

Changing career direction

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I USED TO BE AN ADVENTURER LIKE

YOU

**UNTIL I TOOK AN ARROW TO THE
KNEE**

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Three E's (EEE)

- Evaluate
- Experiment
- Engage

WARNING

**I'M THE BUS DRIVER
YOUR MOTHER WARNED YOU ABOUT**



PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP.



OR AT LEAST FALL HUMOROUSLY.

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Evaluate

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What is your dream... Job? Career? Mission?



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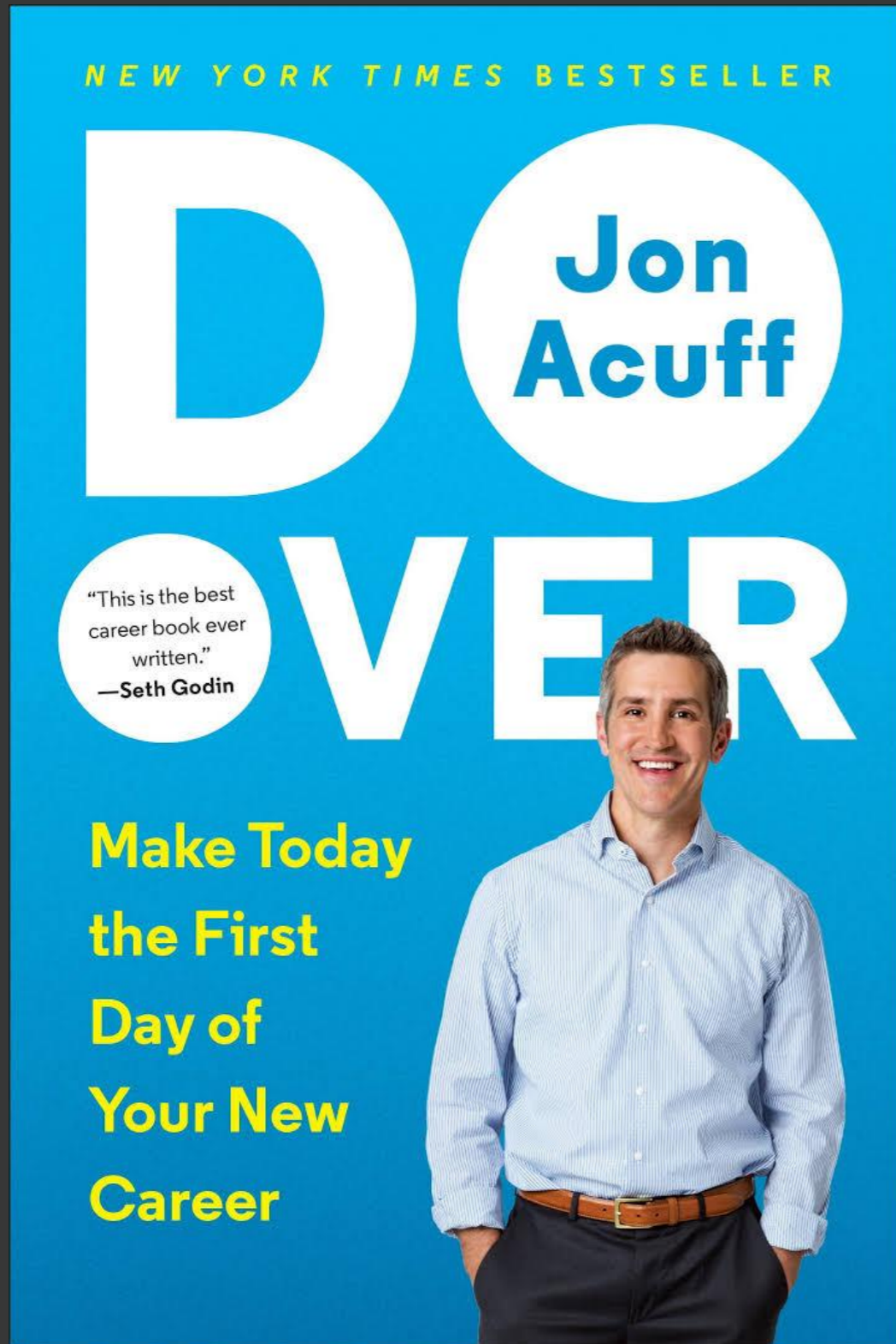
When the student is ready
the teacher will appear.

