



Magical Life

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Occasionally what you have to do is go back to the beginning and see everything in a new way

Peter Straub

Investing in Your Future

This newsletter carries a common message: when everyone around you is running scared, stop and take a good hard look at the opportunities.

The global financial crisis has supposedly impacted on every country and every citizen. Governments are tightening their belts, corporations are going under and those that stay afloat do so only by dramatically cutting costs and 'shedding' staff (what a strange term to use about people).

In the midst of all of this turmoil and uncertainty, there are opportunities for us all. Investment gurus have been telling us for decades that the best time to buy (invest) is when the market is at its lowest, and it's hard to imagine the market dropping much further.

But I'm not here to tell you which shares to buy, which stocks are going to perform best over the next five to ten years.

Instead, I'm going to ask you to invest in something that is far more valuable than any stock paper, something of far greater worth, that can provide you with the life you have always dreamed of living, the life that wakes you in the middle of the night with excitement at the coming day, that brings a tear to your eye when you achieve that long-sought goal, the life that holds those you love close so they can share in all of your passion and energy and sense of wonder at who you have become.

I'm going to ask you to invest, in you.

There will never be a better time than now to grow you, as a human being. I don't care who you work with to achieve that, I don't care if it has everything or nothing to do with your job, I don't care if it costs you a lot of money or almost nothing.

Invest in yourself today. Find the things that make you want to give to others, that make you smile and laugh, dream and love.

Make 2009 the year you bit the bullet, ignored all of the doomsayers and started – or continued – the journey towards the life you want to live.

And I'd love it if you'd share your story with us, as you go.

Grahame

COMPETITION

OK folks, here's your chance to win a gift voucher for two to your favourite cinema OR a \$50 book voucher.

2009 is shaping up as a challenge in many ways for us all - how are you planning to get the most from your 2009? We'd love to hear from you about some of your special goals for the year.

Email your 2009 goals to club@magicallearning.com. This competition closes Friday 13 March 2009.

2009 ACCREDITED PROGRAMS



Magical Learning can help open doors to your future with a Nationally Accredited Qualification.

Accrual Accounting

Starts 22 March 2009

Advanced Diploma of Government (Management)

Starts 8 April 2009

Advanced Diploma of Government (Financial Management)

Starts 7 April 2009

Advanced Diploma of Government (Human Resources)

Starts 30 April 2009

Certificate IV in Government (Procurement)

Starts 11 March 2009

Certificate IV in Government (Financial Services)

Starts 29 April 2009

Diploma of Government (Human Resources)

Starts 1 May 2009

Diploma of Government (Contract Management)

Starts 10 June 2009

Diploma of Government (Financial Services)

Starts 29 April 2009

2009 MAGICAL LEARNING EVENTS

We are excited to announce the launch of the following new learning events:

Manage Compliance with Legislation in the Public Sector

24 February 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

Budgeting and Effective Financial Management

27 February 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

Professional Business Writing

4 March 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

Running Effective Meetings

19 March 2009

Cost \$395 - half day workshop

Effective Time Management

2 April 2009

Cost \$595 - full day workshop

Introduction to Public Sector Finance

3 April 2009

Cost \$595 - full day workshop

Remember to ask about our Magical Learning Club and group discounts.

For more information about any of our learning programs, call Libby at Magical Learning on 6273 2221.

MAGICAL RESOURCES

You're probably all tired of hearing how bad things are – well so are we!

So here are some practical tips on how you can save money and make your life a little less stressful:

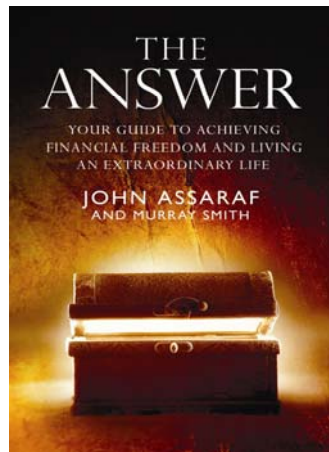
- ✓ <http://www.simplesavings.com.au/> - this website has terrific downloads to show you easy ways to save money.
- ✓ http://barinya.com/australia/finance_and_money/Money-Saving-Ideas-Life-and-Home.htm - some great tips
- ✓ http://www.flyingsolo.com.au/p274023823_20-money-saving-tips.html - for those in business who want to save money
- ✓ <http://www.financialfitness.com.au/> - if you want to learn how to do your own personal budget and get a qualification.

The quieter you become, the more you can hear

Baba Ram Das



BOOK REVIEW



In *The Answer*, John Assaraf, a key member behind *The Secret* and business growth guru Murray Smith offer practical steps to grow any organisation or business into profitable enterprise.

If you had more questions after reading *The Secret* this book will answer them.

Stephen R. Covey, author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* says it's a *must read!*

*Don't wish it was easier; wish you were better.
Don't wish for less problems; wish for more skills.
Don't wish for less challenges; wish for more wisdom.*

Jim Roth



HR PRACTICES DAY

Wednesday 11 March 2009

Learn from the best in the business. AHRI will present HR Practices Day in Canberra.

The Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) is the national association representing human resources and people management professionals.

Who should attend?

For specialist and generalist people managers from both within and outside the HR profession. For these and anyone with an interest in current and emerging trends in HR, this is a must.

Go to www.ahri.com.au/hrpractices to enrol.

The keynote speaker is Carmel McGregor, Deputy Commissioner, APSC speaking on *How HR influences organisation outcomes*.

Magical Learning is presenting the Diploma of Government (Human Resources) program, commencing 1 May 2009.

We also have a few places left in our Advanced Diploma of Government (Human Resources) starting 30 April 2009.



ARE YOU TIME-RICH?

The producers for the *Nest* series on SBS are now seeking people in Sydney who may be interested in participation in their new television series.

Have you ever wondered what it's would be like to be Time Rich?

Australians work the longest hours in the developed world, but nearly half of us say we'd like to work less.

Is this you? Do you ever wonder how the amount of time you spend working impacts on your family, health, or your children's health? If you'd like to improve your work/life balance, then they want to hear from you.

There'll be significant rewards for the families who are chosen.

Interested people should email: nestcasting@freehandtv.com.au or call: 02 9413 8699

If you don't want to be a star of a TV reality show or don't live in Sydney but you want more time, check out our **Effective Time Management** learning event on 2 April 2009.

Visit our website <http://www.magicallearning.com/training.html#time> for more details.

We find in life exactly what we put into it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson