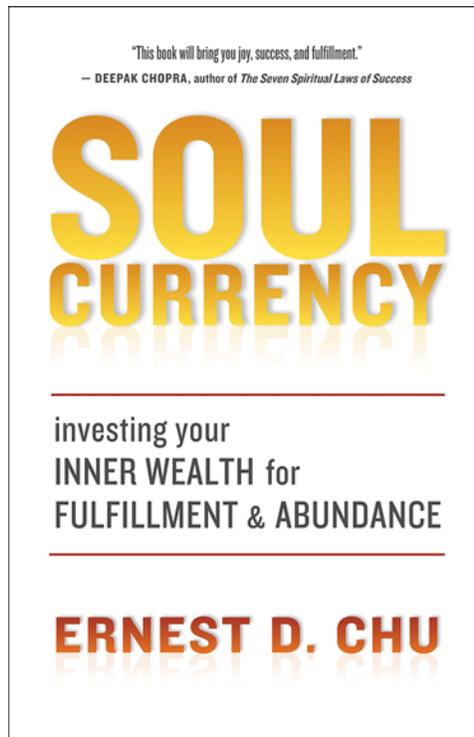


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Everything in My Life Flows Easily

I celebrate the One Infinite Presence – God,
Knowing that It is an unlimited Source
Of All Abundance and Good.
Through this indwelling Presence within me,
Expressing as me, expressing as Love,
I create prosperity, flow, opportunity and life.

My Life is filled with Love manifesting as Abundance
As I see and believe that Love supports my highest Good,
Drawing to me opportunity, filling my life with
An ever-increasing flow of creative energy, inspiration,
And a surplus of financial health and funds.

I live vibrantly and joyfully,
For I now know that the world around me
Supports and Loves me.
Everything in my Life flows easily.

I embrace my Good with gratitude,
Knowing it has become the direction of my Life,
And I release it joyfully and with love.

And so it is.

Rev. Ernest D. Chu

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CLASS SCHEDULE
Sept. 25, 2008

7 pm – 9:45 pm

Welcome

Opening Affirmative Prayer

Sharing

Soul Currency + Action = Adventureprise™
What's In Your Life???

Break

Small Group Exercise:
Putting Your Soul Currency Into Action

Sharing

Closing Circle and Treatment

Becoming an Adventure-preneur

(Spiritual Entrepreneur)

by Rev. Ernest Chu

The Entrepreneur: An Archetype Within

No matter what we are called to do in life, the creative and constantly changing process of life inherently requires us to be entrepreneurial. The term “entrepreneur” is a French term describing someone who is enterprising, who creates with opportunity, and who has the ability to use and create resources skillfully. Often, the term “entrepreneur” evokes both the positive images of a “go-getter,” a “hardworking resourceful person” and “someone who works for himself,” *and* the negative images of “someone very clever, but not trustworthy,” or “someone outside the mainstream of business,” or a rebel who “marches to the beat of his own drum.” It is a given that entrepreneurs are advised to “make both financial and lifestyle sacrifices” to persist in the face of adversity and to focus all of their attention on achieving their goals.

But the entrepreneur is an archetype that is present in every one of us, no matter what we do. It is the problem-solver and the facilitator when we want something very badly. It enables us to deal with change and to be uniquely creative in ways we never would have dreamed about. We are essentially, at different moments of our life, entrepreneurial. Whenever we are finding ways to get the full cooperation of a volunteer group for the church fundraiser or getting information for a project at work, or simply dreaming about a new car, we are expressing the entrepreneur in us.

Part of the mystique that surrounds entrepreneurship is that we tend to put those who are “enterprising” in a separate class from those who prefer to work in a large, highly structured environment, or those who prefer to play things “safer.” Entrepreneurship thus seems more of an art than a science. Entrepreneurs have few reliable roadmaps, as each thing they do takes on a life of its own. Entrepreneurs are fond of looking back at results and developing “logical” explanations for their successes.

Yet each individual experience depends so much on how we deal with change, creativity, adversity, and a host of personal growth opportunities wrapped up to look like challenges in “business and finance” and other issues of life. Within each of us are the seeds of greatness, the possibility of success and the creation of great value. And in the journey that each of these entrepreneurial moments connects, we can choose to experience the full gamut of emotions that lift us higher.

