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IT'S ALL
BUT FOR HOW LONG?

DAVID STEINBERG

Yes, we are back, but it begs the question: where were we? The answer: we were conflicted.

After what we considered encouraging attempts to get more people involved as writers, editors and designers we only attracted one person. While disappointed (not with the person) we had every intention of printing paper but then came the conflict.

As we sat down to put it together we did not have much to offer. A few articles and some other random fun stuff, but nothing substantial. It was at that point we decided that this, too, lean paper would not look good. You have to be proud of the product you produce.

After a semester of debating whether the student body could support a low school community paper we still don't have an answer. However, since many of us on the staff are graduating in May we figured we could do what we could to find those people who would like to carry the torch forward.

This edition is not full by any means and we apologize for that. In the past it has provided thoughtful articles, humor, in-class distractions and controversy. It can be that again but it needs your help.

For those of you out there who want to be the new editors and decide what direction the paper takes and what it becomes let us know. Send an e-mail or shoot up some flares.

"LEARNING FROM
THE MASTERS"

Tony J. Catlin

What are the intangible, but omnipresent traits that define the modern captains of industry? What is it that put them on top, standing head and shoulders over the crowd? Why is Jack Welch the CEO of General Electric or Michael Eisner the ex-head of Disney while John Q. Public still working away, invisible in their organizations?

By studying the common traits of the elite, we hope to be able to improve your chances of success. In this article, we outline what it is that they do, present necessary to make your way to the top.

1. Never Stop Learning

The most important success trait, the basis for many of the others, is never stop learning. Each person should be insatiable, improving and expanding their skills. Success is only achieved through a continuous commitment to life-long learning.

2. Be Self-Confident

Can I do what I'm talking about on the first. As you progress through your careers you should be amassing a collection of skills. It is this collection that should serve as the basis for true self-confidence.

3. Originality of Thought

It is critical to success to be able to think "outside the box". Innovation is the key here, but don't try to go too fast. It is human nature to resist change. If new ideas are too radical, there will be resistance. Think through present continued on page 7

THE GRADuates
DISGRACE

BY DENA OPEMAN

Abraham Lincoln was once quoted as saying: "It's better to keep one's mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and resolve all doubt". At the risk of sounding overly harsh, I put before you all good readers a David Letterman's Top Ten List with a twist. In the Hercedian effort to determine what happened to our fall semester grade we spoke with many members of the school administration. I would like to state at the outset that some members of the NYU staff were sincerely apologetic about the prolonged delay the students encountered in receiving their grades and the anxiety that accompanied the waiting process. There were those however, who in addition to lacking any grades were borderline offensive in their comments. What follows is a smattering of responses that personally received and compiled into my Top Ten List.

10. The students are all entitled to a vacation, so why aren't the faculty entitled as well?

9. The registrar's office is really not responsible for the delay, talk to Academic Affairs.

8. Academic Affairs isn't really responsible, the Registrar hasn't posted the grades yet.

7. Some students put down the wrong exam numbers, so that is holding up all the grade posting.

6. We can't post any grades until we determine which first year students need to be placed in the special program. After that, all grades will be posted.

5. There is actually a three-week rule between the time the exam is taken and the time grades are released. Why aren't the students posted?

4. I don't really know why the grades haven't been posted yet. They should be posted soon, but I'm not sure. Don't shoot me, I'm just the messenger.

3. How do you know that the professor hasn't had emergencies in his or her life? Maybe that's why they haven't submitted their grades, you don't REALLY know, do you?

2. It's not Academic Affairs or the Registrar's fault, it's the professors' fault. They haven't submitted their grades and we can't make them.

1. After a lengthy thought process, there is one excuse that deserves the number one spot on the list, because it manages to be the lamest and the most insulting at the same time. So please join me in applauding a member of Academic Affairs for winning the prize.

