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SPRING HAS (FINALLY) SPRUNG!

Hello Everyone and welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of 'the scape'! After what has seemed like a never-ending winter, it's wonderful to see the sun shining and the leaves beginning to turn green.

It's hard to believe that we're wrapping up another program year; it seems like only a few short months ago that we were welcoming the Class of 2011 and in a few short weeks, they'll be attending their Closing Retreat! With that in mind, we'd like to invite you to join us at our Networking Event on June 23rd at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to congratulating the Class of 2011 and welcoming the Class of 2012 as well as catching up with alumni.

We would also like to extend a warm thank you to Ken Low and the Program Committee for another terrific year of learnings. The value of your hours of thought, dedication and spirit are immeasurable!

We look forward to seeing you all in June and as always please feel free to contact us with your suggestions and feedback about the Scape! Happy Spring!

Warm regards,
Buffy & Roopa

UPCOMING LC EVENTS!

[TEDxCalgary](#)
[Saturday June 4, 2011](#)
[Glenbow Museum](#)

Join us on June 4th as we bring you the stories of many modern explorers. In their own ways, they're exploring the frontiers of ideas and actions that help us to better understand and work with the complex systems that surround us: agriculture and food, education, medicine, global conflict, leadership and collaboration, and others

[6th Annual Calgary Timeraiser](#)
[Thursday June 16, 2011](#)
[Flames Central](#)

Timeraiser is a Canadian non-profit event supporting artists and non-profit agencies in six communities across Canada. The Timeraiser is described as "part volunteer fair, part silent art auction, and part night on the town".

<http://timeraiser.ca/en/6th-Calgary>
for more details and to purchase tickets.

LEADERSHIP CALGARY NETWORKING EVENT – JUNE 23!

We hope to see you on June 23. It's going to be a great evening of mingling, connecting and celebration!



Join us for an evening of celebration and mingling!

A great opportunity to catch up with alumni, meet some friends of LC and congratulate the class of 2011!

WHEN: June 23, 2011
5:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: Calgary Chamber of Commerce
100 6 Ave SW

Parking is available at the TELUS Convention Centre located at 8 Ave & 1st St SW as well as IMPARK lots and underground parkades.

Appetizers to be provided, cash bar available.

RSVP by June 22, 2011.

To register, email rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or phone 403-231-1402



Volunteer Calgary AGM
Friday June 17, 2011
Cardel Theatre
180 Quarry Park Blvd SE

Volunteer Calgary's Board of Directors invites you to the 2010 Annual General Meeting! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Helen at registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca by

Leadership Calgary Networking Event
Thursday June 23, 2011
Calgary Chamber of Commerce
100 – 6 Ave SW

Join us for a wonderful night where you can find out what your LC peers have been up to! We'll also be introducing the Class of 2011 and congratulating this year's class on the completion of the beginning of their journey! To RSVP contact Roopa at rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or 403.231.1402

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CLASSNOTES

a warm welcome to our newest alumni!

Join us on June 23 at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce (100 – 6 Ave SW) to celebrate with of the Class of 2011 and mingle with alumni. You'll also have an opportunity to meet the Class of 2012!



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Our terrific alumni are up to so many great things in the city, and we wanted to take the time to recognize a few of them here. Congrats to Lindsay, Karen and Jamie! If you would like to share what you; or some of your fellow alumni are up to, please contact us!

At our 15th Annual Leadership Awards on April 13th, we were thrilled to present **Karen Gallagher-Burt, LC Class of 2010**, with the Leaders in Volunteer Management award for her dedication and unending support of the many volunteers at the Distress Centre. Congratulations Karen on your latest accomplishment!

Congratulations to **Lindsay Mitchell, Class of 2008**, in her new role as the Executive Director of Bridges Social Development! This local non-profit organization focuses on building human capacity, beginning in Yemen and more recently returning the focus back to local Calgary youth. Best of luck in your new position Lindsay!

