Return on Integrity

How partnerships with nonprofit organizations contribute to a corporation's Return on Integrity



"I ran the wrong kind of business, but I did it with integrity."

Sydney Biddle Barrows

(The Mayflower Madam)



Integrity has become an imperative for business.



Why?

The Recession

Quarterly Capitalism

Ongoing Corporate Irresponsibility

Expectations of Social Purpose



"How do we know if they're telling the truth?"

4th Grade StudentJohn Fisher Public School



Integrity Engineering

Integrity in Science

Integrity Testing

Integrity in Relation to Value Systems

Integrity in Ethics



Integrity in Business: Still An Emerging Framework

An internal system of principles which guides behavior.

A choice rather than an obligation.

Consistent adherence to a set of human principles: compassion, dependability, generosity, honesty, kindness, loyalty, maturity, objectivity, respect, trust and wisdom.

A set of characteristics that don't seem "businesslike."

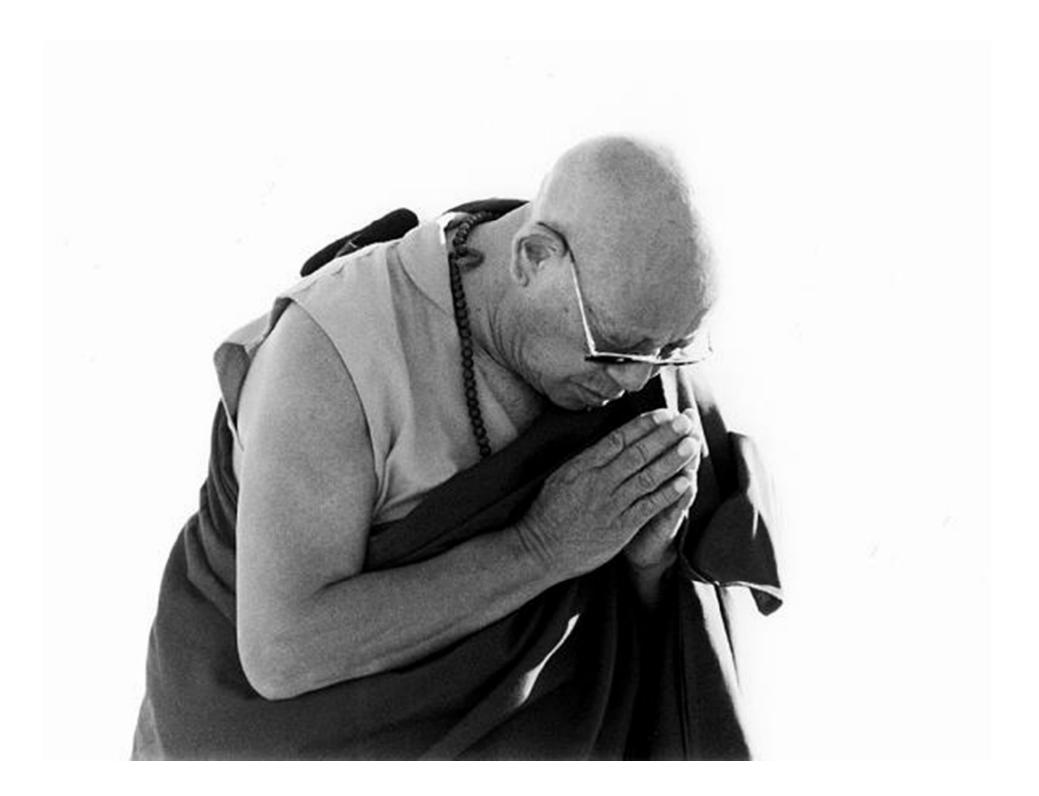


Partnerships are an Indicator of Integrity.

















Example: 3M and Let's Talk Science

Measuring the Return on Integrity of Partnerships.



Corporations ask:

What's the least expensive way to acquire and activate the most valuable cause property?



Non-Profits Ask:

What's the most we can get from in return for giving away as little as possible?



The Old Paradigm

Fee for Cause Property + Activation (\$.76)

Value of Impressions, Interactions, Sampling, Sales, Hits, etc. Return on Investment



The New Paradigm

Partnership Investment

+ Leverage of Internal and External Resources

(knowledge, communications, products and services, facilities, suppliers)

+ Transparency, Honesty, Respect, Leadership, and Trust

Business Value

(differentiation, sales, employee and external stakeholder engagement)

+ Societal Outcomes

(social and environmental change)

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"Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts."

Sign in Albert Einstein's Office



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