

## **A Message of Empowerment for Visionaries**

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Do you ever wonder why other people seem to make life so difficult for themselves? If so, that's the first clue that you may be a visionary. Here's a second. If you truly are a visionary, your most distinctive characteristic will be your seemingly endless supply of creative energy. Your surplus creative energy is the clearest sign that you're vision-driven rather than theory-driven. Read on to learn more about your unique thinking style and what it means to be a visionary.

### **Visionaries have endless energy**

Where do you as a visionary get your boundless supply of creative energy? You get it from the questions you ask based on your natural sense of curiosity and wonder. It's the same place we all got the boundless energy we had at three years old. And, while most people have lost touch with their natural sense of wonder, somehow you've either never lost touch with it or something has allowed you to reconnect with it later on in life. In any case, you are alive with curiosity—and in your case that curiosity tends to be especially concentrated around your principle driving question. Bottom line, it's this driving question that makes you a visionary. It keeps your thinking focused and wonder-based. And, every time you get a new insight, you add to your store of creative energy and along with it to your abiding sense of gratitude, abundance and well-being.

### **Visionaries think differently**

But in case you haven't noticed, very few people around you think the way you do. Unfortunately, most people have long forgotten what the energy of abundance is all about. Having lost touch with their natural sense of awe and wonder, most people's thinking has become self-protective and rule-bound. As such, it drains their emotional energy and leaves them focused on depletion and shortage. That's something you as a visionary may have a hard time comprehending.

## **Visionaries need questions**

How do you as a visionary sustain your sense of wonder and curiosity in a busy world where most people lose touch with it? By being asked the right kind of questions. Think about it. Who in your past has supplied the special questions that ultimately helped to keep your curiosity alive—or helped you rekindle it from its dormant state later on in your life?

What's the message in this? Visionaries thrive on being asked the special kind of questions that allow them to tap into the insights hidden deeply in their intuition. And, even though very few people realize it, everyone can gain enormous benefits from being asked those same kind of special, intuition-engaging questions—whether they're vision-driven or not. Wouldn't it be great if a lot more people knew how to ask such wonder-based questions? Who asks them of you? Who's being empowered by the ones you ask them?

## **Visionaries have a blind spot**

Have you ever noticed how we each see the world through our own set of eyes? This means you as a visionary may be slow to recognize the fundamental differences that exist between your intuition-based style of thinking and the self-protective style practiced by most people. (See the attached table on thinking styles.) For most visionaries, this creates a blind spot which can leave you puzzled as to why others seem to make life so difficult. This blind spot can also make it difficult for you to get others to buy into your vision.

This blind spot can quickly disappear, however, when your unique style of thinking is clearly validated. Among other things, such validation can help you deal more effectively with the self-imposed limitations present in the thinking styles of others around you. It also opens the door for you to expand your vision and make it easier for others around you to embrace and support it. I often find this explicit validation process to be an excellent starting point for a highly rewarding consulting relationship.

## **The ultimate gift . . . agenda-free questions**

Finally, there is no more welcome gift to you as a visionary than a ready supply of agenda-free questions. The opportunity to be asked appropriate questions, to have them be free of agendas and be asked by the right person is vitally important to the process of creating a vision. In fact, if you knew specifically what to look for in this area, you might give just about anything to have someone come to your office and ask all of the agenda-free questions you need to finish shaping and expanding your vision.