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Technologies that Enable Global Consciousness

INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND WISDOM FOR AN ERA OF WELL-BEING

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Overview

In 2021, the *Journal of Management, Spirituality, and Religion* (JMSR) began a series of three special issues focused on well-being, flourishing, and global consciousness. Now, we are launching the third of the series, and **the focus for this issue will be on technologies that enable global consciousness**. Through this special issue, we aim to explore how advanced modern technologies and ancient wisdom technologies can serve global consciousness and evolving management practices by bridging the best of both worlds - cutting-edge advancements in technology and timeless wisdom and practices that have been passed down through ancient traditions – while also expanding accessibility to opportunities for spiritual exploration and growth.

We draw on the Global Consciousness Institute’s (GCI) definition of global consciousness in order to provide guideposts for the term in this context. According to GCI (Neal et al., 2023), global consciousness is a “collective phenomenon whereby the human race perceives itself as whole” (p. 2) and is committed to the greater good, and it is also “an individual stage of human development” (p. 2) in which individuals feel connected and a sense of oneness with humanity. It is “an aspect of leadership development” (p. 3) focused on developing toward non-dual ways of knowing and celebration of difference. Global consciousness is based on a set of shared assumptions grounded in the sacred, caring of all, connected to the natural world, and moving toward flourishing. Finally, it is a new ontology and epistemology based on quantum science and wisdom traditions that view the universe as interconnected.

Advanced Technologies include data-driven decision making and advanced collaboration and communication tools to enhance global connectivity that transcends geographical boundaries. Big data analytics, artificial intelligence, immersive technologies, and machine learning can all aid managers in making informed decisions drawn from diverse perspectives. The utilization of such technologies is simultaneously widening what is possible for spiritual seekers, religious communities¹, and the widening application of spirituality beyond spiritual communities.

¹ One such example is the use of technologies within churches and other religious institutions discussed by Campbell (2021).

Ancient Wisdom Technologies include practices such as meditation, prayer, self-awareness, and mindfulness that enhance skills and capacities such as emotional and social intelligence, empathy², and compassion as well as religious devotion to God or deity. These inner technologies can foster conscious leadership and ethical behaviors grounded in principles that nurture well-being in life and in the workplace. Embracing holistic and transpersonal insights promotes interconnectedness and a long-view of social and environmental consequences.

This special issue will publish research at the intersection of advanced technologies and ancient wisdom traditions that promotes human well-being and global consciousness³. The scope of possible submissions includes: empirical, conceptual, case-studies, laboratory, clinical, and field based approaches. For those interested in preparing a submission, please visit the [JMSR website](#) for submission guidelines.

The rapid ascent of advanced technologies, as well as an increasing interest in the benefits of inner technologies in business, management, and leadership, this Special Issue is both timely and has the potential to inform future research areas. More importantly, it may help to expand our thinking regarding what is possible. Papers will bridge advanced technologies and ancient wisdom technologies to improve management decision making, organizational culture, and global impact in today's rapidly evolving work setting⁴. This synergy may lead to more responsible, sustainable, and inclusive management practices to promote global consciousness and collective transformation.

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² Pavlovich (2020) argued that practices such as empathy give us the ability to “tap into the harmonic frequency of the universe” (p. 333).

³ One such example is the use of the multi-media platform, Second Life, as the venue for Zen Buddhist retreats, classes, and practice, as described by Grieve (2017).

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Foundation for the 3-year Special Issue

Messages consistent across all the three Special Issue (SI) years:

- New Era of Well-being Has Arrived – The Shift Has Started
- Advanced Technology and Wisdom Technologies Support This Shift
- Structural Reforms that Emphasize Multiple Ways of Knowing Are Needed for Full Systems Transformation

This special issue series seeks to find a common science-based language to integrate advanced technologies and traditional cultural practices that explore inner development through technologies that provide a common language for a new way of life and work. The articles presented invite readers to consider how leaders and organizations can awaken their consciousness to benefit the whole system of life, including their own. Without earth there is no humanity, and without humanity, where would nations, organizations, families and self be? We cannot be well until all are well. We inherently need to find coherency in the self and in the harmony of flourishing relationships.

Three issues in the series:

- Issue 1: Management Perspectives at the Convergence of Eastern Wisdom and Quantum Science (Volume 18, Number 6) – published December 2021
- Issue 2: Science of Life and Well-Being – to be published December 2023
- Issue 3: Technologies that Enable Global Consciousness – to be published December 2024

Common Words:

Technology, Well-being, Consciousness, Evolution, Life, Technology, Science, Contemplative Science, Science of Consciousness, Eastern Wisdom, Traditional Cultural Practices, Flourishing, Thriving, Connectedness, Mindfulness, Holism, Oneness, Coherence, Collective Consciousness, Leadership, Alignment, Awakening, Collaboration, Creativity, Entrepreneurship

Open Access

This special issue, like the other two in the series, **will be published Open access** (at no cost to the authors).

Call for Papers

This Special Issue will publish research at the intersection of technology, spiritual practice, human wellbeing, and global consciousness. Little research exists in this space and, with the rapid ascent of artificial general intelligence, as well as an increase in the application of inner technologies in business, this has become a vital topic.

Is it possible that when for-profit business and public-service leaders transform themselves and their organizations toward well-being and happiness, that their shifting consciousness will stimulate a global evolution toward collective consciousness and prosperity? For Special Issue 3, we invite contributions that situate, explore, and/or discuss technologies that enhance global consciousness through the interplay of well-being and consciousness of leaders, business continuity, and organizations' life-affirming impact to humanity.

Potential topics could include:

- Application of technology in support of expanding consciousness.
- How principles of global consciousness can expand business and management.
- The use of psychedelics applied to business and leadership development.
- The application of wisdom technologies into advanced technologies.
- Ways that technologies are increasing our understanding of our human experience.

We invite submissions that situate, explore, and/or discuss the visioning and practices in the potentials of advanced technologies and wisdom technologies to facilitate global consciousness in today's business and management leaders. How can this exploration provide value to humanity and all life on earth?

It is an invitation to focus on systems changes and transformations that may help leaders and managers to foster inter-collaboration to enhance well-being and happiness for all, while acknowledging the value of multiple ways of knowing and being. In particular, we ask:

1. In what shape or form are collaborations between advanced and wisdom technologies emerging? What may be coming next?
2. How might businesses as agents of the world benefit and transform in this new era of consciousness-expanding technologies, and how may those benefits and transformations empower business and as an institution and leadership to better serve humanity and move toward an economic, social, and ecological eco-system capable of meeting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals?
3. How might the goal of global consciousness and the flourishing of all life, now and for future generations, become the organizing construct for new business models? How does this lead to collaboration with other economic players for systemic impact to society and the world at large?
4. How might we explore the shadow of these emergent technologies and how they have the potential to transform consciousness but are also being used to increase productivity and profitability while dehumanizing organizational life and harming the earth? What are the ethical implications of these evolving technologies?

Submission Process and Timeline

- **October 31, 2023: Deadline for Article Submissions.**

Submissions should include your name, email contact details, and if applicable institutional affiliation as well as a brief bio. Authors should submit their manuscripts (in Word format) to the online ScholarOne submission system (SI name) at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rmsr>.

For those considering submitting, you are invited to contact the co-editors with your ideas and potential article topic. Contact via email to stacguen@gmail.com.

- **December 2024: Expected Publication Time Frame.**

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