

Looking through the lens of what you know and think prevents you from seeing life as it is. You simply see your mind reflected back and live in a world of illusion. You aren't truly alive because you're lost among the voices in your head. Those voices aren't you.

Encountering life directly – with your full awareness and without expectation, interpretation or judgement – lets you engage things as they are. This transforms you from a conditioned clone into an awakened visionary, a new leader.

What good can ready-made answers do us now? We're in times of unprecedented change. Life's in permanent flux: absolute uncertainty. Knowledge is always out of date and is a barrier to vitality.

Our thoughts try to contain life and conjure some sense of stability. The mind wants to establish security and control, so it tries to turn the mystery into manageability. But the result is that we exist with

false impressions and miss the magic of reality.

To be a leader today, you need to live life's magic. And to do that, you need to let go of your conditioning and preconceived ideas. Just watch and witness, in awareness, and stay open and

intensifying uncertainty, your capacity to see is a transformative power.

It's no longer about what you do; it's about who you are. You need to shift from thinking about life to living it, from control to creativity. In doing so, you awaken

in every moment.

So bring yourself back to the now and inhabit it fully. Consciously notice your tension and drop associated thinking. Spend time in solitude and find your inner stillness, then carry it with you.

In this way, you become a master – not of others, but of yourself. Automatically, you become a teacher who can inspire others to be themselves.

In putting your knowledge aside, you're more sensitive and attuned. You watch your thoughts come and go, without attachment. You feel, but you aren't identified with feeling. Your freedom is your ultimate gesture. You live in wonder, with the eyes of a child, yet you've grown up. Looking directly at life, you're a true leader. **DM**

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responsive. Allow space for the new to happen.

In the past, a leader was a figurehead, a boss, a manager, a coach or a captain. Leadership was about structure and goals, and making results happen through people. It meant being an expert at applying ready-made answers.

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intelligence in others – and there's nothing the world needs now more than this.

Seeing past your mind and ego, utilising your higher consciousness, is elementary, yet it's more of an achievement than any physical goal. Being awake means being mindful

LOOK AT LIFE DIRECTLY

There are two ways to look at life. One is through preconceived ideas, using knowledge and the mind. The other is directly, using awareness. Today's leaders do the latter



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