.”

A sample battle scene: “Shouts of triumph sounded in the lanes. York and Salisbury had smashed across the barriers and were driving Somerset’s men before them. St. Peter’s Street was a hell of swords and glaives and whining arrows.

Warwick was clearing a path so that his archers could fire toward the market place. There stood a ring of mailed nobles surrounding the King’s banner and the slight figure of Henry himself. ’Spare the commons!’ Warwick was shouting. ’Aim for the lords!’"

Not quite a Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Warwick did learn to negotiate with commoners, merchants, shipwrights and kings, putting together an evolved army and navy, and according to Dr. White, “paved the way for organizational change in 15th century England and France.”

Dr. White completes her scrutiny of Renaissance leadership with her model of “Advanced Stages of Hierarchical Complexity: Metasystematic to Cross-Paradigmatic” or how leaders create new fields and paradigms of organization out of multiple meta-systems: “The evolution of English and French society from medieval to renaissance certainly fits the criteria for organizational change.”

Full Article
As we unveil the practice of Deep Understanding we will necessarily address the whole notion of truth. We are going to make a distinction between a manufactured truth and a transforming truth. The practice of Deep Understanding, as it is with all the practices held by the Potentiating Arts™, follows the flow of Forming, Communing, Purposing, and Transforming as the path towards revealing and actualizing potentials currently dormant.

Drawing on philosophers from Socrates, Plato and Martin Buber to Maslow, Rogers and Ken Wilber, the authors say that, searching for human potential within the family, school, community or organization is like searching for hope. What does that mean to those now serving as a leader—a potentiator? As leaders we are potentiators (the “why”) and we are learners (the “how”).

To this requirement we offer five basic practices that form the centerpiece of the Potentiating Arts (shown in the Figure below), which build on one another and begin with the practice of Deep Understanding followed by Critical Reflection, Maturity, Integrity, and Unity. Through these practices the potentiator creates a space within the community of potential, for intentional living, leading, and learning. Here, flows between economy and ecology naturally balance.
How can we develop conscious and world-centric leaders and businesses and, ultimately, conscious capitalism? In order for leaders to transform society and organizational cultures, they must first develop their own capabilities. The global context of business now requires leaders to think, feel, and act at world-centric stages of development in order to deal with the complexity of the global economic environment and create opportunities for a sustainable future. Research suggests that only a minority of our organizational leaders has evolved to a world-centric perspective. This raises a critical question: How can leaders develop themselves and their organizations toward a world-centric perspective? This article seeks to address this question and provides recommendations.

Corporations are probably the most influential institutions in the world today, yet people do not believe that they can be trusted, seeing them as only interested in maximizing profits. The recent protests on Wall Street and in cities around the world attest to this. In fact, investors are losing confidence in the ethics and values of executives, CEOs, and boards of directors. Study results from the Gallup Organization suggest that only 15% of the American public believe that business executives are honest and ethical (Gallup Organization). In addition, occupational frauds, the most costly form of fraud, are most often committed by executives and upper management. Ethical behavior is now recognized as indispensable for long-term corporate success and effectiveness and a sustainable global economy. In fact, global CEOs identify integrity as the second most important leadership quality in the new economic environment.

We need leaders who are aware of stakeholder complexity and diverse interests and who break mental boundaries, challenge established patterns and effect real change. This requires conscious leadership to create conscious business. This requires horizontal and vertical development. Organizations led by leaders who simultaneously align the interests of all stakeholders – society, partners, investors, customers, employees, and the environment – outperform well-known organizations recognized for their financial success. Approaches that support this include dialogue, coaching and development activities that promote a world-centric view.
Leadership Cartoon

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Transforming Economics:
Caring Economy Leadership

Riane Eisler

The economy continues to worsen, as evidenced by the growing wealth and income gaps, among other troubling factors. Meanwhile, our economic discourse is stuck in an old paradigm dichotomy of capitalism versus socialism, with capitalistic voices dominating.

Our measures of economic health measure money rather than happiness, equality, productivity, poverty, environmental health, or anything more meaningful to humanity on a deeper level. In the USA consumer spending dominates and much of what is being consumed is known to cause illness and death: tobacco, alcohol, pesticides, firearms, and environment-destroying substances like plastics are plentiful. Planned obsolescence fills landfills. All of this while incomes shrink and costs rise, leading to a difficult way of life for most and an ill future for all.

The Center for Partnership Studies’ has been exploring the need for change in these areas of our lives, and offers the skills and resources needed to join a growing international movement for a more effective and humane economic system. They have developed an approach to leader development that will contribute to these changes.

Hierarchy in this system is used to empower others as opposed to exploiting them as “trickle down” economics has done.

Leadership is beginning to be redefined as partnership rather than domination. Ethics are at long last making their way into leadership paradigms. The leadership of the future will be about service to others rather than control over them. It makes the case for including social wealth economic indicators, invests in human growth and development, and integrates the fact that the status of women and girls is a predictor of long-term economic success.

Leaders are emerging who can embody these new values and challenge the old ways. They are asking critical questions such as:

• Why can’t our policy-makers seem to find money to care for people and nature? for teachers, nurses, child-care workers and others on whom our future depends?

• Why are we told that cutting social programs is the road to prosperity, when our past prosperity was the result of the very opposite?

• Why do conventional discussions of poverty ignore the glaring fact that the mass of the world’s poor and the poorest of the poor are women and children?

The future of national and international economic well being requires attention to these issues through partnership and care giving leadership.
In the world of physics, entropy is a fundamental force. Ordered physical systems descend into disordered chaos and – on a large enough scale – arise again into order. What if information followed the same model? Could we use this to understand our own communication patterns and cultures and our developmental structures?

