

SYNCHRONICITY – The Inner Path of Leadership

by Joseph Jaworski

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I can say without any hesitation that this book has transformed my life twice! I first read it during a big transition in my life and I fully believe that it helped me see a path that moved me in the most awesome direction – that of freedom and openness.

The second time I read this book was just recently so that I could write this review. I didn't realize how much I needed to hear Joe's words and concepts again. I feel completely re-energized and free and open once again and just as he touts...things are beginning to come together – getting in synch.

The book is the story of Joe Jaworski's journey from being the son of the special prosecutor in the Watergate scandal through the growth of his law firm, the collapse of his marriage, an incredible trip to Europe, the development of the American Leadership Forum (his dream), his work with the Royal Dutch Shell Group and MIT's Center for Organizational Learning. He pulls out of that journey his fundamental shifts of mind so that the reader can identify his or her own stories of his or her own journey. He refers to this journey as "the journey of predictable miracles."

The most fundamental concept Jaworski pushes is this: "if individuals and organizations operate from possibility rather than resignation, we can *create* the future into which we are living, as opposed to merely reacting to it when we get there." We can be active in the unfolding because we *are* part of the unfolding of the future. True leadership "is about creating a domain in which we continually learn and become more capable of participating in our unfolding future...a true leader sets the stage on which predictable miracles, synchronistic in nature, can – and do – occur." It is more about "being" and "serving" than about "doing".

Jaworski's reference to "predictable miracles" is what creates synchronicity. When we truly commit to participating in the unfolding of our future and we truly "listen" to what is wanting to emerge doors open, people connect, and possibility is within reach seemingly without effort...it is just attracted to us.

I would share the three fundamental mind shifts but that's like telling you "who did it" before you read the mystery. This is a journey we all need to take for ourselves.

