Your Job -- A Manifestation of Your Spirit, by Ric Giardina

[At your job], just as with prayer, any attempt to change the outer circumstances without making a change within the consciousness is pointless. In fact, to do so might be compared to believing it possible to change the configuration of a room by rearranging the reflections of that same room in a mirror. It won't work, you cannot move the reflected objects in the mirror, quite simply because they are only reflections. What will work is making an honest evaluation of how you are holding your job and the people in it in your consciousness and the extent to which you either made use of or ignored opportunities to use your job as a channel for good. Recognize that this "good" may have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with your specific job responsibilities, although it certainly can be related to them. The good you are able to do through your job is your "work." I was an employee at Intel for nearly nine years. At various times during that period my job responsibilities included practicing software, contract, antitrust, trademark, and general business law. ... Those were my official job responsibilities; none of those was my "work." My job responsibilities were clearly delineated oftentimes in writing by the company, my manager, or myself; nowhere was there a written description of my "work," indeed, my employer would very likely have been shocked to know what I considered my "work" responsibilities to have been. Within job categories, my duties stayed fairly much the same from day to day and in time I was able to perform them pretty much by rote. Meanwhile, my "work" changed minute-by-minute and required me to be very much in the moment or risk
losing opportunities to do some good. There was a sense of structure and orderliness around the completion of responsibilities with my job; there was a sense of wide-eyed wonder, as well as a bit of uncertainty, about my "work." My job existed within the confines of a clearly defined space with precise boundaries; my "work" was living on the edge. [...] Your job is a manifestation of your spirit in the physical world. You can pretend that this is not the case, basically ignore it, or you can consciously claim it. You get to choose.

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