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Do Over...

- A guide to making big career changes - by choice or necessity
- Career Savings Account: Skills, relationships, character, work ethic

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TED Talk - Celeste Headlee - Find a Mission



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Evaluate Tips:

- Read a book, watch a TED Talk
- Know thyself - Values Exercise, Gallup strengths finder, MBPT
- Take a mentor or trusted friend for coffee

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Experiment

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Dougal MacPherson
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This shower is quite a prolific open source contributor on [@github](#)

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- # Contribute:
- Open Source or Personal Projects
 - Answer questions on StackOverflow
 - Volunteer for an extra work project

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Online Presence: Blog, Website, Portfolio



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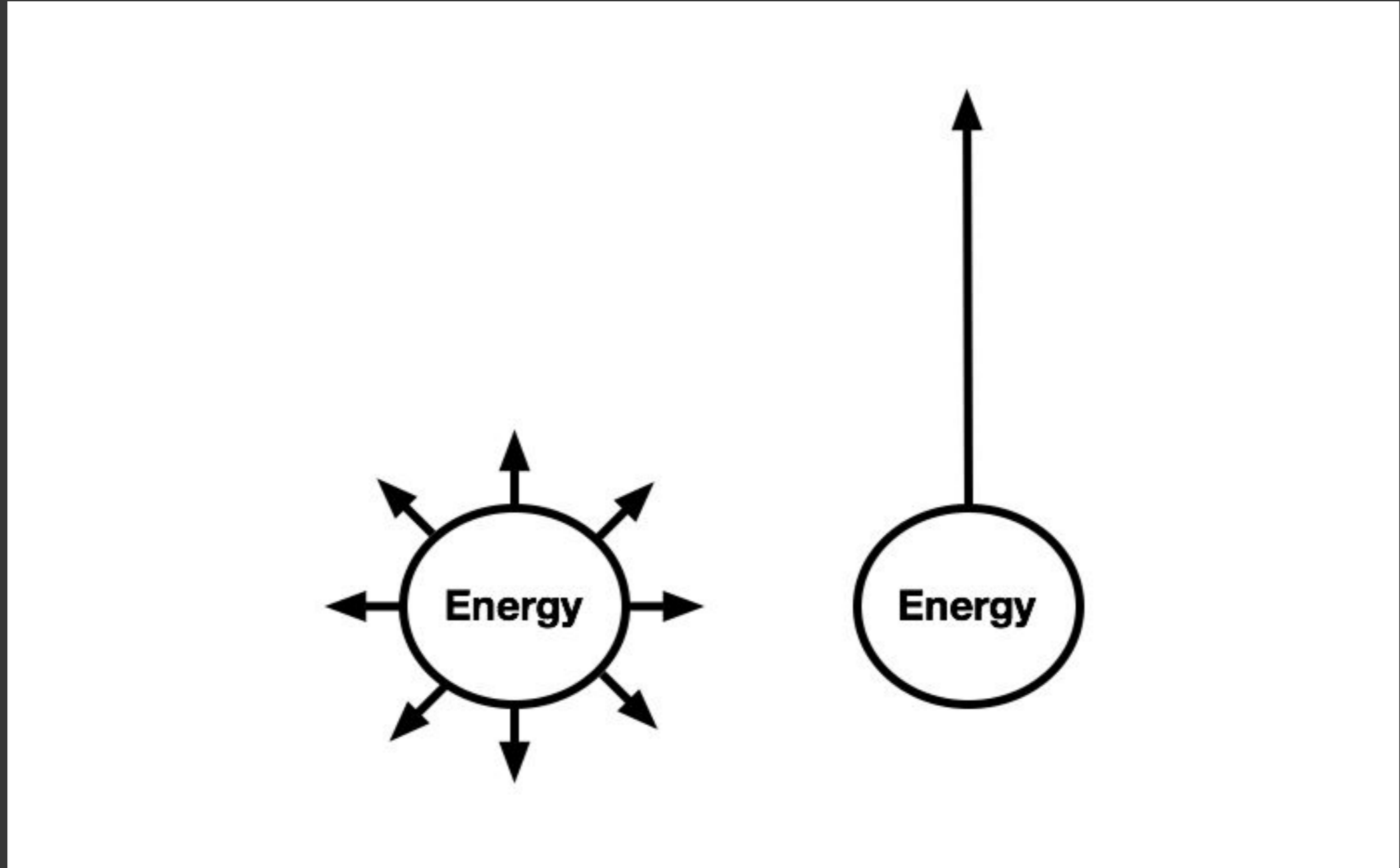
Participate in Meet-ups... Give a Talk!



