

## 2006: Year End Release

**"The past is yours but the future is mine."** - *The Stone Roses*

As the days of this year quickly and quietly meld into the next, I'd like to ask you to commit to undertaking one task as you breathe, reflect, and recalibrate for the New Year.

No, it isn't generating a set of Guiding Principles for your 2007 resolutions, or rebuilding your Passion Pyramid simply because you are one year older.

**It is merely giving thanks.**

Thanks for those you **love** and who love you. Both can go so quickly.

Thanks for your **health**. It can slip away with the burst of a synapse.

Thanks for living in a liberal, democratic society **free** of war and genocide on our soil - using a believable estimate of the number of Iraqi civilians killed thus far (53,000), a similar proportion of Americans would equal roughly **611,000**, over 200 times the number that perished in 9/11.

Thanks for having the **humility** to realize you are often wrong. Mistakes are always incredible learning opportunities.

Thanks for having the **grace** and **gumption** to admit it. Realization is necessary; closure is critical.

Thanks for having the strength and conviction to do what is **right**, no matter how unbearable the consequences may seem. To honor others, you must first be **honest** with yourself.

Thanks for having the ubiquitous capacity and permissions - internal and external - to **evolve**. Stagnation leads to decay.

And finally, thanks for the capability and courage to both **believe** and **question** your beliefs, whatever they may be: gods of various flavors, bio-chemical Darwinism, a mission, a political platform, song lyrics, how to broach a

particular problem, or simply Yourself. Living on your terms implicitly requires having, and maintaining, belief.

On behalf of Ashley Chiampo, The Passion Professionals and myself, our best to all for an **impassioned** and **happy** 2007!

My best, L

## UPCOMING SPEAKING EVENTS

I am very honored to announce that I will be presenting "*How to Build An Impassioned Organization*" at the next **National Conference of the Society for Human Resource Managers (SHRM)** in Las Vegas next June!!

**Boston, MA: January 3rd, Explorica Executive Seminar**

**Paris, France: , January 15th, presenting to The Wharton Club and the France-American Club of Paris**

**Fontainebleu, France: , January 16th, presenting to INSEAD Business School**

**Dover, DE: , January 18th, presenting and seminars to The Delaware Conference on Volunteering**

**Global: , January 23rd , Web presentation to the Young Presidents Organization**

**Las Vegas, NV: June 25, Presenting "*How to Build An Impassioned Organization*" to the National Annual Conference of the Society for Human Resource Managers**

## On a Final Note

My colleague-in-arms, Bijoy Goswami, has started an online version of his tremendously successful **Bootstrapper's Bootcamp**. If your passion outputs are directing you to anything entrepreneurially-related, I strongly suggest giving this immensely useful online workshop a look. Click [here](#) for more. Live the dream, live your dreams!