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# Vision

My vision as a leader tends to be one of facilitation. I see myself as a leader who guides others to the proverbial water. I will be the leader who is capable of seeing the big picture and having the ability to show this big picture to those around me. I will be the leader who has the answers to as many questions as is humanly possible; if I do not have the answer, I will know where to find it. I will be an emotional leader and a leader who keeps his followers close to his heart.

## Consideration

As a facilitator I will never pass judgment on those who are willing to take and give constructive criticism. I will always keep an open mind to the ideas of those around me. I will always do everything in my power to take those ideas and help the creators of those ideas bring them to fruition. As a leader I will also keep stock of the ideas and emotions these ideas will stir within me, no matter if the feeling are negative or positive. I will actively weigh the actions of others while considering their choices as they shape their own visions.

## Objectivity

In order for me to become the true leader I know I am capable of becoming, I must keep a level head; an objective heart. I, at times, can be a very personally destructive person. As a self-proclaimed intellectual, I have a tendency to overthink things to the point of mental exhaustion. I must learn to keep this destructive behavior to a minimum or, as a leader, I will drag others into a negative environment. In order to mitigate the losses produced from this type of negative thought process, I have adopted a 'personal mantra' that I can use to remind myself of the need to reverse the negativity; "Embrace the Chaos..." My mind at times has the tendency to be erratic and highly chaotic and this mantra fits most perfectly.

#### Standards

Standards will always have a different meaning for everyone. My personal standards have been set at such height, they may not be appropriate for others around me. I will work with those around me to identify a standard of quality capable of being achieved by everyone. Once these external standards have been identified, I will then work diligently to assure these standards are maintained by not only me, but those who choose to participate within my realm of leadership. The simple list of standards I will strive to adhere to are as follows:

- Always be a person of your word
- Always be on time
- Always be prepared to work
- Always follow through

#### Validation

In today's world it becomes important to offer people validation for the work they produce. As a facilitator, it is my hope by helping someone accomplish their vision and letting them take ownership, this will be its own form of validation. Those who can see and tangibly hold the fruits of their labors will never need me to validate their work; the validation will come from within their own being. My personal validation will come from watching their success become reality.