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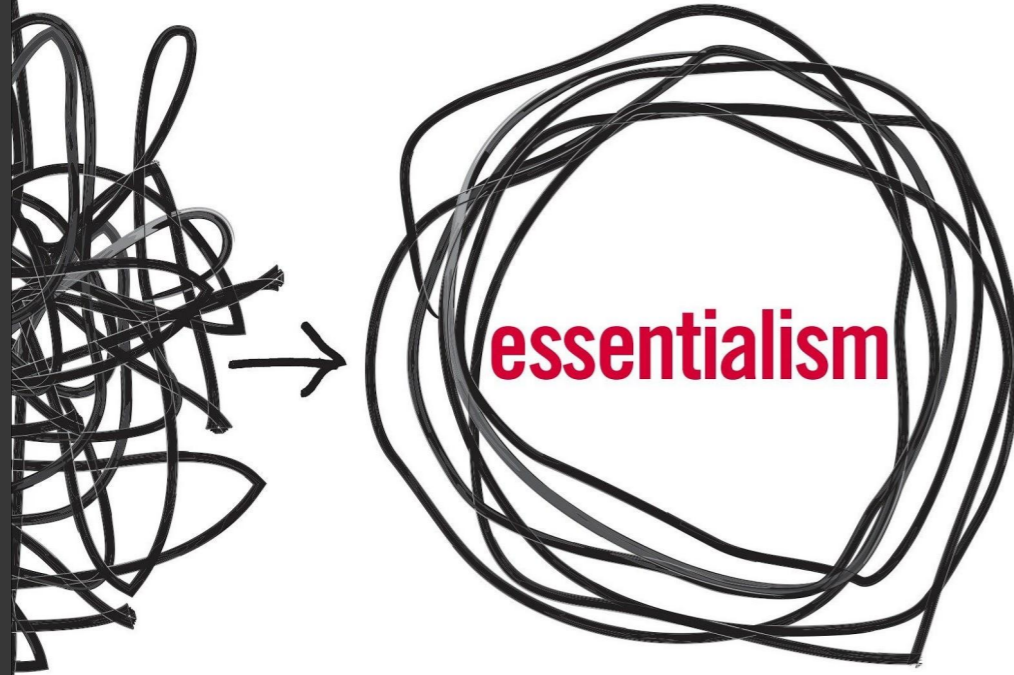
With what time? 1st Law of Thermodynamics



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New York Times Bestseller



The Disciplined Pursuit of Less

GREG MCKEOWN

Essentialism...

