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I am Jim Natichioni of RightLivelihood.com and I have written the inspirational book: **Finding Your Path, Tales of Right Livelihood**. This excerpt is from Chapter Fourteen: “Intelligence and the Team Concept” and relates to tapping into infinite intelligence to find our path. To read more please visit RightLivelihood.com.

Finding your path and right livelihood: Intelligence involves a wide variety of decision-making skills from committing to a path to solving abstruse problems to understanding technology and accounting. Like solving crossword puzzles your capacity to acquire and apply knowledge can be improved through practice. It takes both intelligence and teamwork to express your talents to the fullest, for without the input and support of friends or partners your potential is limited to your own devices. Scientists in search of truth, a botanist who set out to create entirely new plants, a physicist and an inventor who remade the world are examples of great thinkers who used intelligence to further their right work. Before they found their right direction Einstein was an unknown patent clerk, Edison an underachieving student, and Lance Armstrong just another strong rider.

Thinking deliberately and writing research papers he discovers the universe:

Einstein’s parents felt certain he had a retarded mind, because he learned to speak at a late age and spoke haltingly until the age of nine. He was a slow, deliberate thinker and appeared to be a very slow learner, exhibiting traits of dyslexia and mild forms of autism. He performed so poorly in his high school courses, except math, that a teacher told him to drop out, saying “You’ll never amount to anything, Einstein.” He left secondary school without a diploma and then failed an electrical engineering exam for admission into a Polytechnic Institute. Once he finally did get back into school, he made an average student. Following graduation he was turned down for assistantships and one uninspiring job after the next. Not getting a good job was the best thing that ever happened to Einstein because it gave him a sense of freedom. While working for a Swiss patent clerk, he sent three papers to the premier publication *Annalen der Physik*; those papers changed our concept of the universe.

Einstein: Science is a wonderful thing, if one does not have to earn ones living at it.

All the while Einstein kept thinking deliberately and writing scientific research papers. Some were published and some were not. Unlike a regular job or regular school, he really enjoyed research and writing. Since childhood, he had the ability to contemplate deeply and clearly. He knew how to shut off the spigot of useless chatter that flows incessantly in most brains before turning on the valve that opened the floodgates of original, creative ideas.

Getting the most out of our brain power; or not:

The dark side of the moon: Taking control of our mind or losing it. One day I kept mumbling the same verse of a tune until it drove both my wife and me loony. Chris asked me to stop, but I could not. Day after day it played and finally took on a mind of its own. I asked the rascal inside my head who it was; it certainly was not me because it kept playing while I begged it to stop. Or as Pink Floyd sang: “the lunatic is in my head...you lock the door and throw away the key, there’s someone in my head, but it’s not me... and if the band you’re in starts playing different tunes, I’ll see you on the Dark Side of the Moon.”

We have inherited a strange thing called a mind. It is probably the only thing on this earth that we have complete control over. By allowing right-thought to dominate, a strong will can be built. One can choose violent acid rock or the sounds of an ocean breeze; those who can control that tune, like a dial on the radio, can control their mind. Those who cannot may end up feeling helpless in a fluctuating world, or in an asylum.

Buddhists say that the mind and the brain are separate: the mind (soul) being connected to eternity can achieve out-of-body communication, while the brain is rooted in bodily functions. The brain can be programmed by the world and all its hyperactivity and illusion; the mind may be spared of such folly. I often lose control over my brain and am not aligned with my mind. But Einstein could synchronize both functions; control of his brain and the alignment with his mind.

In his mind Einstein could visualize riding on the end of a light beam, and this helped him develop a clear picture of what the universe looks like. Using his brain to write down his ideas in research papers, Einstein discovered, merely by thinking about it, that the universe is not as it seems. He sat down and *conceptualized the mechanics of the universe*. Damn. What a compelling example of both the infinite information available to us and of the awesome capacity of the human brain. Every conceivable idea exists within our own mind/brains. Like Einstein we just have to learn how to tap into them.

Einstein: It’s not that I’m so smart; it’s just that I stay with problems longer.

This embodiment of intellect, this puppy-eyed absent minded professor Einstein became the first famous scientist. People instantly recognized him like Chaplain’s Little Tramp. Besides the Theory of Relativity Einstein helped develop the Theory of Statistical Mechanics, The Atom Bomb and much, much more. He won the Nobel Prize for Physics, and is generally regarded as the greatest scientist of the twentieth century. Time Magazine hailed him as the ‘Person of the Century.’

Einstein discovered that, coiled within a pound of matter, any matter, there exists the explosive power of fourteen million tons of TNT. He also directed us into the Atomic Age, but working on the release of atom power did not turn out quite like he had hoped “It has changed everything except our way of thinking...the solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind. If I only had known I should have become a watchmaker.”