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Wit, insight and passion on business ethics issues, on the facts behind the spin and on the power of positive cynicism in current work and ho

Biography

Born and educated in England, I read Economics and Land Economy at Cambridge where two colleagues and I wrote the first history of pop music and interviewed the sixties' stars and DJs. After graduation I worked in the City financial sector for several years and set up a commodity brokerage. I began a second career at age 28 lecturing in finance and accounting first in London, then Lancashire, then Singapore, Hong Kong (where I got an Accounting PhD and Law degree) and Melbourne. While I was Dean of a big Business Faculty at Victoria University I was offered the job of CEO of Europe's principal college for educating chiropractors and turned that place around in a few years. I then went back to a Business deanship, this time in Macau just as the US casinos such as Wynn and the Venetian were getting going, so there was a need to fast track training and focused gaming research which I led my people to supply. Deciding to work on past traditional retirement age I moved back to Australia to work on my magnum opus - a general theory of accounting which is almost finished. I compose a cartoon strip - Away From Eden with my illustrator, about what Adam and Eve did after being expelled. I have explored most religions over the years, gone deeply into metaphysics, magic, cults, superstitions, sci fi and accounts of the afterlife. I have been a part time professional astrologer and corporate psychic. I have researched and written on ethics generally and business ethics in particular. I can talk about all these things and relate them to contexts relevant to the audience. I carry no dogmatic, ideological, religious or imperialist baggage but I am no post modernist or positivist either.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Professional Training and Coaching, Corporate Leadership, International Affairs, Alternative Medicine, Accounting, Non-Profit/Charitable, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Leadership Without the Habit of Lying, The Art of Validation, Resolving Knotty Problems With Kabbalistic Analysis, Making Worklife More Interesting

Affiliations

CPA Australia, Royal Society of Arts, Linked In, United Oxford and Cambridge Club.

Sample Talks

Management - a view from the middle

Lessons learnt from a lifetime of being shot by both sides

Event Appearances

Title

What university attribute statements tell us about their priorities

Education

London University

LLB Law

Cambridge University

MA Economics

Glasgow University

PhD Accounting

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