- The Disciplined Pursuit of Less
- “Less but Better”
- Find time to do more of what you want, by doing less of what you don’t want

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TED Talk - Gever Tulley - Tinkering



Gever Tulley teaches life lessons through tinkering

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Experiment Tips:

- Take on a passion project (work or personal)
- Network and go to meetups / conferences
- Job shadow

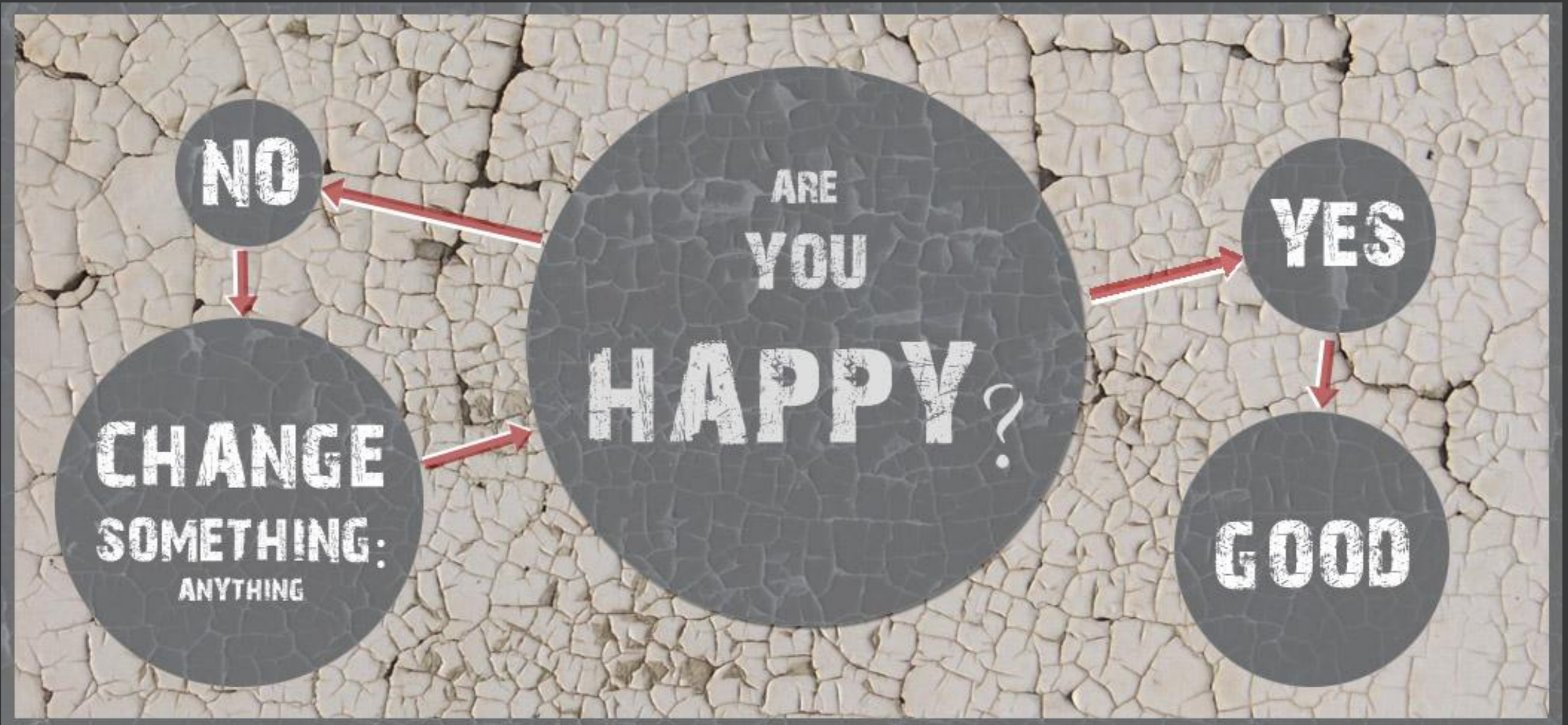
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Engage

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Find a role model - who's done this before?



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Attitude > aptitude



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... but what if I fail?

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Failure is always an option.