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THE POLITICS OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS:

WELCOME TO THE POST-NADER AMERICA BY MARTIN MORIS

One month before the last presidential election, Al Gore and featuring multi-millionaire and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. They began appearing in states where votes for the Green Party candidate might tip the outcome to George W. Bush by persuading would be Gore voters to back Nader instead. The ads featured clips from an October Bush campaign ad. It was the move that simultaneously said there was no difference between the political parties and that even if Bush was elected he hoped that it would galvanize the left. How could both statements be true? If there were really no difference between the parties then how would Bush's victory galvanize the left? Vote your conscience not your fear, the idea was that a Bush administration was something that should not be feared. That George Walker Bush's looser social policy was something to fear. The appointment of the Ashcroft's, the Rumsfelds, the over 4,000 political appointments that would be made to the federal government by Bush was not something to fear. In the Department of Justice alone, Bush's win put in 35 appointees: Attorney General Bush appointee John Ashcroft; Bush appointee Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson; Solicitor General Bush appointee Theodore Olson; Asst. Attorney General for Legal Policy Bush appointee Viet Dinh; even the Asst. Attorney General for Civil Rights Bush appointee Ralph F. Boyd. Jr. Thousands of agencies fell under the control of the Bush appointees. Like Agent Smith says in The Matrix Reloaded: "Me, me, me!" The federal government (and military!) came under the control of a conservative someone ignorant of American politics and history. Only one person that I know of was writing about the injustice of a two party system? Nader helped create this.

All Nader's propaganda about how the Green Party is the "third party" completely ignores the political parties and history. Only someone ignorant of American politics and history would believe it. In America, there are many political parties: There's the American Party which was founded in 1792. Though it is almost obscure today, their candidate Tom Anderson carried 161,000 votes in the 1976 presidential election.
TIME FLIES

They say time flies when you're having fun, but as law school has proved, sometimes time flies even when you are not. I cannot believe this is not only my last year of law school, but my last year of school period. I look at my five year old niece, who has just begun Kindergarten and I think "my gosh...I have been in school since I was her age!"

As the duration of my school career comes to an end I am filled with many emotions. I will be excited to be out of school, working and bringing home a paycheck. But I am also going to miss this place, and school in general. I don't know if I'm ready for the real world. It seems that grade school and high school better prepare you for real life than college or law school. In elementary and secondary school you are there all day, but college and law school students have so much time on their hands. We go to class, have a break, get lunch, go to class, sit around catching up with friends, and then go to another class. Although there is a lot of work involved, life is very easy. I don't know if I am ready to be sitting in an office all day long, working and on my lunch break. I kept a regular working schedule during the summers, but there was a light at the end of the tunnel...September came and back to school I went.

Law school has been a great experience for me. I have met many interesting people, learned about law and life and have built lasting friendships. I will enjoy my last year of school, because I know I will never again have this much free time. They say all good things must come to an end. In my case law school, at New York Law School was a very good thing, and it is now quickly coming to an end.

AMERICAN IDOLATRY

American Idol has strengthened my faith in the American people, and at the same time crushed it. I know it sounds dramatic for such a show, but let me tell you what I mean.

First, I happen to like the show. I don't watch the whole thing, but I like that these people actually have talent and it is an honest competition. Not trashy reality TV, but a simple contest with people who can sing. You can't fake that. Pure competition is what made me think of this idea.

As we all know, first the judges choose who moves forward, and while I think they are silly, they know more about the business than I do. So, people sing to them, they judge and we hear about the factors they used in making the decision. Very democratic and so far good.

The next phase of the contest is given over to the "people". This is where I begin to worry. I started to remember high school and grade school and how important popularity was. It was the factor for deciding everything: school elections, who spoke to who, whose idea was the best, where people hung out, etc. It was completely undemocratic and unfair. I always treated the middle ground between the two, but was, in fact, a member of the popular crowd. My own actions and words carried with them a ridiculous undeserved weight of authority. My friends here know I know nothing so imagine how little I knew then.

