



Corley Hanson Associates Newsletter

Making Your Business a Team Sport!

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Greetings!

Happy Holidays to all! What a wonderful, warm, chaotic, busy, fun-filled, celebratory time of year. It is often a mixture of emotions for all of us. One thing for sure- it's time to step away from work and focus on family, friends and making memories.

We wish you the happiest of holidays and many blessings for you and your family throughout the year.

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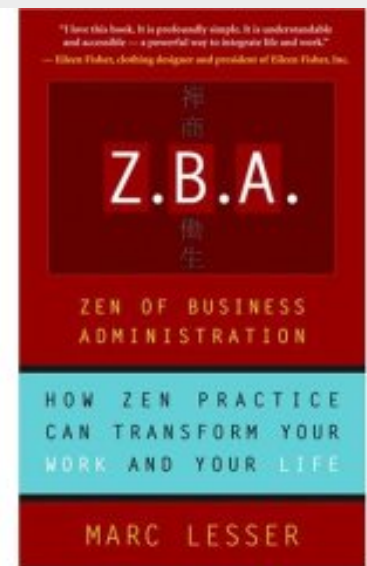
Zen Lessons

Some expressions that come to mind when I think of basic Buddhist philosophy, which serve us in business are "be here now", breathe, and one that is not so Buddhist, and very important, is make sure that you and your people are in the right seats on the bus.

Be here now is such an important concept. In coaching a client recently, we talked about the combining of personal mission and work which in its purest sense is wonderful and can also be a distraction. This business owner, who was moving towards becoming an employee of another company, looked at life through a prism; very creative, many ideas, lots of possibilities. It's wonderful when you are in a brainstorming session. It's a challenge when you need to focus and execute. "Be here now" is really looking at "what do we need right now?" What do we want the end result be? How do we begin with the end in mind. . .as Stephen Covey would say.

Breathe. Breathe means many different things. Relax, take time to actually breathe, and take time to decide what you are going to do before doing it. . .breathe. Anyone who does

Book Review: Z.B.A.: Zen of Business Administration - How Zen Practice Can Transform Your Work and Your Life



by Marc Lesser

What a wonderful way to end the year and get perspective on the new year by reading Z.B.A., Zen of Business Administration. Marc Lesser speaks to something he knows very well, the operations of a business viewed through the eyes of someone who has experienced the operations of a Zen Monastery as a Zen Monk. Marc was the founder of Brush Dance; a tiny recycled paper venture that grew to a multi - million dollar publisher of greeting cards and calendars. He sweetly and creatively weaves Zen lessons into business challenges. A must read!

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yoga, martial arts, and other spiritual practices knows the power of. . .breathe.

Make sure you are in the right seat on the bus. There are so many times that people mistakenly get on the wrong seat on the bus. You may even be able to think of people that are on the wrong bus. How tragic for an individual and for a company. From a personal standpoint, if you are trying to figure out if you are fitting on that bus, take the time to assess that. Life is too short. As we end each year we really realize the truth in that statement.

With Marc Lesser's permission, I have included a few pages from Z.B.A. Using the metaphor of a Zen kitchen and how business gets done, read through this and look at what pieces you can take for your own business, for your own company and for your own team. There are so many lessons here. May the new year bring a time of curiosity and discovery for you and your business.

To read an excerpt from Marc Lessors book, Z.B.A. Zen of Business Administration: How Zen Practice can transform your Work and your Life, please visit www.corleyhanson.com.

A Holiday Gift from Will Corley

Where our dreams are built

An audience filled with music

Sounds not often heard

Of our dreams and hopes

Music vibrating

Contagious

Connecting

All those who would listen

Conversations

Stemming from vision

Where

Heightened energy

Fills the room

Where their once was slumber

Inner music plays

Rarely sung

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Is found

They have become an audience of one

What would your team give?

To have this playing

Today

This song that engages

Vision and Sounds

We all know these sounds and pictures

Where they are found

Where we can't help but move and sing to the beat

Where we can't help but tap our feet

What a difference would this make for you

And all those who got to play from this place of

Where our dreams are built

A place of what might and can be

Will Corley, December 2007

Movie Review: Enchanted

Enchanted

I walked away from this live-action, musical-cartoon movie truly inspired and feeling I was given a gift! Amy Adams steals the show, as the animated maiden who becomes a real girl "magically" and moves from story land up to New York's Time Square! The movie is smart, has a sense of humor and just the right touch that will have you walk away truly entertained.



Bonus Movie Review: The Golden Compass

As you hopefully step away from the daily grind during this holiday season, this movie will take you on a nice ride.

This movie is the first book in Philip Pullman's trilogy and while it's no "Lord of the Rings" this was a good start. Dakota Blue Richards plays Lyra with zest and warmth. She battles evil forces with the help of many amazing characters including talking magical polar bears and witches. This movie clearly sets the stage for the next one. Happy Holidays!



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