

**A PRAYER OF APPROACH**  
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I honour your gods  
I drink at your well  
I bring an undefended heart to our meeting place.

I have no cherished outcomes  
I will not negotiate by withholding  
I am not subject to disappointment.

**A POEM FROM DR. ELAINE MILLAM:**  
**THE RIPPLE EFFECT**  
**January 2008**

Do you want to be a positive influence in the world? First, get your own life in order. Ground yourself in the single principle so that your behavior is wholesome and effective. If you do that, you will earn respect and be a powerful influence.

Your behavior influences others through a ripple effect. A ripple effect works because everyone influences everyone else. Powerful people are powerful influences.

If your life works, you influence your family.  
If your family works, your family influences the community.  
If your community works, your community influences the nation.  
If your nation works, your nation influences the world.  
If your world works, the ripple effect spreads throughout the cosmos.

Remember that your influence begins with you and ripples outward. So be sure that your influence is both potent and wholesome. How do I know that this works? All growth spreads outward from a fertile and potent nucleus. You are a nucleus.

**A LETTER FROM JOHN HOOVER**  
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Dear folks:

With the reverb of One World still echoing within me, I ventured to look up as the sound of geese in flight caught my attention. From such a beginning, I ask the question, "What are the Leadership elements revealed in One World"? The geese are a collective governance in action. As one watches they form and reform their "Vee" continuously honking and making individual/mass adjustments like sardines, schooled in the art of being in simultaneous Leadership and Team roles.

- each know where they are going, individually and collectively
- have enough collective understanding to take turns breaking the wind as leader
- when the leader get tired the "wing man" takes over, breaking the wind
- communicate continuously
- make adjustments to changing conditions

I don't for a moment suggest the members of a hospital board or government are dumber than geese, however I wonder what Leadership elements may translate appropriately? ;-}

Leadership Elements Revealed in One World  
Invitation - a compelling question  
Collective management of process  
Willingness to be vulnerable, transparent  
Willingness to fight against isolation by being in dialogue and offering support

Creativity  
Feedback  
Leading by example  
Flexible agendas  
Iterative process (did this used to be called "Organic?")  
Organizing principles  
Lateral  
Safety  
Holographic understanding  
Visioning