Adam Savage

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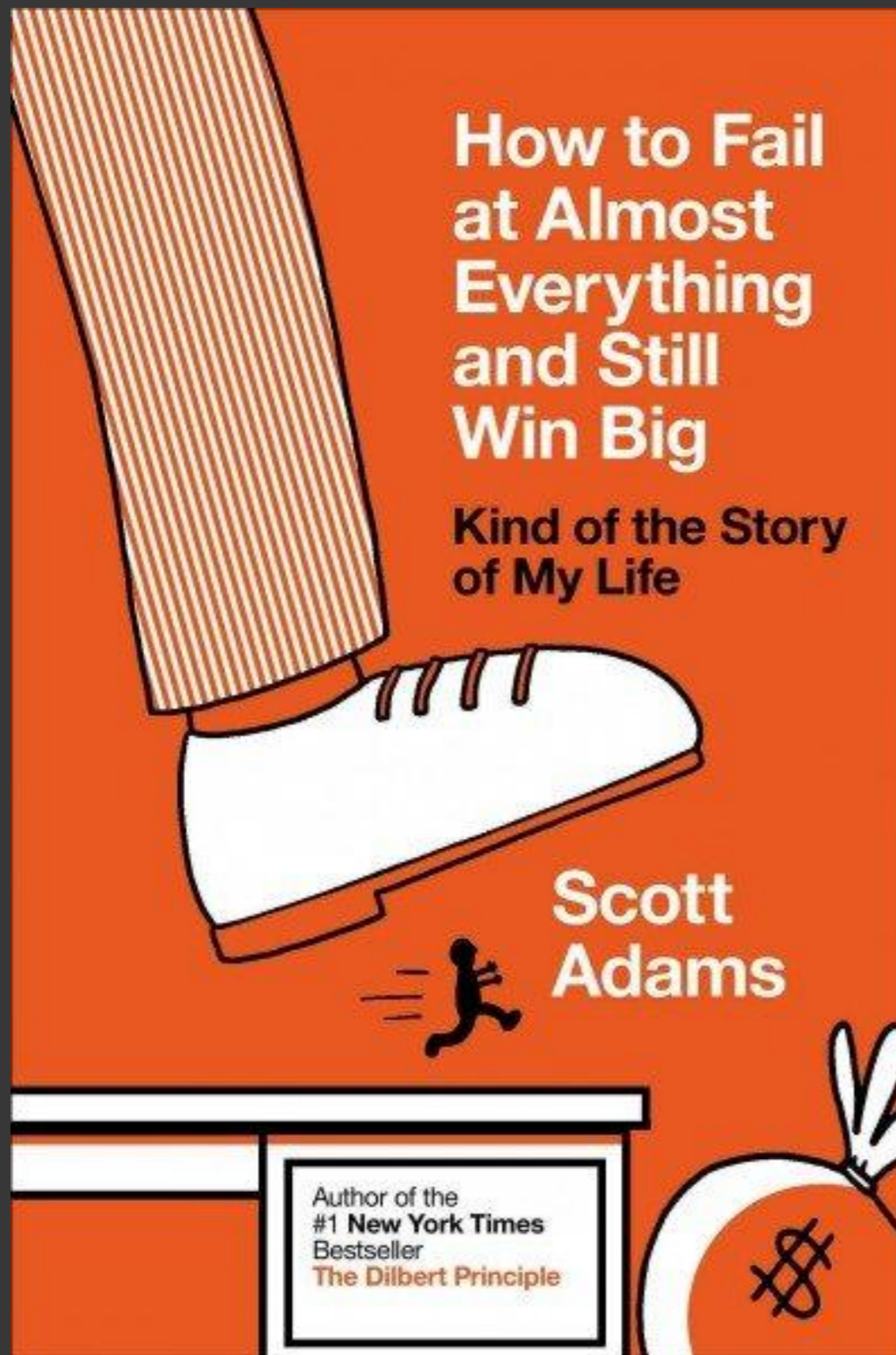
Failure is an option here. If things
are not failing, you are not
innovating enough.

— *Elon Musk* —

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How to Fail...

- Scott Adams, creator of Dilbert comicstrip
- Invite failure in, embrace it, then pick its pocket
- Goals are for losers. Systems are for winners.

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TED Talk - Diana Nyad - Never, Ever Give Up



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Engage Tips:

- Do something *now*
- Redefine your perspective and definition of success
- Failure is always an option... and leads to success

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Thanks!

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