As I was thinking about this, I wondered if American Idol would fall victim to this inherent tendency to support the popular but not necessarily the good. I was nervous. I admit, because this pure contest could be tainted. I figured at least the judges were professional and they would be the gate-keepers that would keep the contest honest. In the end though, it came down to the voters.

I am happy to say, from what it looks like, the "people", who are probably elementary school to high school age people, are better than I thought. So far, those who have advanced, and the two that have won, seem to be a result of deliberate and educated votes. It seems that the contest has not become just another popularity contest. My simple point is that I am happy about that. The show remains pure and I can watch knowing that. But as I said the show has also crushed my faith in the "people".

Why, when it comes to things of complete insignificance do we take it so seriously? Why don't the voters vote for the ugliest person, the worst singer, the person who would never be star? Why don't the voters have fun with the record companies? They should, by their choice of singer, force the record companies to honor the contest terms by providing a contract to their worst nightmare. That would be funny. Could I imagine that Little Asian guy who sang "She Bangs" winning? I know he could never get past the judges but you get my point. Someone actually told me that he did get a contract, good for him.

The point is the voters don't think like that. They take it seriously. Oh yes, in school they will scar a pre-teen for life and ostracize them for something stupid, but when it comes to our next American idol god forbid we screw that up. The record companies have given the voters such responsibility and they want to show they can handle it. I guess they feel the world is a little better with Kelly Clarkson out there. So as you can see the "people" are disappointing. They would not even get out of bed once every 4 years to pick the president, a privilege men and women gave their life for, but they will damned if they miss on opportunity to weigh on who will be our next American Idol. It turns out that title has a lot more to it than one might think.
Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn’t serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us, it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Nelson Mandela
1994 Inaugural Speech
with: "The more students there are, the less time we have to process the grades." Calculations on your well-deserved honor.

At this time, I wish to make some points. The purpose of this article is not to lay the blame for the delingquent grade postings at the feet of the professors or the Registrar and Academic Affairs department. To do so, I would have to possess the psychic abilities of the Amazing Kreskin because I don't truly know who is at fault for this disgrace. In point of fact, no student does and therein lies the problem. It would be dishonest of me to say that I am not angry about the holdup or the apprehension I feel playing the waiting game. However, what angers me most is the runaround I received from the various departments, and the refusal of anyone to take responsibility for the debacle. That is what lies at the crux of my tirade.

I do not dispute a professor's right to take a vacation or the necessity of planning exams for the students in appropriate programs. If a professor inquires about the status of a grade, the reply should not consist of a catalogue page to the fore, saying that someone else. Furthermore, if there is an obscure administrative policy stating that a professor cannot find out what the other is doing. The first is that no one department at this institution knows what the other is doing. The second (and worse) alternative is that one department was to blame and denied responsibility to the other members of the staff and the student body in a manner that was completely disrespectful and dishonest. Either way, what happened was unacceptable and changes must be implemented so that this does not occur again. It is true that the students finally received their grades, but we learned painful lessons in the process. We discovered that while we have to fulfill our responsibilities to NYLS, this school doesn't take its obligations to us quite so seriously. Moreover, we ascertained that members of the administration find it acceptable to behave in a manner that is less than professional when they deal with students. Those two things are the grades issue and are perhaps the biggest disgrace of all.

we are required to pay our tuition by the end of the first week of each semester for the privilege of attending a private law school or face getting dropped. Many students pay a hefty price to attend NYLS to the tune of $100,000 in financial obligations once we graduate. We have responsibilities and we take them seriously. There is continuity in what we do and we make a conscious choice to pay our bills, show up and learn. In return, we expect the appropriate technologies to be there and the responsible departments to do their jobs.

What we received this past semester was a total lack of continuity from various administrative departments. The responses to student inquiries indicated one of two possible scenarios. The first is that no one department at this institution knows what the other is doing. The second (and worse) alternative is that one department was to blame and denied responsibility to the other members of the staff and the student body in a manner that was completely disrespectful and dishonest. Either way, what happened was unacceptable and changes must be implemented so that this does not occur again. It is true that the students finally received their grades, but we learned painful lessons in the process. We discovered that while we have to fulfill our responsibilities to NYLS, this school doesn't take its obligations to us quite so seriously. Moreover, we ascertained that members of the administration find it acceptable to behave in a manner that is less than professional when they deal with students. Those two things are the grades issue and are perhaps the biggest disgrace of all.