We can choose empowerment over giving our power away, responsibility over excuses, spiritual awareness over the material illusion, and spiritual direction vs. the illusion of control. Ernest Holmes, in his book *Science of Mind*, asserts, “There is a power for Good in the Universe and you can use it.” In freeing the creative energy of the entrepreneurial archetype within us, we also free ourselves into a greater unity of an Infinite Spirit around us, and the connection to it within. Our journey takes on a keener sense of the purpose of our lives and greater meaning of what we do -- and what is important.

Accepting an Invitation from Spirit

At times, things appear to happen to us randomly. Opportunities and people appear; fortuitous events seem to “just happen.” We don’t realize that these are all part of a greater picture, where we have the opportunity to connect the meaning and purpose of our lives with creativity and the expression of Spirit. The thought to begin an enterprise might come as a flash of inspiration – or perhaps as one of the most important invitations we have received.

An invitation for what or whom? The invitation comes to unleash the great seeds of Spirit within, waiting only for the awareness that they are there. The invitation may arrive as a timely business opportunity, as a perception of a need, or as inspiration from an article or TV program. Spirit speaks to us in the ways we are most receptive. Indeed, the invitation from Spirit is one of the greatest invitations we will ever receive – although most of us never see it as such. Whether the invitation ultimately leads to success or failure, the invitation itself offers the greatest opportunity for spiritual and personal growth. Like any “game” in life, we want to win. But we are all winners when we measure our success not just in money, but in what we have become.

Accepting a great invitation allows us to rid ourselves of preconceived notions and fear and limitation so we can be gently guided, giving up control and allowing an Infinite Spirit to express itself through us, as us. A Spiritual Entrepreneur accepts that invitation to embrace change. Often starting a new enterprise sets into motion energy that may look like chaos. New and unexpected opportunities arise. New people and contacts come into the picture. Greater possibilities as well as greater challenges exist.

But awareness of how the process works, and the foundation of spiritual consciousness, provide an organizing direction by which potential becomes reality. As Margaret Wheatley notes in her book, *Leadership and the New Science*, chaos is a feeling that is part of the creative process of growth.

Unleashing Greatness Within

Quantum science has shown that we live in a world that is essentially energy and that everything is part of a conscious, creative and unified field. As entrepreneurs, we tend to think of ourselves as separate entities that either create or are “created upon” by seemingly outside and disconnected forces. As human beings, we are the penultimate receivers and transmitters of energy and thought – stored in dimensions that are apart from us yet intimately connected to us.

Science is now able to prove what sages have said for ages: We indeed are prime participants in creating our reality – but more importantly play a role in how we accept the change that comes in that creation. Entrepreneurs create from change, and the moments in which we are truly entrepreneurial are those moments in which we flow with and create effortlessly with changing relationships between persons and circumstances.

A New Paradigm

A new wind blows toward our understanding of the entrepreneur within each of us. Our conventional idea is that an entrepreneur is SELF-centered – relying upon the

character within self to take advantage of business opportunities and succeed. A Spiritual Entrepreneur, on the other hand, is God-Centered, knowing that God is the prime mover of all life. An entrepreneur recognizes opportunity; a Spiritual Entrepreneur recognizes its Source. The distinction may seem subtle, but the difference between an entrepreneur and a Spiritual Entrepreneur is fundamental.

Instead of focusing on to-do lists and tasks, the Spiritual Entrepreneur focuses on a state of being, drawing ever closer to the co-creative expression of Spirit that manifests in the fulfillment of dreams and in abundance. These are the side effects, not necessarily the goals, of the journey. After all, if money were that important, we would be allowed to take it with us.

Characteristics of a Spiritual Entrepreneur

A Spiritual Entrepreneur is in a state of being in which consciousness is constantly creating. Much like the energy that guides him or her, the Spiritual Entrepreneur is being ever invited into deepening relationship with Spirit. The creative thought of Mind is constantly bringing into reality a constant stream of “results,” which in turn create a momentum of choices. Enterprise becomes a spiritual path; “work” has a higher vision; a spiritual endeavor is not just a grand project but part of the grand design of the soul’s journey to Spirit. Listed below are some of the fundamental characteristics of the Spiritual Entrepreneur:

- Knows that there is One Source – God – the Source of All Good, Prosperity and Success vs. uncertainty as to whether God will respond.
- Trusts self as expression of God vs. trusts self alone.

