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## The Leader of the Future 2

*Visions, Strategies, And Practices For The New Era*

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The Leader of the Future 2 is a labor of love and a gift to all those who enjoy the study of leadership. This is the first book published by the *Leader to Leader Institute* (formerly The Drucker Foundation) since the death of leadership patriarch Peter Drucker. All proceeds support the Peter F. Drucker Foundation for Nonprofit Management. This book follows the publication of the international bestseller, *The Leader of the Future*.

This meditative work is the *collection* of 27 essay chapters that contemplate the kind of leadership needed for the future of the world. Each chapter is written by a respected leadership consultant or educator who provides their unique and challenging perspective on the kind of leader our world needs now and will need in an uncertain future. This collection of “thinkers” has varied experience in all sectors of modern society. As it states in the *foreword* of the book, “This book delivers a “battle cry” that will mobilize the leaders of the future to build viable, relevant organizations that will sustain us in the times ahead... Planning in the past was rigid, inflexible, and hierarchical, but planning for the future will require leaders to be fluid and flexible, and move easily across their organizations. *The Leader of the Future 2* is indeed part of a blueprint for planning in a dynamic new world.”

The genesis of the book was the tragic events that occurred on 9/11. Since that event a lot has changed in the world, and will continue to change in our uncertain future. The Leader of the Future 2 divides its 27 chapter into 5 interesting parts. Each part focuses on a certain aspect of leading in the future like vision, diversity, complexity, change and character. This is a book for serious thinkers and at times is not easy to read. Some of the gifted contributors would be the first to admit that writing with clarity is not their greatest personal strength. But in all fairness, they are looking back on the past with *eyes toward the future* and this is always an ambiguous rehearsal. The Leader of the Future 2 is *brain-candy* for anyone who likes to step outside of everyday thinking and ponder the “what-if” of tomorrow!

**weLEAD Rating – highly recommended**

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