# Web 3.0 is Mobile, Are You In?

As I have discussed in many past blogs, we are seeing a major shift in how people access technology as more people move toward Smartphones. I see a world where business will be driven by the connectivity we all have with one another based on that little device that acts as an extended appendage for most of us.



We all have an internal desire to be connected.

## Power of One

Having a business and being an entrepreneur, you attempt to make a difference in your life, sometimes in the lives of others, and not so often, in the world. I see this on a daily basis because running a company is integral in the lives of many people around me.

You usually see the small things but not the larger impact that you might make someday in the future. For example, you may have created some great product that improves the lives of others in a meaningful way, or you may go public in an <a href="#">IPO</a> and share stock with your early hard-working employees that one day generates more money than ever imagined.

## 5 Keys to a Great Team

In previous blogs, I have shared my admiration for <u>Robin Sharma</u>, best-selling author and business coach, and when I viewed some of the mostly highly watched videos from him, I wanted to share one that most resonated with me. The video "<u>How Remarkable Entrepreneurs Build Winning Teams</u>" had a great message and had accumulated almost 18,000 views.

## The Power of the Crowd

I wrote a blog in July 2011 called "What Disruptive Technology is Sneaking Up on You?" I also wrote another one more recently called "Crowdfunding, the Savior for the Entrepreneur." Interestingly, they have both been pulled together by the disruptive technology guru Clayton Christensen. Clayton spoke with CNNMoney for an article they featured on his involvement in crowdfunding.

## Make the Trend Your Friend

<u>Mary Meeker</u> recently released her <u>annual overview of internet</u> <u>trends</u>, and I found it to be very insightful. You may remember that I have discussed Mary's research and opinions on this topic in some of my previous blogs. She pushed forward as a

leader in this space with different investment banking firms and is now a partner at one of the most prestigious venture capital firms, <u>Kleiner Perkins</u>.

## Is Your Sandbox Big Enough?

In business we refer to a sandbox as the area in which you play or conduct business. It consists of three things: your geographical boundaries, your products or services, and either your client description if you sell direct or your distribution channel if you sell there.

When determining your sandbox, one area of thought is to make sure that the sandbox you are playing in is capable of getting you to the goals you have created for yourself. Problems could include not having enough customers or not having the right customers in your geographical boundaries. The product or service may have saturated the market you're in, and the client description could have changed or expanded.

# Riding the Wave or Being Knocked Over?

Have you thought about how fast things change and how really different things have become with how you work and live? Think about the companies that you use every day that didn't even exist ten years ago. Think about how you use your <a href="mailto:smartphone">smartphone</a> today and access <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>. How different, both good and bad,

was your life back then?

Consider all this from a business perspective. What new companies have appeared or disappeared because of a new innovative idea? Things move so rapidly! A company can go from zero to hero in a flash, but one can also go from kingpin to trash bin in the blink of an eye.

#### Our Instincts Are Social

As discussed in the <u>X-Factor Blog</u>, I attended and spoke at the <u>Nerve Conference</u> in Atlanta just over a week ago and had a great time! We listened to some interesting speakers and had a



fun spending time with our EO friends and meeting some young aspiring entrepreneurs. The breakout went well! The X-Factor

content leads to such powerful discussions and opens us up to the possibilities of creating breakthrough opportunities for our businesses.

# Crowdfunding, the Savior for the Entrepreneur

Something exciting has happened in the entrepreneurial world, and I want to share it with everyone. The <u>JOBS Act</u>, passed by both houses of Congress in March and signed into law on April 5th, will generate big changes for the growth of small and

mid-sized businesses. One of the major amendments in this bill would allow <u>crowdfunding</u>. I see this evolving into a significant means for companies to access increased funding, and it is a great way for small investors to find more opportunities to devote their money to companies with which they are more closely involved. Given how connected we are through social media and the internet, this is ripe for the times!

# Solving the World's Problems with Abundance

Let's continue our discussion from last week's blog. How does Abundance solve the future problems that seem to loom before us like population growth, water needs, hunger, and power?

Abundance Thinking holds the understanding that we have the capability to solve our pains with the technologies we have already created. Those technologies are at such a level that the continued connectivity of each of them creates exponential opportunities for solving all the issues of the day and the problems out ahead of us.