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In the 1996 election anti-gay rights activist Diana Timpkin took 1,900 votes.

There's the American Independent Party which was founded in 1991, run by former George Wallace. Wallace carried 140 million votes and won 5 southern states with this splinter party platform. In the 1996 election there is the Libertarian Party which was founded in 1971, in 1980, the their presidential candidate Ed Clark received 921,000 votes. Their 1996 candidate Harry Browne took 485,000 votes. There is the Natural Law Party whose presidential candidate took 39,000 votes in 1992 and 110,000 votes in 1996. There is the right-wing Constitutional Party whose 1996 nominee Howard Phillips was on the ballot in 39 states and took 185,000 votes. As you can see, there are many "third parties." There is the American Heritage Party, the Independence Party, Independent American Party, the Southern Party, the US Pacifist Party, We The People Party, The People's Party, and a number of other third parties. We, like the Green Party, actually received matching federal funds for receiving over 5% of the electorate. In 1996 (Ross Perot 8,085,000.)

Some credit Perot for helping the election, others think he hurt it. The idea that people did not think George Bush Sr. was economically conservative enough is true. They did not believe like this: 30% want conservative, 30% want really conservative and the remaining 40% liberal. It is clear that 60% did not want the 40% liberal. This is what it means to split the electorate. Third parties sometimes do this. In 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt was denied the Republican nomination, he started The Bull Moose Party. This split the electorate and guaranteed a victory for Democratic candidate Woodrow Wilson. This is why Ralph Nader did in 2000 for Bush. "Vote your conscience, not your fear."

The truth is, Ralph Nader knew he would not win. The real goal of the Green Party was to get 5% of the total American vote. Thus, they could receive matching funds worth about $7 million. It was never about a third party system and many people knew this. Some were even trying to help the Green Party while making sure that Bush didn't come into power by creating vote-swapping websites. There was (http://www.voteswap2000.org) and (http://www.voteswap2000.org) where someone in a close state such as Wisconsin, Washington or Oregon could vote for Gore on the promise that someone in a Gore state would vote for Nader. It didn't work.

"Vote your conscience, not your fear." We were in what felt like a very frivilous, frivolous time in history then. Native people actually thought that there would be no difference between a Democratic administration and a Bush administration. I am reminded of the catch phrase. Think of how different social policy for the next 20 years could have been if the Democrat had not been blocking Bush's judicial nominees such as Texas judge Priscilla Owen, District of Columbia lawyer Miguel Estrada, Mississippi judge Charles Pickering and California judge Carolyn Kuhl. In the final analysis, when you get past all the rhetoric and dogma of the 2000 election, what the Green Party offered was a feeling of self-righteousness. It was a feeling that you were above the corruption of the corporate system; a feeling that you were making a statement. I am standing up for the. The dogma still persists that Ralph Nader's 2,878,000 votes would not have gone to the Democratic candidate or that a Democratic administration would have done the same things such as the war, conservative appointments, and opposing affirmative action. The Patriot Act and all the other things I see the Union Square kids holding up signs about. One sign always gets me, it says: "Stop Bush," and this is a swastika. The time to stop Bush was the election of 2000, but some people felt looking cool was more important and now they are paying the price. Clinton made famous the campaign catch phrase. It's the economic, stupid." The 2004 election's catch phrase should be: "It's elect-ability, stupid." Rather than throw your vote away, you should vote for someone that can be elected in order to vote Bush out of office. That is, unless you feel the direction the country is heading. Then by all means: vote your conscience.
Counsel

Dear Krysia

I am a 3L who is totally unmotivated to do any schoolwork. This is my last semester and I just don't feel like reading or studying. Any suggestions for getting motivated? Or should I just sink into Senioritis?

