Synchronicity and Leadership: What If (Part 1)



Trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home:
Heaven lies about us in our infancy!
(BUT) Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing boy
Wordsworth: Ode on Immortality

Some people say we are born with a divine spark, a connection to the transcendent beyond the everyday, and that (as Wordsworth indicates in his poem) this spark fades away and dies as we grow older.

But what if it does not fade away? What if we could still access that divine connection throughout our lives? What if that divine connection is a mechanism for receiving wisdom and guidance in the day to day larger and smaller decisions that we need to make on our life's path?

At this point in my life I am exploring our connection with that spark (divine or otherwise), which some call synchronicity, and the implications it may have for leadership. In the same way that a Global Positioning System lets you know where you are on the physical map, some say that synchronicity can connect you with a sense of purpose and direction in your life. Synchronicity can make you feel as if you are not alone, that you are supported and that guidance is at hand to help with the issues we face in life. If synchronicity had some validity and could escape from the twilight world it has sometimes been banished to imagine what impact it could have on leadership?

More to follow in part 2.

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