We're incredibly excited to announce that **Jamie Niessen, Class of 2007** is the new President/CEO of Volunteer Calgary, effective June 13, 2011. Jamie comes to us from TransCanada and has a great deal of experience working with non-profits and is the current Board Chair of the Calgary Public Library. Congratulations Jamie and welcome to the Volunteer Calgary Team!

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 4, 2011
TEDXCALGARY

JUNE 16, 2011
TIMERAISER CALGARY

JUNE 17, 2011
VOLUNTEER CALGARY AGM

JUNE 23, 2011
LEADERSHIP CALGARY NETWORKING
EVENT

DOSE OF INSPIRATION

The more you are drawn to put yourself in the place of the other person, the more you feel the pain inflicted on him, the insult offered him, the injustice of which he is a victim, the more will you be urged to act so that you may prevent the pain, insult, or injustice. - **Peter Kropotkin**

The best way to teach that one should be suspicious of everything one holds dear is through the study of brilliant people of the past, who by modern standards are so wrong, and where it is easy to see that their errors were the result of cultural biases of their day.
-**Stephen Jay Gould**

Ethics is the activity of man directed to secure the inner perfection of his own personality... By its means man is to become capable of acting among men and in the world as a higher and purer force, and thus to do his part towards the actualization of the ideal of general progress.
- **Albert Schweitzer**

Learn from others what to pursue and what to avoid, and let your teachers be the lives of others.
- **Dionysius**

TEDxCALGARY – JUNE 4, 2011

GLENBOW MUSEUM



Humans have always pushed the boundaries... without our doing so, much of our modern world and the ideas within it would still be unknown to us.

Join us on **June 4th** as we bring you the stories of many modern explorers. In their own ways, they're exploring the frontiers of ideas and actions that help us to better understand and work with the complex systems that surround us: agriculture and food, education, medicine, global conflict, leadership and collaboration, and others.

TEDxCalgary 2011: Breaking Through is as much about the perseverance and discipline of making profound breakthroughs in thought and action as it is about the discovery itself. Our speakers have visited many of the frontiers in their fields, and bring back their perspectives on a crucial dimension of moving forward toward the future: grappling with and improving the many systems within which we live day-to-day. They will open your mind to the possibilities of change that they've helped to bring about through their own efforts. More importantly, they will give you a chance to take up the challenge of their work and make your own even more powerful discoveries.

Come and discover with us on June 4th... it's an enlightening half day of sharing ideas worth spreading, and building connections in our vibrant community.

For more information and to apply to attend visit www.tedxcalgary.ca

VOLUNTEER CALGARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit :
www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca/volunteer_opportunities/html
to learn about the many wonderful volunteer opportunities available within Calgary and area !

Our new searchable database allows you to search by area of interest, organization name or type!

If you have any questions about this, or require assistance with your search, please contact Cherie at cbogh@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or (403) 231.1427

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We have **162 fans** on Facebook!
We have **60 Alumni** on LinkedIn!

JOIN THE SCAPE MAILING LIST !

Are you on our electronic mailing list?

If not, sign up to receive notices of upcoming events, such as our book club discussions, Blue Water Workshops and other special events!

Contact Roopa Khanna at rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or 403.231.1402 to sign up today!

SPRING BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Over the coming warm spring and summer months, why not spend a bit of free time reading a great book? Here are some suggestions by Ken Low. Happy Reading!

- Last Child in the Woods – Revised: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv
- Teach With Your Heart: Lessons Learned From the Freedom Writers by Erin Gruwell
- The Great Derangement: A Terrifying True Story of War, Politics and Religion by Matt Taibbi
- Common Nonsense: Glenn and the Triumph of Ignorance by Alexander Zaitchik
- Deer Hunting With Jesus: Dispatches from America’s Class War by Joe Bageant
- The Ecology of Commerce: A Declaration of Sustainability by Paul Hawken
- Chocolate Wars: The 150-Year Rivalry Between the World’s Greatest Chocolate Makers by Deborah Cadbury
- The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power by Joel Bakan
- Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft and World Order by Charles Hill
- The Value of Nothing: How to Reshape Market Society and Define Democracy by Raj Patel
- Oil: Money, Politics and Power in the 21st Century by Tom Bower
- Capitalism 3.0: A Guide to Reclaiming the Commons by Peter Barnes
- Seeing Like A State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed by James C. Scott

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We thank our generous sponsors for your continued support of the Leadership Calgary Program! Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

We also thank all of the alumni sponsors who have graciously contributed to the program!