Thinks,
Deeply Distracted

I think that many students share your lethargy—regardless of whether they're 1L's, 2L's or 3L's. It's tough getting back into the swing of things. But since you're not yet finished with school, it's probably time to start focusing. My suggestions: make sure that you're keeping up with the reading for your classes (or at least attempting to keep up with the reading); start working on your outlines (a little at a time) so that you aren't swamped at the end of the semester; when you hang out with your classmates and study partners at happy hour in the café, discuss what you learned in class. And most of all, take a deep breath—you'll be finished with school (possibly forever) before you know it. Make the most of it and learn what you can while you're still here. And by the way, don't forget to enjoy it. "Senior."

Dear Krysia,

I have a slight problem. A family friend asked me to go to a wedding with him, so I agreed, although we don't know each other very well. In an effort to get to know each other better, we have been hanging out a bit. When we went out a week ago, he tried to hold my hand (and I just won't die. The media fervor over a quarter second flash of a saggy breast generated by the incident. NBC decided to blur a brief image of a woman's breast on the screen. The Grammys were put on a 5-minute delay to avoid any possible professional outrage.

ER. The Grammys were put on a 5-minute delay to avoid any possible professional outrage. The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA), the Aussies' answer to the RIAA, raided the offices of Sharman Networks (parent company of the file sharing service Kazaa). ARIA's authority was provided by an Australian law allowing a party intending to file civil suit to search for evidence if there is a risk of destruction upon service.

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ACROSS
1. Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. (4)
2. A philosophy, opinion, or tenet that is strongly held, is believed to be authoritative, and is followed steadfastly. (5)
3. To add (one's own period of land possession) to a prior possession's period to establish continuous adverse possession for the statutory period. (4)
4. A person accused or charged with commission of a crime. (7)
5. To surround or encompass; to fence or hem in on all sides. (7)
6. The right to erect stalls in public markets. (8)
7. A knowing misrepresentation of material fact to induce another to act to his or her detriment. (5)
8. The act of selling goods or property-previously sold to a buyer who breached the sales contract to someone else. (6)
9. An unforeseen and unintended injurious occurrence. (6)
10. Of commercially acceptable quality; fit for sale and in demand by buyers. (10)
11. The state of being noble; the state of being dignified. (7)
12. A threatened breach of contract. A contracting party's word or actions that indicate an intention not to perform the contract in the future. (11)
13. An injury or wound. (6)
14. A governmental representative making the worse argument appear the stronger. (7)
15. Judge Irving Kaufman
16. A person who rents and occupies a room in another's house. (6)
17. Extremely offensive under contemporary community standards of morality and decency. (7)
18. An agreement by which one party assumes a risk faced by another party in return for a premium payment. (7)
19. A person who rents and occupies a room in another's house. (6)
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21. A knowing misrepresentation of the truth or concealment of a material fact to induce another to act to his or her detriment. (5)
22. Freehold land held by a feudal tenant, esp. land used to support the tenant. Magna Carta exempted this land from sequestration. (11)

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4. The state of being noble; the state of being dignified. (7)
5. The federal crime of transferring illegally obtained money through legitimate persons or accounts so that its original source cannot be traced. (10)
6. A tribute of money given by clerisy to a bishop at the Easter visitation. (7)
7. A threatened breach of contract. A contracting party's word or actions that indicate an intention not to perform the contract in the future. (11)
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16. A ship's or aircraft's journal containing an account of each trip, often with a history of events during the trip. (7)
17. The purchase of market commodities for the purpose of reselling them in or near the same market at a higher price. (9)
18. To accept tacitly or passively. (2)
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BRAIN FEED

1. In what city is the Taj Mahal located?
2. When is the next Halley's Comet due to return?
3. True or False: Butterflies smell with their antennae.
4. What team won the 1945 World Series?
5. What is a gastronome?

