



Deepening Engagement: Essential Wisdom for Listening and Leading with Purpose, Meaning and Joy

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Do the corporations and institutions we work for have to be soul killers, or can they actually become “soul-forming” institutions? Leadership consultant, PhD, and coach Diane M. Millis believes that it is possible for those with a call to leadership to make the workplace a source of deepening engagement with our true selves, our colleagues, and the communities we serve. In *Deepening Engagement*, she offers a tool kit filled with personal stories and guidance from many different wisdom traditions that can meet the needs of all types of leaders, wherever they may be in their spiritual journey. Even those who don't profess a particular faith will find her invitation to “pause, ponder, and practice” not only practical, but effective.

Challenging and thought-provoking, Millis's call to listen for “the sound of the genuine” in ourselves and others, ask heart-awakening questions, and be willing to grow and change with the answers we receive can be transformative for all involved. Through stories, poetry, and gentle yet potent teaching, she models what our encounters with others can become as we engage our true selves and encourage others to do the same.

Designed for personal reflection as well as for use in small groups, *Deepening Engagement* envisions leadership as a “personal quest and calling” that can be a force for change. Turning the presumption of knowing into listening and learning; changing the status quo into curiosity, exploration, synthesis, and innovation; and moving from the top-down imposition of ideas to collaborative, constructive engagement can make the workplace a place in which we can come alive.

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