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are the performing arts really supposed to be so radical that as john cage once said in the context of music there is no noise only sound since he argued that any sounds we can hear can be music wk 2007a d harwood 1976 this radical tradition in performing arts with music as an example here can be contrasted with an opposing view in the older days when greek philosophers and medieval theorists in music defined music as tones ordered horizontally as melodies and vertically as harmonies music theory within this realm is studied with the presupposition that music is orderly and often pleasant to hear wk 2007a contrary to these opposing traditions and other views as will be discussed in the book performing arts in relation to both the body and its presence is neither possible nor desirable to the extent that the respective ideologues on different sides would like us to believe needless to say the

challenge to these opposing traditions in performing arts does not imply that performing arts are worthless human endeavors or that those fields of study related to performing arts like aesthetics acoustics communication studies psychology culture studies sociology religion morality and so on should be rejected too of course neither of these extreme views is reasonable instead this book provides an alternative better way of understanding the future of performing arts especially in the dialectic context of the body and its presence while learning from different approaches in the literature but without favoring any one of them or integrating them since they are not necessarily compatible with each other in other words this book offers a new theory that is the transdisciplinary theory of performing arts to go beyond the existing approaches in a novel way if successful this seminal project will fundamentally change the way that we think about performing arts from the combined perspectives of the mind nature society and culture with enormous implications for the human future and what the author originally called its post human fate

what makes the rule of law so special that it is to conscientiously punish the bad doers and reward the good ones such that where there is the rule of law peace and order are to be expected so that the rule of law is better than the rule of any individual take the case of international law as an illustration while different international courts have been busy going after the killers of innocent victims in rwanda and liberia they have turned a blind eye to the major powers which have killed on a much larger and more brutal scale by comparison innocent civilians in iraq and afghanistan just to cite two current examples contrary to the conventional wisdom conveniently held by many in human history the rule of law has its other side which has not yet been systematically understood such that the rule of law is neither possible nor desirable to the extent that the defenders of legal institutions in human history would like us to believe lest any misunderstanding hastily occur this is not to imply that the rule of law is absolutely useless or that the literature in jurisprudence and other related fields like political philosophy ethics law and economics and the sociology of law should be dismissed because of its scholarly irrelevance of course neither of these two extreme views is reasonable either instead this book provides an alternative better way to understand the nature of law in relation to its necessity and contingency in the context of justice while learning from different approaches in the literature but without favoring any one of them nor integrating them since they are not necessarily compatible with each other in the process this book offers a new theory to transcend the existing approaches in the literature in a new direction in that in the end there is no justice without injustice and that it will be transcended too this seminal project if successful will fundamentally change the way that we think about the nature of law from the combined perspectives of the mind nature society and culture with enormous implications for the human future and what i originally called its post human fate

is history really so universalistic even when similar events happen in different contexts that as george santayana 1905 once famously wrote those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it this more universalistic view of history can be contrasted with an opposing view which is more relativistic in orientation as shown by the equally known

remark by winston churchill that history is written by the victor to the extent that what is regarded as true in history today may not be so in another era when a new victor comes into power. The year 2011 is so which of the two views is correct here contrary to these opposing views and other ideas as will be discussed in the book history in relation to both universality and relativity is neither possible or impossible nor desirable or undesirable to the extent that the respective ideologues on different sides would like us to believe. Of course this challenge to the opposing views about history does not suggest that the study of history is controversial at best or that those fields related to the study of history like political science economics military studies anthropology sociology psychology philosophy theology literature ethics and so on should be rejected too needless to say neither of these extreme views is reasonable rather this book offers an alternative better way to understand the future of history especially in the dialectic context of universality and relativity while learning from different approaches in the literature but without favoring any one of them or integrating them since they are not necessarily compatible with each other instead this book offers a new theory that is the multifold theory of history to go beyond the existing approaches in a novel way if successful this seminal project is to fundamentally change the way that we think about history from the combined perspectives of the mind nature society and culture with enormous implications for the human future and what the author originally called its post human fate

