

WHERE IS HOPE?

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There are times that you can change things and you go for it, and there are times that you just accept change is impossible and you move on - in both cases you are resolved. But there are other times that you don't have enough courage and conviction to make change and at the same time have doubts if change is possible; therefore, you develop an attitude for 'hoping'.

We can say, 'hope' is situated somewhere between our 'courage and acceptance'.

But now that you know where it is, what to do with it? Well, there is a choice here, you can be either:

- A Hopeful Passive Person; or
- A Hopeful Active Person.

Hope means many things to many people, but sadly to the majority, 'hope' is a passive thing.

To a 'hopeful passive person': hoping is a mechanism for 'coping'. Coping with tough times, hardships, people, places, and situations etc. until such a time that somehow, they get sorted on their own, by others or by external forces.

To a 'hopeful active person': hoping is a mechanism to 'generate will-power'. To them, 'hope' is an attitude accompanied by <u>active intent</u>. They use it to reinforce their conviction, determination and decisions.

Perhaps as long as one can stay 'hopeful', can 'cope' too - but coping with hardships for an extended period of time with no proper action is certainly counterproductive, unhealthy and it can deteriorate human's mind and body. A false hope can distort reality and eventually put one in denial.

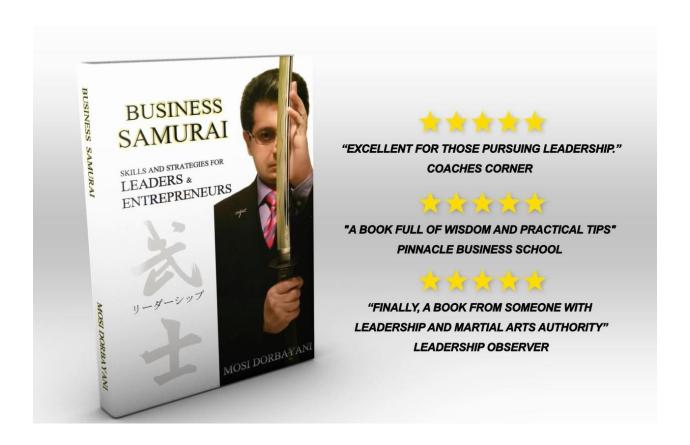
The distinguishing feature of all great leaders throughout history has been that they inspire 'hope'.

Often, they inspire hope for two reasons (sometime both at the same time):

- To get people to cope longer till prophesy becomes a reality, or
- To boost people's will-power to actively participate change.

At any event, 'hope' is situated somewhere between your level of 'courage and acceptance', and it's your choice how to utilize it.

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