A warm thank you to all of the committee members who freely donate their own time to help facilitate, shape and present the curriculum for the LC Program. Your continued dedication is applauded!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE SCAPE?

As always, we welcome and appreciate your thoughts and suggestions for content within the scape.

Is there a particular topic that you'd like to learn more about? An issue that you'd like to see addressed? A suggestion for a section of the newsletter? An article you'd like to contribute?

We greatly enjoy sharing Leadership Calgary news and events with you – and hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Many of your fellow alumni are contributing to the Human Venture within Calgary and the world! We'd like to celebrate these wonderful achievements by showcasing two of them in each issue of 'The Scape'. In this issue we hope you enjoy learning more about Mariette Sluyter and Patou Zeleke.



Name: Mariette Sluyter

Program Year: 2008

Current Occupation:

Artist & Community Developer: The Foundation Lab & Calgary Family Services

What are your current volunteer engagements?

The line between volunteer and paid employment became quite blurry for me after Leadership Calgary. The work that needs doing on the planet simply needs doing whether it is paid or not. So that is how I gauge my engagements.

My skill set is in group facilitation, theatre and performance, so my volunteer experiences tend to be limited term skills transfer & capacity building for organizations and groups trying to extend abilities. Recently I have supported organizations such as Mount Royal University's Sustainability Club.

That being said, I have two ongoing relationships that are highly valuable to me as I see the need in long term support and capacity building through them; Seniors A GOGO & Leadership Calgary Programming Committee. Through my volunteering with the Leadership Calgary Programming Committee I am able to work with leaders who are focused on expanding their strengths, caring and responsibility to a trans generational process that plants seeds into the future

I also volunteer in my physical community, a reader with Calgary Reads and guest & supporter of TEDXCalgary.

PURCHASE A COPY OF THE LEADERSHIP CALGARY MAPBOOK & HANDBOOK

Are you interested in getting an updated copy of the map book or/and handbook. If you are, please email Roopa Khanna at rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca and indicate your format preference.

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- Hardcopy of Handbook only \$50
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What is something you have accomplished in the past year that you're really proud of?

A group I have been working with for over 5 years, *The Seniors Action Group*, has recently developed into it's own society. Their work engages the community in conversation about human issues through theatre and digital story. They are currently involved in a capacity building process called The Wise Journey, an exploration of Eldering. In five years I see their voices getting stronger, their vision expanding and their caring extended. It is an honor to stand along side that. The pilot of *Food For Thought: The Bread Project* with Calgary Family Services is also a highlight. This is a project that brings otherwise isolated older adults from diverse communities together to share bread recipes in order to bake and break bread together. Through the stories of the grain that conquered much of the Northern Hemisphere we start to understand our complex relationship with food, food production, resource allocation and the potential futures. This pilot has sparked an underground bread revolution and these baking grannies are looking forward to sharing their stories, recipes with younger generations in hopes to inspire the same connections and caring they made through this process. The NFB has recently greenlighted an online digital pilot project to share the stories that come from this kitchen experiment.

Is there a particular quote that continues to inspire you?

One thing the program, and Ken Low, do so well is reminds us that we are special and beautiful snowflakes just like all the other special and beautiful snowflakes. Although for some, this may be a disappointment, for me, this was liberating. I could then begin getting the work done. The quote below comes from Albert Einstein & is my reminder of this.
"A hundred times a day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other people, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the full measure I have received and am still receiving."

When you hear the term 'Community Leadership' what are the first 3 words that come to mind?

