



Charles Handy

“The Day After Tomorrow (and my Debt to Peter Drucker)”

Session

Charles Handy provides some new thoughts on old problems as the world recovers from the latest recession. We will let a good crisis go to waste if we do not reengineer our organizations and systems of capitalism. Interwoven with these ideas will be Handy’s personal take on how he has used Peter Drucker’s ideas and his examples in his own life and work.

About Charles Handy

Charles Handy is a social philosopher, author, and broadcaster. He’s been an oil executive, business school professor, and the warden of St. George’s House in Windsor Castle (a study center for social ethics).

Handy is widely acknowledged as a world leader in management thinking. His books include *Myself and Other More Important Matters*, a personal memoir; *The Elephant and the Flea*; *The Age of Paradox*; *The Age of Unreason*; and *The Hungry Spirit*. He and his wife, Elizabeth, a portrait photographer, are collaborating on the Personal Still Life, an exercise that helps individuals identify their values and priorities in life. Together they taught a course at the Drucker School in 2008 based around this work.

Handy worked for Shell International in Southeast Asia and London early in his career and then entered the Sloan School of Management at MIT. He returned to England in 1967 to manage the Sloan Programme at the London Business School, Britain’s first graduate business school in London. In 1972, Handy became a full professor at the school, specializing in managerial psychology.

He graduated from Oriel College, Oxford, with first-class honors in “Greats,” a study of classics, history, and philosophy. He was chairman of the Royal Society of Arts in London from 1987 to 1989 and holds honorary doctorates from seven British universities. He is an honorary fellow of St. Mary’s College, Twickenham, the Institute of Education City and Guilds, and Oriel College, Oxford. He was awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2000. He is known for his “Thoughts for Today” on the BBC Radio Today program.