ON LAWYERS

The trial lawyer does what Socrates was executed for: making the worse argument appear the stronger.
Judge Irving Kaufman

I get paid for seeing that my clients have every break the law allows. I have knowingly defended a number of guilty men. But the guilty never escape unscathed. My fees are sufficient punishment for anyone.
F. Lee Bailey

I'm not an ambulance chaser. I'm usually there before the ambulance.
Melvin Belli

All sides in a trial want to hide at least some of the truth.
Alan Dershowitz

After twenty-five years of observation, I can give it as the condensed history of most, if not all, good lawyers, that they lived well and died poor.
Daniel Webster

Do as adversaries do in law, strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.
William Shakespeare

They all laid their heads together like as many lawyers when they are gettin' ready to prove that a man's heirs ain't got any right to his property.
Mark Twain

In the Halls of Justice, the only justice is in the halls.
Lenny Bruce
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LEARNING

them clearly and completely. Anticipate the questions and concerns that the new ideas will inevitably raise. Be prepared to answer objections.

4. Be Straightforward

Being straightforward in speech indicates that you are action oriented and honest. People will be more receptive to new ideas if they do not feel they are being held back or behind them. Being straightforward eliminates the need to couch ideas in an artificial manner and makes ideas explained in simple terms.

5. Be Willing To Take Risks

The willingness to take risks is one of the expected. Taking risks, even the range of the comfortable and early in your career, can help distinguish you as a person with leadership potential.

6. Be In Control

Being in control does not mean dominating every situation. Control means that you have done your homework and have the knowledge and tools and have a plan to manage.

7. Admit Mistakes, but Don't manage them. The competition here is with yourself, and make the success you achieve

8. Be Competitive and Committed

Everyone makes mistakes, this is how people learn. The important thing here is that you do not dwell on the lesson is learned. Evaluate mistakes, do not waste time laying blame. Once the evaluation is complete, take steps to make sure the mistakes don't happen again. Do this and apologize for them. In other words, each mistake is an opportunity to learn.

9. Be Flexible

There is a fine line between competitive and committed. Flexibility is one of the key signs of a good leader. Recognize, in meaningful ways, those who have contributed to the success.

10. Be Generous

Business success is rarely a solo effort, and make the success you achieve belong to the others. It is important in making the

Climb Off Dead Horses: Changing to a Life of Balance

try Cheswa James

People are transfixed with global dangers and uncertainties facing them. War and terrorism have continued to dominate the aftermath of 9/11. Death has never been so real or imminent. This has caused a wave of doubt on the part of John and Jane Q. Public to "live while you have it"—lead a more meaningful life. But to do so, you have to act when you pursue balance that you gain control over your own life. You learn to say "no" when you are overburdened, and you need, and see what you really need.

The Search for Balance

Balance is so much more than dividing time between work and play and redistributing activities. Bringing life into acceptable proportions is only a baby step in the search for balance.

Balance does not simply mean shifting your time frames and allotting a bit more time here and there. Balance comes from the soul and spirit involves a journey that truly explores how you develop and use your potential. The pilgrimage to balance looks at the value you put on your body's well-being and your ability to be a truly participating individual.

The journey asks you to move inside self, not only to evaluate and change your ethics and morals, but also to assign ways to practically demonstrate them on a daily level. True balance asks you to be a verb, action person and not a noun, state-of-being person.

Balance offers a release from stress that assigns the task of organizing your life and understanding that from order comes freedom. Balance involves seeking new knowledge and evaluating what you already know. Balance encourages you to play, joyfully, like a child. The words "spontaneous" and "abandonment" appear for new, better paths come in many different ways, at many times.

The Danger of a Dead Horse

Many of us trip through life to arrive safely at the door of we procrastinate and put off until tomorrow what you can do today. We sit on dead horses that aren't life threatening or crippling but are annoying because they only deal with, say, boredom or a small curtailment of personal growth or a personal dereliction of duty. Living as you are going to live forever is the worst possible waste of time. If I have gained any wisdom in my years on earth, it is to know that each day waking with the sense of your own mortality can open great possibilities. Put more bluntly, you are going to die. You have a small snatch at life and only you can make that grab. Live as though you might die any moment.