Not words but phrases: Capacity Building, Trans Generational Learning, Responsibility

What is your favorite memory of the LC program?

It seems pretty hard to come up with one from my program year as every moment seems to build upon itself exponentially. I can say that my learning group experience was one of the richest group learning experiences I have ever had. Because of the guiding, the dynamics of the team and the challenging opinions of the group, I was very much able to explore the curriculum material and was pushed to think outside of my existing frameworks.

What is the greatest change in your life (professional and/or personal) since completing the program?

Among other things LC has helped me shape my understanding of human & societal learning so that I can better assess the kinds of projects I engage in and how I plan my programming. I am more focused on building cultural assets, ensuring the work is documented in order to be built upon.

How would you describe LC to someone who has not yet participated?

Liberating, hard, important and the best, most exciting journey of discovery you could ever go on and it just keeps getting better. It is the gift that keeps on giving.



Name: Patou Zeleke

Year: 2007

Current Occupation: Reservoir Engineer

What are your current volunteer engagements:

Elders Team, Trinity Baptist Church; Change Leadership Coach, Bridges Foundation; several mentoring relationships

What is something that you have accomplished in the last year that you are really proud of?

One of my goals last year was to qualify for and run the Boston Marathon. In order to reach this goal I needed to transform mind and body through disciplined and fairly rigorous training. Though my body initially responded well to the training, revealed by personal best 10k times, I developed a stress fracture in my left tibia as my training runs lengthened and my speed work increased. Recovery from this stress fracture took longer than expected pushing my goal out of reach. This was initially discouraging, but the ensuing journey to discover root causes and to improve overall health and capacity revealed biomechanical challenges, issues with iron loading and a need to improve cholesterol ratios. Today, with my speed and endurance returning I am a much better runner, a much healthier person, and have a deeper understanding of the dynamics of change.

Is there a particular quote that continues to inspire you?

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually

strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

- Theodore Roosevelt 1910

When you hear the term 'Community Leadership,' what are the first 3 words that come to mind.

Systems, wisdom, action

What is your favorite memory of the LC program?

My favorite memory about leadership Calgary was my learning group and working with them to put together our learning day presentation. The entire process was a rich experience in 'fleshing out' what we were learning in the program by applying the program framework to our group's topic. The experiences of working in the learning group helped me to intellectually and relationally grasp a new 'lens' for examining complex problems.

What was the greatest change in your life (professional and/or personal) after completing the program?

The greatest change in my life had more to do with how my thinking changed about leadership than a discrete personal or professional change. In the program I was encouraged to nurture a personal commitment to think outside the box and to seek opportunities for change and growth; to see leadership more in terms of self awareness, creativity, and responsible and effective action in my endeavors. Rather than change my commitments I was challenged to more effectively engage those commitments.

How would you describe Leadership Calgary to someone who has not yet participated?

Leadership Calgary is a ten month journey into better understanding yourself, life and the complex interactions between the two. Out of this rich context one gains the courage, insight, and strength to affect change where it is most needed.

UNCONVENTIONAL THOUGHTS...

In this month's Unconventional Thoughts, Natalie Muyres LC Class of 2008 and current co-chair of the Program Committee, has shared with us an excerpt from her speech at the Annual Recruitment Breakfast which was held on March 17th at Fort Calgary. Thank you Natalie!

Becoming: Leadership Calgary Annual Recruitment Breakfast by Natalie Muyres



1. Our connection to each other:

- We all start out the same. We all have the same origin. Although we spend a lot of our time as human beings looking at our differences. On the surface, there is so much variety in our appearances, language and customs. We all have the same ancestry. Millions of years of human development have led us to where we are today. Some of that development has been constructive. Like our feats of engineering and sciences, helping us understand our world better and meet the challenges before us. Others have been massive failures. The worst of our humanity, sadly repeating itself, even when we say 'it would never happen again'.
- Leadership Calgary introduces you to our humanity by thinking about our human journey at a species level. Culture as a product of our collective development, we, our ancestors, our story were responsible for the greatest achievements of humankind, but also for our greatest failures. *We were.*

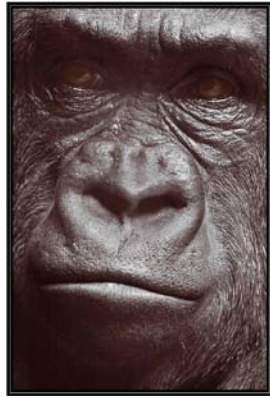
UNCONVENTIONAL THOUGHTS CONTRIBUTE TODAY!

