

What difference will I make?

“The secret to high performance and satisfaction at work, at school, and at home is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.”

Daniel Pink



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Reflecting: evaluating our own experiences, understanding how we think, learning from our mistakes, repeating successes, revising and planning.

Manifesting: visioning what we want in our lives and realizing our own innate power to bring our vision to reality.

Advocating: creating opportunities for learning, discovering external experts in support of our vision, and developing an entrepreneurial spirit in pursuit of our passion.

INNOVATING AND CREATING: putting imagination to work. The process of having original ideas that have value.



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**“Creativity is the process of
having original ideas that have
value.”**

Sir Ken Robinson

The Blue Dot.

STRATEGIZE

How will you get there?

CREATE

Who do you want to be?

DECIDE

What is your next step?

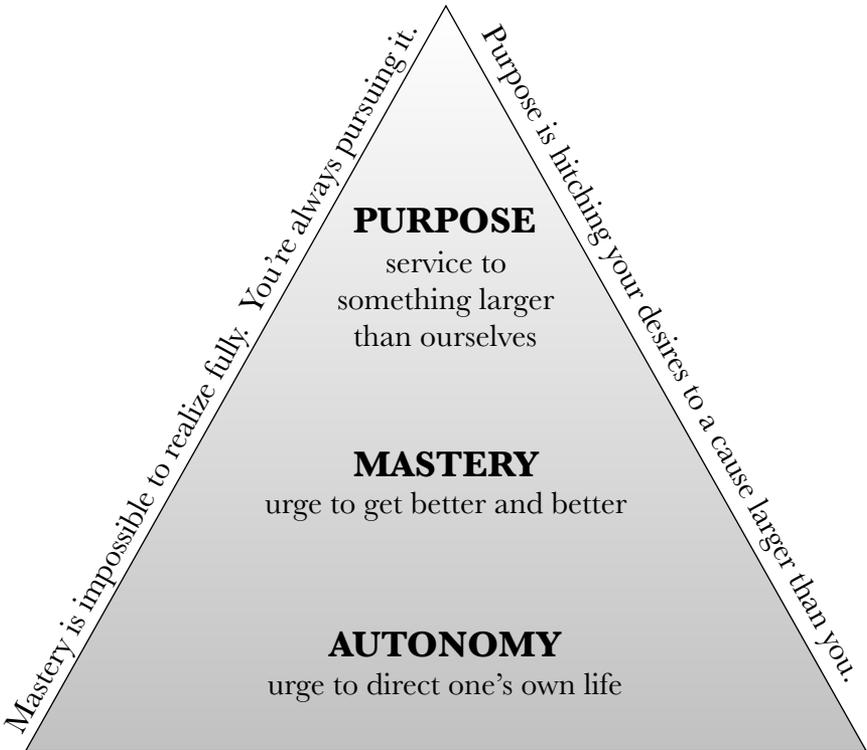




MOTIVATION

We have an intrinsic desire to do interesting work.

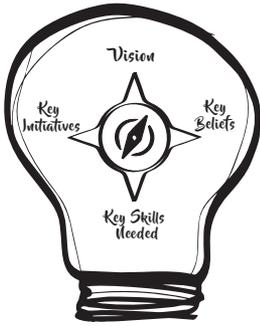
Highest Performance



Setting the direction of work and life in partnership with others.

Adapted from
Daniel Pink's *Drive*





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Remember in the section on “How will I get there?” you wrote down your personal vision, key beliefs, initiatives and skills needed (p. 86). Now is a time to revisit them and refine. This is critical in answering the essential question of “What difference will I make?”

A purpose driven life is dependent upon how you see the world. You have to dig deep to discover why you are on this earth.

My personal vision is

Key Beliefs

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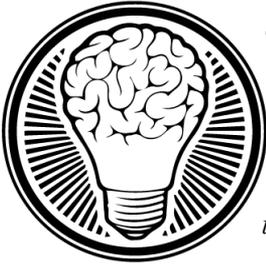
Key Initiatives (action I must focus on to achieve my goals)

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Key Competencies/Skills I have or need to achieve my goals

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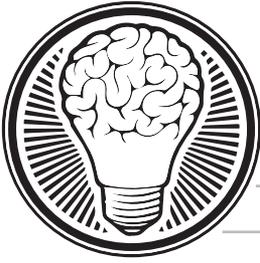


*“Knowledge will bring you awareness.
Determination will support you. Audacious self-
belief will empower you and allow you to affect
the change you seek. You can make a difference.
But you have to move beyond thinking and wishing
to actually doing.”*

Somya Munjal
Chief Youth Servant
Youthful Savings

The United Nations has identified **ten great divides**, challenges that face the world. These challenges can also be seen as opportunities to make a difference.

- **Demographics**-Demographers tell us that the human population is growing rapidly and is headed toward 10 billion people this century. Age distribution is changing as well, with some nations aging and others experiencing a growth in young people. The resulting economic, political and social challenges are great.
- **Finances**-Great divides in the distribution of wealth have become dramatic in the era of globalization.
- **Nutrition**-At any moment over 800 million people around the world are hungry. Most poor people who battle hunger also deal with undernourishment and vitamin deficiencies, resulting in stunted growth and susceptibility to illness.
- **Natural Resources**-There are increased pressures on natural resources, agriculture, and the resulting challenges in maintaining a healthy earth and a healthy population.
- **Environment**-Clean water, clean air, climate concerns, natural disasters and management of the earth's resources is of paramount concern.
- **Health/Disease**-Millions of children perish annually from preventable causes.
- **Gender**-Access to health care, education and information technology by women is unequally distributed. Social justice and gender equality are global challenges.
- **Education**-Wealth creation is increasingly dependent upon education, information and knowledge. Education divides are starkly evident, even in developed countries.
- **Digital**-Technology has created a huge divide. Some 80% of the world's population has never heard a dial tone, let alone surfed the Web.
- **Security**-A basic human need is to feel safe from danger and to have the basics of food and shelter. Perhaps putting more resources into improving the human condition will serve as a combatant to global terrorism.



What compelling problem(s) are you concerned about?

What problem(s) would you like to help solve?



What talents and abilities do you have or need to develop that can be leveraged to solve this problem?



If you think it, write it.