

Sam's Corner

“Reinventing Yourself”

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

George Bernard Shaw

An incredibly unreasonable man, George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) was a philosopher, satirist, and playwright who loved being at the center of controversy. He also said, “A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

A new phrase for describing personal change is called “Reinventing Yourself.” It is a new phrase and a very old idea. The need for reinvention is usually motivated by great unhappiness, loss, or other changes that may or may not be in one’s control.

Making a major change involves challenging what is reasonable, comfortable, and predictable. It is an open invitation for mistakes and blunders because it means taking a path that is new, unfamiliar and besieged by fear, uncertainty and indecision. It means the end of complaints and the beginning of actions. It means the end of blaming and the beginning of responsibility. It means acting in spite of fear rather than having fear control actions. It means anger becomes a motivator and not a terminator. It means happiness becomes a reality and not an idea.

Reinvention is NOT for sissies!

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