Today's leadership challenges cannot be solved with yesterday's knowledge assumptions and understanding old paradigms and models will have to give way to new paradigms and models for today's leaders to lead their constituents and the organisations they lead to greatness using a revolutionary concept the 4p concept and a simple formula that leadership relationships results the alphabet of leadership is a comprehensive field guide for today's leaders to navigate today's business complexities and the murky waters of hypercompetition and achieve breakthrough results covering twenty six chapters with real life examples anecdotes lessons and concepts this book covers the essential topics facing today's leaders such as the leadership attitude that guarantees greatness the six essentials every leader must communicate to create a high performance team making tough decisions engaging constituents to achieve breakthrough results growing team members motivating staff to achieve high performance executing with excellence holding people accountable dealing with eagles peacocks ducks and vultures in performance management trust improves the bottom line four ways leaders create sustainable value wonders happen in an atmosphere of positive stretch and fair rewards and lots more irrespective of where you find yourself in your leadership journey you will find rich nuggets in the following pages to help you improve on your personal leadership effectiveness and the overall performance of your team if you need easy practical and proven leadership concepts that works then this book is for you

is the invention of accounting so useful that as charlie munger once said you have to know accounting it's the language of practical business life it was a very useful thing to deliver to civilization I've heard it came to civilization through venice which of course was once the

great commercial power in the mediterranean woo 2013 this positive view on accounting can be contrasted with an opposing view by paul browne that the recent accounting scandals have brought a new level of attention to the accounting profession as gatekeepers and custodians of social interest dum 2013 contrary to these opposing views and other ones as will be discussed in the book accounting in relation to addition and subtraction are neither possible or impossible nor desirable or undesirable to the extent that the respective ideologues on different sides would like us to believe of course this reexamination of different opposing views on accounting does not mean that the study of addition and subtraction is useless or that those fields related to accounting like bookkeeping auditing forensics info management finance philosophy of accounting accounting ethics lean accounting mental accounting environmental audit creative accounting carbon accounting social accounting and so on are unimportant wk 2013 in fact neither of these extreme views is plausible rather this book offers an alternative better way to understand the future of accounting in regard to the dialectic relationship between addition and subtraction while learning from different approaches in the literature but without favoring any one of them nor integrating them since they are not necessarily compatible with each other more specifically this book offers a new theory that is the double sided theory of accounting to go beyond the existing approaches in a novel way and is organized in four chapters this seminal project will fundamentally change the way that we think about accounting in relation to addition and subtraction from the combined perspectives of the mind nature society and culture with enormous implications for the human future and what i originally called its post human fate

nine innovative methods to think outside the box and solve complex system problems managing complex systems provides specific tools and guidance needed to be a more creative and innovative thinker following the author s methodology the reader will be better able to devise and implement nontraditional solutions to seemingly intractable complex problems by challenging the reader to think in new and creative ways the book offers a road map to success whether measured in terms of competitive advantage greater market share improved productivity or higher profits all based upon better solutions to difficult problems the first four chapters set the foundation for creative thinking by exploring the nature of large scale systems and complexity thinking inside and outside the box and examples of how an inventive mind solves problems in both management and scientific domains subsequent chapters address nine focused methods that the author has formulated to help the reader think outside the box broaden and generalize crossover question conventional wisdom back of the envelope expanding the dimensions obversity remove constraints thinking with pictures systems approach real life examples are provided for each method that demonstrate how the approach enhances problem solving and decision making in system development and management following the discussion of the nine methods the author examines group decision making as well as additional creative thinking procedures devised by other researchers including references that assist in exploring these methods in greater detail the author ends with a wrap up chapter that includes a test to help readers practice their tendencies toward creative thinking skills and

action with respect to solving real world problems the nine methods discussed in this book have broad applicability and can be used successfully by managers with a wide range of responsibilities in business and technology for anyone who is tired of the same old approach with the same old results this book is essential reading