Don't leave anything to chance and don't leave anything unused.

Boredom is the base that does not allow exploration and full happiness as is dead horse as a conscious. One of the keys to happiness is to know that you are not a dead horse. In doing so, you present a world that is more exciting, where you are alive, but in your deepest soul, you know is dead: lifeless, loveless, emotionless relationships; professions that bring no money, but contentment; activities that are acceptable or expected but do not excite you.

You can live your greatest dreams—feel the strongest emotions possible—connect into powerful meaningful relationships have exhilarating experiences—come to understand and love yourself—if you have the courage to lift off over the dead corpse of your horse and seek a new steed. Only you, not the world that observes you, is the one who decides where your dead horses lie and what you need to change in order to have a truly balanced, meaningful life. The life where does "a more meaningful life" mean for your Quest for a Meaningful Life

An old American Indian proverb says: "If the horse you are riding drops dead, it's a good time to dismount." Behaviors, attitudes and habits that are counter-productive to meaningful living are dead horses and keep you from achieving a diverse and varied lifestyle. Much as you may not want to sit stupidly on a dead horse, often you do just that, kicking Old Point and screaming for the back seat. Dead horses are made up of the life patterns you've established that do not allow you to reach your greatest potential and find your greatest peace. You tend to stay on them because you are afraid of the unknown—a worse feeling than what you feel sitting on a dead horse.

It is important in making the transition from a dead horse to a new steed to look at those around you, and find the people you need to support. It is also important that you open yourself to the wisdom and knowledge all around you to help you find the right article double for awhile if someone offers a lift. Mentors and the search for balance is only feasible if you get out of your comfort zone, if you practice unconventional approaches at many times.

You Are in Control

You have massive energy and power to decide how you live your life: where your emphasis is; how your time is spent; and what kind of people you bring into, or cast out of, your life. You learn to make major decisions with ease and chart your own path in life. You come to realize, on a very deep level, that no one determines your life but you. If you are a person that sees your career or your childhood or creating your present negative life, you are sitting on a dead horse. But it is up to you to climb off of any time you want.

Broken hearts and crippling experiences, as bad as they are, are only true if you continue to sit on that dead horses. Other people are not always the cause; they are a part of your life—sometimes it is your reaction to that person's actions.

There is support and knowledge all around you to help you make the transition to a healthy horse.

Woman on a Dead Horse

My best friend died at the age of 42 from cancer. A woman that young does not usually die of a disease like that. I was feeling a bit apprehensive during the biopsy, and while she was still sedated, the doctor told me she had only a limited time to live.

To this day I remember that as it a huge hammer had hit me square in the stomach. It was totally unbelievable, and yet less than a year later I was with her when she died in the same hospital. She always told me that Ben had killed her. Ben was her boss, and indeed her life in that office was a disaster. She was living an horrifying—an atmosphere of fear. Sharon sat on a dead horse of great success and good. She refused to confront Ben or simply quit. She repeated refused to climb off. Sometimes I thought she'd been brainwashed. Certainly, it was evident to me that Sharon did not control her own life. She had handed the reins to other people. Every meeting was told of how Ben "stressed her out." The reality is that no person or happening can put a horse. She often talked of how she "put a horse to a new level of stress.

Sharon had conditioned herself accept that stress. Alternate solutions for Sharon might have been an attempt to open serious communication with Ben, seeking others to confront Ben or simply quit her job. But climbing off her dead horse seemed an insurmountable task to Sharon.

Climb Off Dead Horses

You have it within your power to create the best of all possible lives. It is not by a very deep level, that no one determines your life but you. You come to realize, on a very deep level, that no one determines your life but you. If you are a person that sees your career or your childhood or creating your present negative life, you are sitting on a dead horse. But it is up to you to climb off of any time you want.
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