

Was Einstein Right? Exploring the Imagination

One of Professor Albert Einstein's most surprising quotes was, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Was he correct? Clearly, he understood that imagination and all of its related cousins, like creativity, ideation, innovation, and change, were indispensable to virtually all things related to living life to the fullest. This workshop will look at these topics and how they interrelate from the perspectives of Scripture, fascinating innovators, effective leaders, and influential artists of all stripes.

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"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. Imagination is more important than knowledge." – Albert Einstein

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A. Introduction – Complete these sentences:

- a. Imagination without knowledge is ...

- b. Knowledge without imagination is ...

B. Imagination

- a. What is imagination?

- b. The Evidence of Divine Imagination

- c. The History of Human Imagination

C. Creativity

- a. What is creativity?

- b. How does creativity work?

D. Ideation

- a. Crazy ideas that didn't change the world.

- b. Great ideas that changed the world

E. Innovation

- a. What is innovation?

- b. Great innovators in society

- c. Great innovators in the church

- d. Great innovators in the arts

- e. Innovation and me