METAMORPHOSIS

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Being charged with a leadership title is like being awarded with a badge which is symbolic of a great honor and high distinction. Nevertheless, being a leader does not simply translate to being put on a pedestal while being glorified by followers, lording over them, and taking control of their lives.

Great leadership does not demand many things but the self. As the wise Mahatma Gandhi once quoted, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” This simple yet meaningful statement invites us to embrace personal responsibility. We should live an exemplary life which, in the long run, could possibly create a ripple effect among others. We are our own obligation. We represent the world. Who we were yesterday is not who we are today, not even who we will be in the future. Leadership is indeed a transformation – a metamorphosis. We are not caterpillars forever.

Being a leader starts from the man and the woman we see in the mirror. We should take not just a glance but a keen stare at them. We should set a good impression that is sure to last. We should change our ways into good. We should involve ourselves in the process.

The true yardstick of leadership is influence. It does not equate to having a title attached to one’s name, but setting a good example for others to follow. It is not mandated, nor awarded – it is earned and requires a great deal of effort. It does not happen overnight.
Great leadership is not about whipping or forcing but nurturing oneself in order to become a rich source of inspiration to others. It is the root of any boundless success.

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