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Leadership and the New Science
Discovering Order in a Chaotic World
Third Edition, Expanded with a New Chapter
By Margaret J. Wheatley

Leadership and the New Science: Discovering Order in a Chaotic World is a modern classic—it has been adopted as required reading by businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, schools at all levels, and the U.S. military. This pioneering work describes how recent discoveries in the new sciences radically alter our understanding of the world and can teach us to live and work well together in these turbulent times. Wheatley eloquently demonstrates that relationships, not lone individuals, are the basic organizing unit of life, that chaos and change are the only routes to transformation, that participation and cooperation are essential to survival in an interconnected world, and that order is natural, but cannot be achieved through traditional methods of control.

This third edition includes a new chapter, “The Real World,” that illustrates how new science concepts are clearly evident in the daily news. Wheatley observes that terrorist networks are powerful examples of a global networked organization; our failure to realize that we are fighting a network rather than traditional hierarchy deceives us into thinking that we’re winning the war on terror. She also uses disaster relief efforts to illuminate what we can learn about bringing order out of chaos, emphasizing the contrast between the innovative, self-organized efforts of the people involved and the near-paralysis of the bureaucracies. These examples demonstrate the urgent need to learn from the new sciences and to put these approaches into practice in all organizations if we are to deal well with the turbulence and upheavals of our time.

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—Terry O’Keefe, Syndicated Columnist

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