

# Freedom and Leadership

This is the week that we celebrate America's birthday and her Independence. This is a special holiday for me because I am such an advocate for freedom – to go and do what your God-given talents are, to be all that you can be. We do this with fun in the sun, barbecues, picnics, boating and some sporting events. As an entrepreneur, the freedom to explore opportunities, to go out and create, shows what this great country is about and is symbolic with our flag and this day. I want to wish this county a Happy Birthday and give a special thanks to all those who we have lost and to the families that have lost loved ones to keep us free, now and over our history!

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## The Best Have a Coach!

One of the things about running a company is we get caught up in the issues that pop up daily. This, at times, blinds us to what is going on out in our business sphere – new technologies, new methods and to future opportunities. In my experience, this happens with everyone and none of us are immune.



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# Riding The Wheel Of Life

As I come back from an E0 Insignia and Quantum Leap conference in Park City, Utah, I carry with me some great experiences. This conference brings all the segregated forums together to have time to interact with each other and gain a personalized approach to the E0 experience. Insignia is for people with 7 years or more in E0, and Quantum Leap is for those with \$15-million or more in revenue. We get time with the large group as well as with our own forum, which includes a coach to take us through exercises.

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## 5 Keys to a Great Team

In previous blogs, I have shared my admiration for [Robin Sharma](#), 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 "[How Remarkable Entrepreneurs Build Winning Teams](#)" had a great message and had accumulated almost 18,000 views.

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## Team Building

Last week I talked about how nature and group activities inspire creative thinking. I also talked about my E0 Forum's zip line experience and how it builds a connection between people to help them know and understand each other on a higher

level. A lot of people seem to think these kinds of team building exercises are a waste of time and don't help, but I disagree. Although they may not always provide you the level of results you are seeking, I do think they help move you in that direction. Bestselling author and business coach Marshall Goldsmith recently sent me a paper on how to do team building more effectively, without wasting time.

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## How Do You Get Great Ideas?

Many of us out there hold a strong aversion and distaste for meetings. You have heard it before, or possibly even said it yourself: "We do nothing but have meetings around here, so how am I to get any work done?" Why do we have such negative feelings in regards to getting a group of people together to discuss issues and create solutions to move forward?

I believe strongly in the power of the group and think it is vital to bring people together to create the best ideas. If you have read this blog for any amount of time, you have seen me discuss my belief in collective intelligence, an ideal I trust in so much that I even started a mutual fund managed around the philosophy.

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## What are your dreams?

What an interesting week! Last week, I traveled to New York City to participate in the [Entrepreneurs' Organization](#) Injected Campus event, which brings the regional EO Forums

together. We met in lower Manhattan to be close to the [New York Stock Exchange](#).

This year during our event, the NYSE opening bell was rung by [InvenSense](#), a company that makes the motion possible in the Wii and in smartphones. InvenSense was launching their IPO and was going public. I had always wanted to be there in person to see the opening bell, but it also made me think of my own dream of being up there to ring the bell with the IPO launch of my own company. That evening, it felt a little closer as my friends on the Global EO Board got to be on stage and ring the closing bell! WOW! Click [here](#) to see the video I took of the opening bell.