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Academy
for Contemplative *and* Ethical
Leadership

IT IS UNDER THE GREATEST ADVERSITY
THAT THERE EXISTS THE GREATEST
POTENTIAL FOR DOING GOOD, BOTH
FOR ONESELF AND OTHERS.

-His Holiness The Dalai Lama

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WHAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP CAN MEET
THE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES OF
OUR TIME?

In a time of disruption—unprecedented social and ecological change—many hunger for leadership marked by the consciousness, conscience, and capacity to catalyze and influence the larger systemic changes now needed.

This is the time to move beyond a primary focus on individual leaders and deepen our understanding of how teams, organizations and networks can shift the larger social field.



We believe a new field of inquiry, practice, study and research is needed that can advance understanding of how contemplation and mindfulness may play a critical role in such leadership.

This new field of inquiry must be grounded in the innovation that can address the gaps between:

- Current major systems (e.g. health, education, finance, religion) and the emerging future;
- Current social-political arrangements and those who suffer most;
- Individual aspirations and collective outcomes.

Significant advances have been made across the past three decades in studying and learning about processes of systemic change. What is lacking is more rigorous research to deepen and refine our understanding, encourage this budding field, and build collective capacity commensurate with the scale of the systemic change challenges we face.





This convening is intended to inspire and inform an emerging field of inquiry, practice, study, and research to:

- Close the feedback loop between leadership studies, theory, and practice;
- Accelerate the development of a new generation of leadership capable of collective innovation and creativity;
- Understand the relationship between awareness and the suffering or well-being in the social field.





We will explore:

- The role of contemplation in the cultivation of empathy, compassion and ethics in leadership formation;
- The role of contemplation in the formation of collective intelligence, creativity/innovation, and authentic commitment for the long haul;
- How practices of contemplation, both individual and collective, may play key roles in moving the social field from familiar dysfunctional patterns—and giving form to more life-enhancing patterns on behalf of the common good.



The Academy is designed for:

- Leadership Practitioners across sectors (business, government, non-profit, change-makers)
- Leadership educators (higher education, professional education, corporate)
- Scholars and Researchers (quantitative and/or qualitative)

The Academy will include contemplative practice, practice with diverse systemic change perspectives, faculty presentations, small and large group dialogues and a blend of experience-based and didactic learning.



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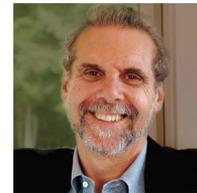
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Following the Academy, 10 seed grants to stimulate research will be competitively available to small teams.

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