## An introduction to Conscious Capitalism

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# Business is the most powerful institution in the world today

What becomes possible when we move from an mindset of 'Me' to 'We'?



Corporate profits as a percent of the economy are near a record all-time high. With the exception of a brief happy period in 2007 (just before the crash), profits are higher than they've been since the 1950s. And they are VASTLY higher than they've been for most of the intervening half-century.



Image: St. Louis Fed

CEO pay has skyrocketed 300% since 1990. Corporate profits have doubled. Average "production worker" pay has increased 4%. The minimum wage has dropped. (All numbers adjusted for inflation).

Figure 9: CEOs' average pay, production workers' average pay, the S&P 500 Index, corporate profits, and the federal minimum wage, 1990-2005 (all figures adjusted for inflation) +450% CEOs' pay +400% S&P 500 Corporate profits +350% Production workers' pay +298.2% Federal minimum wage +300% +250% +200% +141.4% +150% +100% 106.7% +50% +4.3% 0% -9.3% -50% '93 '94 '96 '97 '98 '99 '02 Source: Executive Excess 2006, the 13th Annual CEO Compensation Survey from the Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy.

#### Yet, Mistrust of Business is Pervasive

#### The New york Times

"The majority of the public...
believes that executives are
bent on destroying the
environment, cooking the books
and lining their own pockets."

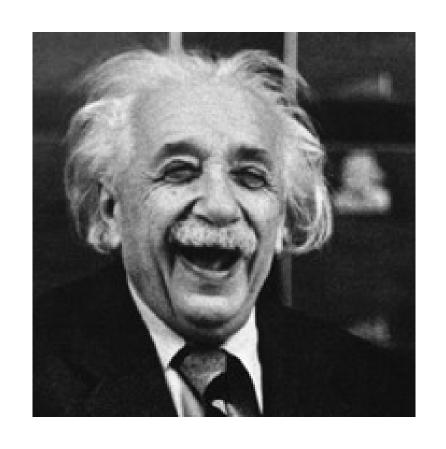


Only 2 percent of investors believe that CEOs are "very trustworthy"; 72 percent believe that wrongdoing is commonplace at companies.

#### Harris Poll

90 percent of Americans believe that big companies have too much influence on government, up from 83 percent in 2004. 80% believe
business is too
concerned about
making a profit and not enough
about responsibilities to workers,
consumers, and the environment.

You can't solve a problem from the same level of consciousness that created it.



'Evolutionary imperative'

#### IBM's Global CEO studies

2012: 1,700+ in 64 countries

Biggest challenge is to respond to the complexity of the connected economy through:

 More open and collaborative cultures. Empowering employees through values, free-flowing ideas, more creativity and innovation, happier customers, better results

"Collaboration is the number one trait CEOs are seeking in their employees, with 75 percent of CEOs calling it critical"

2) Amplifying innovation through partnerships

"Extensive partnering for radical innovation"

"Their evolution as leaders directly impacts their organisations' behaviour, culture and ultimately, results"

# CONSCIOUS

"An idea, a movement, an approach to conducting and advancing business Conscious Capitalism exists to elevate humanity Built on the foundations of capitalism; voluntary exchange, competition, entrepreneurship, freedom to trade, rule of law



"A more complex form of capitalism is emerging, that has the potential to enhance corporate performance AND advance the quality of life for billions of people on the planet."



#### Traditional Capitalism

- Profit maximization (and others are a means to this end)
- Win-lose and trade-offs
- Short-term prosperity
- Value extracting
- Taking

"There is one and only one social responsibility of business - to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits... to make as much money as possible. The use of the cloak of social responsibility, and the nonsense spoken in its name... harm(s) the foundations of a free society."

- Milton Friedman

#### Conscious Capitalism

- Creating shared value
- Win<sup>6</sup>
- Long-term sustainability
- Value creating
- Giving

"We need red blood cells to live (the same way a business needs profits to live), but the purpose of life is more than to make red blood cells (the same way the purpose of business is more than simply to generate profits)."

