

# Lead with Wisdom: The Way of the Visionary Sage



## Description and Purpose:

This course is for actual and aspiring leaders of all kinds: informal, formal, or official. The world does not need rulers. It needs wisdom and vision for guidance. You will receive ideas, examples, and tools for sharing what you know and have seen as an aspiring opener of the path for our time, when so many need a spark to light a flame of inspiration for making lasting change.

## Logistics and Etiquette:

- We will meet weekly via Zoom. Please email me if I haven't sent you the URL yet. I've scheduled an hour and a half for each meeting. The format will alternate between presentation, discussion, and practices to try out.
- Camera on, please, unless you have a temporary event on your end to deal with. To decrease background noise, please remain muted until ready to speak. [Here is a guide](#) if you are new to Zoom.
- Recommendation: For the first session, show up five minutes early to make sure your tech is working. If you need to miss a live session, I'm recording them and can send you a link to the recording.
- Please be mindful of how you show up, including how much time you take when speaking. We want to be sure everyone gets a chance to participate.
- Keep an eye on your dreams throughout the course. We can make space for discussing why they are important.

## Schedule:

### Week 1: What is Pronoian Wisdom?

Wisdom is a deep knowing that involves holistic understanding, life experience, discernment, and self-awareness. *Pronoian wisdom* fosters mutually transformative meetings of wisdom with public concerns in service to enlightenment, healing, and humaneness. This wisdom is visionary, grounded, and creative and links us to the depths of our being. We cultivate this wisdom to become fuller and more mature human beings in our dealings with ourselves, each other, and our troubled homeworld.

### Week 2: What is Wise Leadership?

This week we will explore differences between rulership and leadership and tend the question of what makes a leader wise. We will consider examples of wise leaders at work, noting how they weave together inspiration, collaboration, courage, fairness, empathy, vision, and shared wisdom to fashion their unique personal style of how to show up for others. We will also go over how wise leadership draws on sources in our depths, including somatic knowledge, emotional intelligence, storytelling, and dream.

### Week 3: The Way of the Sage

Philosophers of many kinds the world over have had much to say about the figure of the sage: the bringer of lived wisdom. Many of these philosophers were themselves leaders rather than peddlers of intellectual abstractions. This week we will consider the best of what they offer us for discerning how we might walk our own path to sagehood as leaders committed to encouraging other people to live with purpose. We will also look at what some of the ancient myths indicate about how to lead, and live, wisely.

### Week 4: Stepping Forward into Wise Leadership

Your style of wise leadership must be your own. This week we will marshal what we have learned to develop that style. Additionally, we will go into navigating obstacles to how to bring wise leadership into the world, including the question of confidence for trying out new ideas and practices beyond our initial comfort zone. There are many ways to lead wisely, and our goal this week is to experiment with what works for you.