- Comes from a loving heart vs. a knowing head.
- Sees all that happens as feedback of a supportive universe vs. having to overcome a reluctant or adversarial world.
- Makes prayer and clear thinking powerful allies vs. entertains doubt and negative, distrustful thinking.
- Takes a stand for knowing truth vs. gives power to what others say or do, or convention.
- Understands the Law of Equivalency or equal exchange for value vs. sees situations without such an understanding.
- Sees a higher purpose in each opportunity vs. sees opportunities solely to make money.

Being as a Spiritual Entrepreneur

As much as a Spiritual Entrepreneur is heart-centered, he or she also is directed and activated by thought. Thought is enhanced by intuition, the conviction of the power of the unseen, and connection to Divine support and information. Consciousness sets up choices; thought directs action. The Spiritual Entrepreneur becomes the vehicle of Spirit expressing itself through us, as us, without boundary or limitation. Thought is the power that activates the energy.

Here is a summary of how a Spiritual Entrepreneur thinks:

- Understands that “What is seen is not created by what appears.” In other words, understands the power of what is not seen.
- Knows that setbacks are supportive feedback and usually mean that there is the potential for something better to happen.
- Sees advice and feedback as a form of divine support.
- Knows that money is positive feedback but is an effect of the basic building block of prosperity – love.
- Knows that fear is a personal illusionary issue and works through it.
- Knows that for every “impossible situation” there are at least one or several possible creative solutions.
- Knows that the most value in an enterprise does NOT depend on money.

Creating as a Spiritual Entrepreneur

Spiritual Entrepreneurship, along with its accompanying creativity, is a state of being. Inspiration gives rise to thought, empowerment and action. Athletes have described this state of being as “being in zone.” Entrepreneurs find things falling into place with ease and unexpected benefits. The creation process is Spirit bubbling to the surface and coming alive as the individual expression of each person. The Spiritual Entrepreneur is guided to create value out of inspiration. He or she:

- Balances intuition with action.
- Uses prayer to attract opportunities and the “right” people.
- Opens to receive inspiration and allows Spirit to fill in details.
- Leaves limitation aside in order to create a foundation.
- Lives in the mystery of life until all the pieces fit together.
- Allows Spirit to provide greater results vs. limited preconceived ideas.
- Practices a Spiritual “maintenance program,” especially gratitude.

Doing Business as a Spiritual Entrepreneur

A Spiritual Entrepreneur understands that “work” is as much a Spiritual path as renouncing the world and giving up material possessions. God is present in every relationship in business, in the challenges that cause people to stretch, and in the satisfaction they find in creating. Spirit indeed creates the quality of life that is punctuated by our beliefs about ourselves and the world. But the Spiritual Entrepreneur brings to his or her business world the greatest resource of all: the light of a partnership with God, which affects everything that it comes in contact with.

A Spiritual Entrepreneur:

- Acts from an understanding of the Law of Cause and Effect.
- Acts from a personal code of ethics, knowing there is no duality of Being.

- Acts from an understanding that there is no separation between even those people or events that present obstacles or challenges.
- Comes from a personal space of love – no longer judging the journey that each person takes.
- Respects and supports the growth of each person who works with him/her.
- Supports a higher purpose – tithing to the Source of spiritual Good.

Living as a Spiritual Entrepreneur

Because being a Spiritual Entrepreneur is a state of being, it is also a way of life. Spiritual Entrepreneurship is not limited to just business, but rather becomes a spiritual tool by which we gain a greater understanding of God. To become a Spiritual Entrepreneur is to become alive, to feel in harmony with unity of life, to be empowered to enrich life's fabric through Divine Creativity.

A spiritual entrepreneur:

- Sees the broader scope of life as a creative “enterprise.”
- Understands that entrepreneurial tools are important in creating things such as great loving relations, spiritual parenting, personal growth and development, satisfaction, and harmony.
- Uses tools to practice wholeness, love, and a relationship with God.

Use Spiritual Assets Creatively

We are so used to being in the linear material world that we forget that it is our Spiritual Assets that create it. We are designed to be creative like the Infinite Source that created us, fully empowered through intention, insight, imagination, a sense of purpose, and much more.

The Bible says we are created in the image of the Father, and indeed it is the energy imprint of the greatest divine qualities that we treasure and celebrate in others but don't value nearly as much in ourselves. The infinite cosmic plan has been designed to

respond to our thought, intention and belief, and follows divine laws in reordering itself in both the physical and non-physical world.