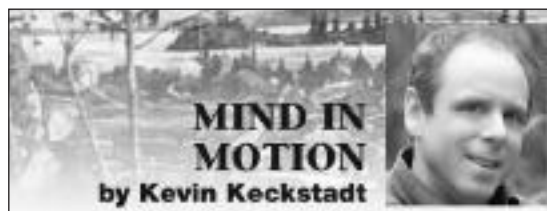


Great leaders have a clear focus

Let's consider for a moment some of the truly great leaders in history. It doesn't matter who you choose to think of. Nor does it matter what their leadership role is or was, be it spiritual, national or business.



What you will find is that each one of them held to a few core behaviours and beliefs from which they never wavered.

They take a step back and look around to consider what is in the best interest for everybody involved before they make a decision. Their decisions are made carefully with a continued vigilance. Great leaders are well aware that every decision they make affects the lives and well-being of everyone.

They also understand that just because you have the ability to bring pain upon others that doesn't make you strong. Great leaders don't fight or start wars, they get along. Fighting is for the weak, it's easy to hurt others. The great leaders are strong, they live in balance and integrity.

They approach troubled situations with a certain open gentleness. This does not mean they are not firm. It means their resolve is not to gain the upper hand, but instead to discover a deeper truth. They listen and are calm.

Great leaders have also shouldered insurmountable hardships and have the humility to be grateful for their lot in life. Along their journey they've learned to paddle their own canoes and bless the water as they're doing it.

In the middle of chaos and commotion they will always find time for quiet solitude. And in that solitude they seek guidance.

Great leaders are never rushed to work within time constraints. Consensus and unity is achieved only through patience and understanding, not a deadline.

They don't multitask. Though they have a vision their modus operandi is clear, defined and always in the present. They are patient as they persevere and know that a messy ball of string can only be untangled one knot at a time.

With all great leaders communication is always held paramount, especially during times of heightened conflict.

We would all do well to carefully choose our leaders wisely. All the better to emulate them.

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Ethnobotanist Dr. Nancy Turner and Penelakut Elder August Sylvester compared notes after a tour of Echo Heights in Chemainus. Please turn to page 7 to read a letter from Sylvester who recently visited the site.



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