- Ed Freeman

#### The conscious leader, the conscious business

#### **Conscious Leaders:**

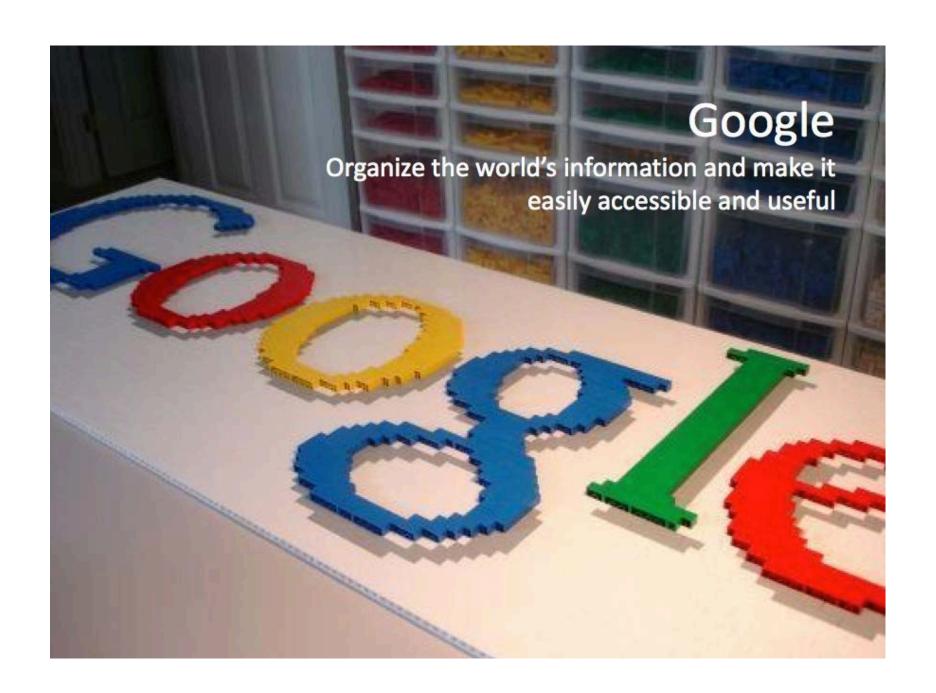
- Self aware
- Living their calling
- Analytical, emotional, spiritual, systems intelligence
- Servant leaders
- High integrity
- Capacity for love & care
- Authentic/humble
- Compassionate management
- Global citizen/mindset
- Inspirational

#### **Conscious Businesses:**











### Creating a true peer community based on shared values

#### Members need to:

- Embrace 4 principles
- Alignment of values
- Commitment to knowledge sharing
- Balance between idealism & pragmatism
- Embodiment of conscious leadership
- Shared vision and purpose
- Mutual exchange of value

Corporate membership: 2 levels

Individual membership: 3 levels

Chapters; 20 (14 US based)

#### **Conscious Businesses:**



### The Unconscious and the Conscious Leader

- Reaction
- Contract and fearful
- Feel separate commitment to 'me'
- Win-lose (zero-sum game)
- Scarcity mindset
- Victimhood/blame/entitlement
- Playing small
- Knocked off course/shaped by outside forces & circumstances
- Changeable and incomplete
- Gossip
- Looks out from judgement
- Resisting what is happening;lost in story; apathy or resentment