The Gell-Mann curve is a model that describes the relationship between order and predictability and appears to relate the principle of entropy to some fundamental aspects of the human experience. This principle also separates simple systems from complex adaptive systems, which allows for certain systems of particular usefulness such as language discourses and DNA sequences to be explored from a unified systems view.

An understanding of this principle can be used to examine characteristic patterns of natural languages, meaning that this principle is relevant to Spiral Dynamics because the patterns disclosed by the latter might fit into the Gell-Mann curve and thus function as a metric for how values-meme systems experience entropy and can produce order, or culture, on a macroscopic scale. In this article, the potential ramifications of mapping the Spiral Dynamics model onto the Gell-Mann curve for this purpose are discussed.

It is hypothesized that the Gell-Mann curve, in conjunction with Spiral Dynamics, can be used to demonstrate that the same principles behind physical entropy apply to our own meaning-structures. It is noted that systems that are ordered and systems that are not ordered both result in low complexity compared to systems which are part ordered and part disorderly. Such systems are said to have “Gell-Mann complexity.”

The mapping of Spiral Dynamics v-memes onto the Gell-Mann curve demonstrates that the balance between order and chaos increases with each step up the spiral, appearing to achieve near-perfect balance at the yellow-meme stage. The potentials resulting from this unification of models are discussed: Can we use this model to understand our collective navigation from the dominance of the orange meme to the green meme? Is it even important to describe the potential emergence of systems beyond yellow before we firmly establish green systems in the world? Hopefully this new model will help us find out.
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Radical Subjectivity in Philosophic Gonzo Journalism

Eugene Pustoshkin

This self-reflective essay explores radical subjectivity, existential intensity of the subject’s experience of being-in-the-world. The work of Russian novelist Dostoevsky’s work is an example. His passionately brings forth our awareness of the moral depth of our aesthetic experiences, historically and in present time social reality.

Compare the English and Russian translations of the Gospel of Thomas. The English version translates Matthew’s words to Jesus as “Thou art like a wise philosopher.” The Russian translation says, “Thou art like a philosopher of the heart.” An authentic gonzo philosopher lives and breathes with the wisdom of the heart.

In my vision an integral philosophy of the heart lies upon the three pillars of Plato: The True, the Good and the Beautiful. The Beautiful manifests as formed imagery of radical subjectivity. In philosophic gonzo journalism aesthetic experience allows us to transform both multidimensional goodnes and timeless grace.

Truth is born when we create our individual and social self-consciousness. In this context the newsfeed from the Russian online social network VK.com delivers a quotation from Henry Miller posted anonymously: “To spit on the past is not enough. To proclaim the future is not enough. One must act as if the past were dead and the future unrealizable.”
A discussion of leadership must include the body to be integral - we are embodied creatures and this is a core part of our being. Traditional theories of leadership have however ignored embodiment, coming from what is a hyper-rational cognitively biased world-view this is not, perhaps, surprising. Encouragingly though, the topic of embodiment has been finding its way back into both organisations and leadership colleges in the UK, as well as becoming the subject of academic research on areas such as “embodied cognition”. On a personal note, I’ve been running a business working with embodied and integral perspectives on leadership, stress management and communication training for the last four years, and working with embodiment in areas of conflict to promote peace and resilience. This paper is a practical introduction to the relationship between the body and leadership, how this relates to AQAL, and includes case studies from two organisations. I view self-awareness as the basis of effective leadership and working through the body is an excellent way to build such self-awareness.
Long Live Symbiosis of Cultures

Edgar Morin
Translation provided by Basarab Nicolescu.

Each culture has its virtues, its vices, its knowledge, its arts of life, its mistakes, its illusions. It is more important, in the planetary era that is ours, to wish for, in every nation, integration of the best in the other, and to seek the symbiosis of the best of all cultures.

France must be considered in its history not only according to the ideals of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity promulgated by its Revolution, but also according to the behavior of a power, which, like its European neighbors, has practiced mass slavery for centuries, and in its colonization has oppressed peoples and denied their aspirations for emancipation. There is an European barbarism that produced colonialism and totalitarian fascists, Nazis, Communists.

One must consider a culture not only according to its noble ideals, but also according to its way of hiding its barbarity behind these ideals. We can be proud of the minority current of self-criticism in our culture, from Montaigne to Lévi-Strauss through Montesquieu, who not only denounced the barbarism of the conquest of the Americas, but also the barbarity of a thought that “called barbarian peoples of other civilizations” (Montaigne).

Similarly Christianity cannot be seen only by the precepts of evangelical love, but also according to a historical intolerance towards other religions: its anti-Judaic millennium, its eradication of Muslims from Christian territories, in spite of the historical tolerance of Christians and Jews in Islamic countries, especially in the Ottoman Empire.

More broadly, the modern civilization born of Western Europe has spread to the world endless material progress, but countless moral deficiencies, starting with the arrogance and superiority complex, which have always brought the worst of contempt and humiliation of others.

Wisdom and the art of living: it’s not a cultural relativism, but a humanist universalism. This is about going beyond Western-centrism and recognizing the riches of the variety of human cultures. This is not only to recognize the virtues of our culture and its emancipatory potential, but also its weaknesses and vices, including the unleashing of the will to power and domination over the world, the myth of the conquest of nature, the belief in Progress as the lot of history.

We must recognize the flaws of authoritarian traditional cultures, but also the existence of solidarity that our modernity has eliminated, a better relationship with nature, and in smaller indigenous cultures, wisdom and arts of living. This false universalism is to believe we own the universal – which helped to cover up our lack of respect for other human cultures and vices of our domination. The true universalism is trying to place ourselves in a meta-human point of view that encompasses us and beyond us, for which the treasure of human unity is in diversity of cultures. And the treasure of cultural diversity is found in human unity.
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