an in depth look at today s most pressing business issues through the eyes of peter drucker the father of modern management channeling peter drucker to tackle some of this century s most difficult topics what would drucker do now is a veritable treasure trove of fascinating reading drucker s insights were nothing short of remarkable and rick wartzman pays high tribute to that fact while adding a few of his own marshall goldsmith author of the new york times bestsellers *mojo* and *what got you here won t get you there* rick wartzman has accomplished what i didn t think was possible a tapestry of ideas drawn from wartzman s observations and personal experiences woven together with the wisdom of the most important management thinker of this or any other age warren bennis distinguished professor of management the university of southern california and author of the recently published *still surprised a memoir of a life in leadership* peter drucker s thinking has had an enduring impact on consumer driven companies like macy s what would drucker do now serves as a compendium of the very best ideas that can help all of our companies win in a highly competitive marketplace for products services and customer experiences terry lundgren chairman president and ceo macy s inc this collection of essays will broaden you as a manager a leader and as a human being rick wartzman has done the world a great service by collecting the most incisive observations of a beautiful mind and linking them to problems that face leaders and organizations everywhere brian walker president and ceo herman miller inc if peter drucker is the master rick wartzman is the prized pupil drucker would be delighted to see his theories applied in such a cogent thoughtful fashion jim weddle managing partner edward jones and consulting client of peter drucker about the book as technology globalization and business innovation advance at breakneck speed the question what would drucker do now becomes more relevant by the day more than anyone of his time peter drucker understood how the individual the organization and society are interrelated and no one better recognized and articulated the challenges facing all three or came up with more practical solutions to those challenges since 2007 the drucker institute s executive director rick wartzman has been asking what drucker would do on a regular basis in his popular online column for bloomberg businessweek in each piece wartzman introduces a current issue and provides a view of it through the eyes of peter drucker based on his deep knowledge of drucker s ideas and ideals what would drucker do now culls wartzman s best most timely columns into a single volume offering a perspective on business and society you won t find anywhere else featuring more than 80 articles the book is organized into seven thematic sections management as a discipline the practice of management management challenges for the twenty first century on wall street and finance on values and responsibility the public and social sectors art music and sports covering everything from the federal bailout of gm and the scandal at goldman sachs to the roles religion and race relations play in a well functioning society what would drucker do now

explores a range of subjects as broad as drucker s remarkable mind wartzman provides a smart original and provocative look at a world being buffeted by change and in which all organizations private public and nonprofit are searching for answers what would drucker do now indeed

a critique of the conventional wisdom

what precisely resides in â oesexualityâ which warrants the popular discourse on sexuality as â oepart of our world freedom â or something as an inspiring source for â oeour own creationâ of â oenew forms of relationshipsâ or â oenew forms of loveâ never before possible in human history this popular treatment of sexual freedom has become so politically correct in this day and age of ours that it fast degenerates into a seductive ideology which has impoverished our understanding of sexuality by blinding us from its dark sides contrary to this intoxicating conventional wisdom the dark sides of this seductive ideology have yet to be systematically understood and that its very creative freedom is neither possible nor desirable to the extent that its advocates would like us to believe of course this is not to suggest that sexuality should not be about freedom nor creativity or that the literature in sexual studies and other related fields like gender studies queer studies and cultural studies for example should be ignored because of their scholarly nonsense needless to say neither of these two extreme views is reasonable either instead the purpose of this book is to provide an alternative better way to understand the nature of sexuality in special relation to the sexual body and spirit in conjunction with the mindâ while learning from different approaches in the literature but without favoring any one of them nor integrating them since they are not necessarily compatible with each other this seminal project if successful will fundamentally change the way that we think about the nature of sexuality from the combined perspectives of the mind nature society and culture with enormous implications for the human future and what i originally called its â oepost humanâ fate

like other big city school systems chicago s has been repeatedly reformed over the last century yet its schools have fallen far short of citizens expectations and left a gap between the performances of white and minority students many blame the educational establishment for resisting change other critics argue that reform occurs too often still others claim it comes not often enough dorothy shipps reappraises the tumultuous history of educational progress in chicago revealing that the persistent lack of improvement is due not to the extent but rather the type of reform throughout the twentieth century managerial reorganizations initiated by the business community repeatedly altered the governance structure of schools as well as the relationships of teachers to children and parents but brought little improvement while other more promising reform models were either resisted or crowded out shipps chronicles how chicago s corporate actors led abetted or restrained nearly every attempt to transform the city s school system then asks whether schools might be better reformed by others to show why city schools have failed urban children so badly she traces chicago s reform history over four political eras revealing how corporate power

was instrumental in designing and revamping the system her narrative encompasses the formative era of 1880 1930 when teachers unions moderated business plans previously unexplored business activism from 1930 to 1980 when civil rights dominated school reform and the decentralization of the 1980s she also covers the uneasy cooperation among business associations in the 1990s to install the mayor as head of the school system a governing regime now challenged by privatization advocates business people may be too wedded to a stunted view of educators to forge a productive partnership for change unionized teachers bridle at the second class status accorded them by managers if reform is to reach deeply into classrooms shipp's concludes it might well require a new coalition of teachers unions and parents to create a fresh agenda that supersedes corporate interests this study clearly shows that in chicago as elsewhere urban schooling is intertwined with politics and power by reviewing more than a century of corporate efforts to make education work shipp's makes a strong case that it's high time to look elsewhere perhaps to educators themselves for new leadership

this book presents a new theory of ethics that challenges traditional views on morality and immorality it explores the nature of ethics by drawing on various approaches in literature offering a fresh perspective on how to understand morality without favoring any single ideology

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