Do you have a Leadership Calgary story to share? Through this section of The Scape; we invite you to submit an article on any topic that pertains to the human venture, leadership and community. These stories are intended to be shared with our alumni and community about how this program is transforming Calgary and our world. If you have something to share, please email Buffy St-Amand at bstamand@volunteercalgary.ab.ca



2. The Informationscape and what we reference to develop adaptive thoughtscape:

- This path of development and understanding is shaped by the information we draw upon. How we interpret and learn from the world, how we validate what we see, hear and experience, how we integrate this into our own being, how we take action and do the right things without being told what to do are all shaped by these resources.
- In Leadership Calgary we call this taking stock of our lives, evaluating the quality of our own thinking as well as that of others. Preparing to meet life's threats and opportunities while aligning our life to that of the human venture. The Human Venture is humanities continued struggle to understand ourselves, and to figure out how to act in such a way that we create a better future. One problem is that much of humanity thinks it is more wise than it is ignorant. They're right, in a narrow self-interest way, they are more wise. Be it personal, nationalistic or culturally, we may be wise, but at the expense of the greater good, our species.
- Another challenge of humanity is what we think progress is. The way people think what they are doing is the right thing – that they have life figured out. Most people believe and are convinced they are on the right path. What makes me say this? The story of our ignorance plays out around us every day, through war, crimes of humanity, economic failures and the destruction of our environment. Our narrow idea of progress has been terribly destructive.
- Leadership Calgary is a journey of discovery that introduces you to new ways of determining the 'rightness' and 'wrongness' in life.



3. Comparing 'self to 'Self, the path of Becoming:

- We are all on a path of becoming, we all started out the same, we all have the same ancestry. But how is it that our paths of becoming can be so different, and for some of us, so destructive? We all strive to be something, a mother, have a career, a good person. Many of us achieve great things, however, those great things are mostly measured in conventional ways, the size of our houses and our paycheques. We check things off lists, degrees, certificates and the like. What does all of this mean? Coming here today, what are *you* seeking?
- While in the class, we examine our own 'programming' or development path and refer to it as Self Authorization. Many of us start out by developing a 's'elf. A self that is shaped by a narrow frame of reference, minimal understanding of humanity and little attention to the big picture. By understanding how we are programmed, examining the quality of our own thinking and taking responsibility to align to humanities becoming, we develop 'S'elf. Leadership Calgary provides the tools to do this, however, this journey is yours to fulfill.



4. What is a Meta-Framework:

- We refer to the tools Leadership Calgary introduces us to as a meta-framework – a way to evaluate your own thinking and the thinking of others. It is a *meta*-framework because all other frameworks can be evaluated using it. Like our legal structures, economic systems and religion. These are frameworks. On their own, these frameworks cannot tell you how life systems are integrated. A meta-framework takes you beyond your current culture or circumstance. The meta-framework gives us the tools to understand humanity and the course of our actions. In doing so we are able to better construct our own thinking and actions, or adaptively position ourselves and be aligned to the largest frame, to that of life.
- We see in our path of becoming that there are systems at work that do not support this type of adaptive thinking and inquiry, like our current economic, education and political systems. They're not integrated. What we also come to learn, is what it will take to construct these systems in ways that are aligned to the path of the Human Venture, to humanity, to our species development and survivability. The sources of our own learning become more than the texts and teachings we are familiar with but also the cultural and societal resources and life itself.



