

Imagine the times when you came across someone truly extraordinary and wondered what went on in their head. These people I call leaders. These people are everywhere. They are the person you see on a stage making a speech; you, in the audience. They are the person you see working hard on their studies; you, a tutor. They are the person you see waking up in the morning with a mission; you, a neighbor. No matter where you turn, there are leaders; you, a bystander. How can you ever understand them? How do we know what makes them tick?

Their eyes.

They say the eyes are the window to the soul. And for leaders, their eyes are written with attributes that show their nature. Throughout my life, I have watched hundreds of eyes, trying to find two common ones. But each eye was different, each pupil shaped into a different description. Strength... determination... resolve... After a while, I wondered if there was a connection at all. If each eye showed a different attribute, wouldn't that mean that leaders are made of souls completely unique to them? I resigned myself to the idea that leadership was a trait with secret building blocks and that no two people became leaders for the same reason.

Until, one day, the eyes changed.

Thousands of eyes, absolutely still, surrounded me. As always, I saw their different features. Productivity... empathy... drive... until they moved. They merged and morphed into each other, floating and flying, until they formed a single eye called Leadership. I looked into it for the soul within, but I only saw myself. And I realized.

Leadership is a mirror.

Every eye is your own, every attribute your own, if only they were put together. If only you opened your eyes and saw yourself.