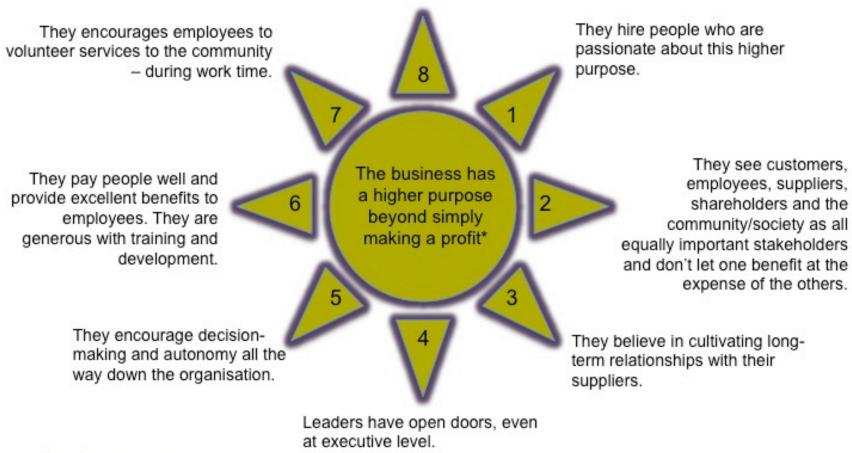
- Awareness
- Open and expansive
- Commitment to the whole
- Win-win for all (me, others, organisation, all stakeholders)
- Abundance mindset
- Taking responsibility
- Courageous and source of solutions
- Self-possessed & self-guided, impervious to disapproval
- Integrity keeps agreements
- Speaks the truth and is direct
- Looks out from appreciation
- Becoming that which is required

# Business that is conscious of the experience it wants to evoke in its customers and the values it expresses as part of its existence



- Aware (conscious) of external effects
- Takes responsibility for all of this
- Trust, transparency, collaboration
- Decentralization & empowerment
- Compassionate management

They narrow the gap between executive pay and employee pay – executives aren't paid exorbitantly.



\* Profit it still important, just not at the expense of everything else. at executive level.

Transparency is important –
financial information is made
available to everyone.

# "Companies that practice 'Conscious Capitalism' perform 10x better"

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#### FoE Compared to Good to Great

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Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't



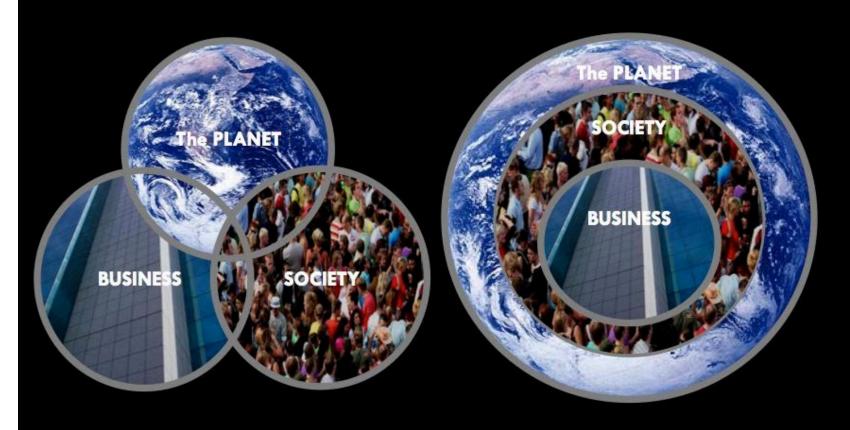
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S&P 500 Return	157%	6.5%	30.7%	2.7%	15.6%	2.9%	10.3%	3.3%

JIM COLLINS

BUILT TO LAST

Raj Sisodia David Wolfe Jag Sheth
with a foreword by Warren Bennis

#### Business, Society and the Planet



**Traditional View** 

**Conscious View** 

#### People. Planet. Profit

#### Triple bottom-line



































Center for Creative Leadership

























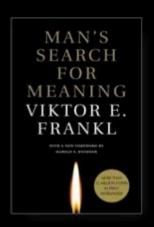


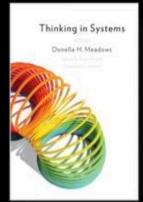


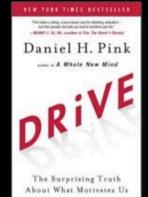




#### **Essential Reading for Conscious Capitalists**

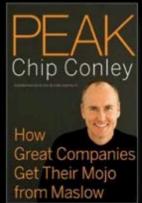


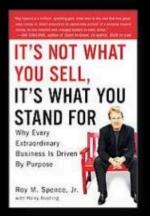






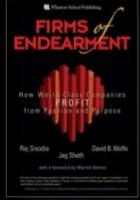












#### Thank you