5. Quotes from Leaders:

- How do we do this? How do we know this about life? How can we test the Human Venture framework? By looking at current events and events of the past. By listening to the voices from the past and present we are able to diagnose what is in front of us and design adaptive paths forward.
- Leadership Calgary introduces you to an adaptive way of thinking about leaders and leadership. In this, we meet leaders from the past and the present, some you know, others you don't, that tell an important story. We take so much for granted about leadership. Our leaders rarely ask 'why' or 'how' and sadly this is what most people aspire to and what we

are passing onto generations to come.

- Leadership Calgary will challenge your understanding of leadership. Providing the definition that “The highest levels of leadership focus not just on solving pressing problems or pursuing significant opportunities, but also on developing the adaptive capacities of the group.”
- Here are some examples of leaders that we look to in the program:
 - Walter Lippman, a prized journalist from the 20s wrote
 - i. “Men cease to say what they think; and when they cease to say it, they soon cease to think it.”
 - Robert Bateman, a popular and deeply moving artist said
 - i. “The human race may finally be starting to learn from its mistakes. We may be standing on the brink of a revolution in the way we relate to all the other creatures and living systems on the planet.
 - Judge John Reilly, a local Calgarian and humanitarian wrote
 - i. “...I believe that what I had lost was my ignorance, an ignorance which had made it much easier to apply the law without much regard to the humanity, or rather inhumanity, involved.”



6. Human Striving is all around us:

- Cairo, February 18, 2011. A million people descend into Tahir Square to celebrate their victory. Why should we care about this? How do we care about this? There are many ways to look at this picture. When I look at this picture I am deeply moved. Not only because of the *vastness* of it, but the remarkable human story it tells of the courage and striving of a population of our brothers and sisters to push on the boundaries of oppression. This highly organized movement was not only for themselves, some sacrificed their lives, it was for humanity.
- There are stories of Egyptians saying that dying for this cause was their only choice. We see this same story of human striving playing out in China and Russia of the past, Tunisia, Bahrain, Libya and Wisconsin today. In recent events we see our human story of

striving play out in Japan. Why should we care? Because this is *our* story.



7. Quote from Ken:

- A gift of Leadership Calgary is that “all of human stories are worth investigating and learning from. Things we normally do not believe we will have an interest in or relate to, the Human Venture framework gives you a way to ‘hang’ or connect your own life learning with humanities becoming. What is it that we have learned in the human story when humans have been reaching for the best part of themselves.
- Many people are deeply moved by humanity. We react to the obvious wrongs or wonders of our past and present. However, we don’t always know what to do with it, we don’t know what to do with our reaction. Whether we are moved or not by humanities story, we rarely stop to think about the implications of our inaction, or the implications for not thinking about our thinking or learning from the past. When you are concerned about species level adaptive positioning you are tracking toward that ‘S’elf.
- Species level concerns may seem too big. Some people will think that they have enough problems of their own - never mind taking on species challenges. However, by taking on species challenges we learn how to better take on our own challenges. We don’t just depend on events, corporations and systems to tell us what resources we have to draw on in our smaller picture. By drawing on the bigger picture we learn how to manage our own lives well, how to sort out our own lives.
- If you care about the bigger picture, then you care about humanity and you want it to do well. At first it might seem impractical but if you stick with it, you realize how applicable the bigger picture is with our own lives. This is the link between the ‘s’elf and the ‘S’elf.



8. Path of Life:

- Leadership Calgary will challenge you to rethink the way you have constructed your own thinking, how you understand life, how your beliefs and understandings have come to be.
- We hope that Leadership Calgary will encourage you to reconstruct your own thinking in an adaptive way and influence generations to come.
- Leadership Calgary isn't about Leadership so much as it is about a personal evaluation of how you choose to engage with life and the choices and tools you have to change the course of your own learning.
- Some say that this program can be life altering. What we mean by that is if you are willing to take stock of your own life and examine what it actually means to be *alive* and *human*, your life will be aligned to that of humanity.



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