

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 7, 2010

Dr. Pradeep B. Deshpande
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Louisville, Kentucky 40222-6615

Dear Pradeep:

Thank you for your note and for taking the time to share your ideas with me.

Active, thoughtful citizens are the cornerstone of our democracy, and so I thank you for engaging in the important work of true citizenship. Our strength as a country and our ability to responsibly shape our future depends on creative and impassioned Americans.

We are at a critical moment in our Nation's history, and we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to solve the problems that we face. Thank you for daring to innovate, for dreaming big, and for finding ways to create a better tomorrow. America needs your hands, your heart, and your hard work now more than ever.

You can find more information about the President's policies on a wide variety of issues at www.whitehouse.gov. I urge you to stay active by sharing your thoughts online or by addressing needs in your community as we confront the challenges of this important moment for our Nation.

Thank you again for your thoughtful suggestion. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Michelle Obama

REVIEWS OF PROF. DESHPANDE'S WORKS

1. Georgia Kollia, MBA Graduate, University of Kentucky at TEI Piraeus, Athens, Greece

Dear Professor,

Namaste! I hope you and your family is doing great!

I am Georgia and I have followed your 1st class of Six Sigma in Athens in February 2007. I had joined GE in Athens at the same period and now that I have finished my MBA I can tell you that your class was the most efficient and productive class of entire MBA.

During the years I have worked for GE I have been in contact with different Black Belts but no one had inspired me like you. I have strongly believed in Six Sigma since our first class and I have adopted my working attitude based on what you have learned us. The result of that was that my years in GE were very creative and productive.

Due to a health problem I decided to have a break last summer and I picked a simpler job in the Greek public sector, in a finance department. This was a very good choice because in 3 years I saw the extremes. I was able to see how productive can be an entity organized based on Six Sigma and how unproductive and with no future can be another one that has no idea what six sigma is.

During our classes you have told us that at that time you were working on a textbook for Six Sigma. Did you publish it? If yes, could you please send me the title so I can buy it through Amazon.com?

Thank you very much for your time and for your great class in Athens. Please give my regards to your wife!

Kind Regards

Georgia Kollia

MBA Graduate

University of Kentucky at TEI Piraeus, Athens, Greece

2. Letter from Presidential Candidate Mr. Barack Obama

March 27, 2008

Dear Dr. Deshpande:

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me **A Small Step for Man**. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Barack Obama

United States Senator

3. Letter from Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France

25 April 2008

Mr. Professor,

The president of the republic has well received your letter with the enclosed published achievement entitled "A small step for man", whose author is yourself.

Mr. Nicolas SARKOZY has demanded me to thank you vividly for your lovely sent items. Be assured of the whole interest with which he has taken knowledge of this matter. I would be pleased if you could accept, Mr. Professor, the expression of my best regards.

Cedric GOUBET
Director of the Office of the President of the Republic.

Literal Translation by Prof. Mohamad J. Terro, Professor of Civil Engineering, Kuwait University

4. Letter from Jack Welch, former Chairman General Electric Company

December 19, 2008

Dear Pradeep:

Thanks for sending along your note (On India's Moment of Truth). I agree with the sentiments you expressed.

All the best,

Jack Welch

5. Letter from Jack and Suzy Welch

June 10, 2008

Dear Pradeep,

Thank you for writing. The Welches are delighted to grant you permission to use the handwritten page in Jack's book as part of your article. Additionally, you may also find useful information about Jack's entire philosophy on their new website, www.welchway.com. Once again thank you for your note, and best wishes to you.

Stephanie Theberge
Executive Assistant to Suzy Welch

6. Note from Dr. Mikel Harry, Chairman Six Sigma Academy

17 May 1999

Dr. Deshpande,

These are very fine papers and reflect well on six sigma.... It does my heart good to people like yourself using the methods and tools.

Mikel Harry

7. Note from Pete Engardio, Business Week Reporter, Author of "Karma Capitalism"

Pradeep:

Many thanks for sharing the article. It wouldn't work for a Business Week article, but it's really interesting. I'm glad to see you have a book coming out on it.

Best wishes,
Pete

8. Newly elected Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is all set to introduce a new fitness mantra for Russia: Yoga

**“The New Russia” By Raj Chengappa in Moscow
India Today, May 19, 2008 pp. 25-33.**

On the Sunday before he was sworn in, Medvedev took time off from his busy schedule for his favorite artistic yoga session that included alternating bouts of Asanas and Pranayam and ending with the chanting of Aum. Praising yoga's ability to help him beat the stress of his job, he recently told a Moscow glossy proudly, “I can stand on my head”.

9. Prof. Imad Alatiqi, Secretary General, Private Universities Council, Ministry of Higher Education, State of Kuwait,

May 12, 2009

The Private Universities Council – Kuwait expresses its sincere appreciation for the effort, dedication, and excellence with which Prof. Pradeep B. Deshpande, President of Six Sigma and Advanced Controls, Inc. conducted the Program “Six Sigma for Master Black Belts in Kuwait from April 2008 – May 2009.

Imad M. Al-Atiqi
Secretary General for Private Universities Council

**10. Prof. Richard Cosier, Dean, Krannert Graduate School of Management
Purdue University**

June 29, 2009

Professor Deshpande,

Thank you for the email and associated reading materials. Your comments and work reflect a sincere and deep commitment to examining these vexing problems.

Rick Cosier

**11. Prof. M. M. Sharma, Ph. D. Chemical Engineering, University of Cambridge UK
(Fellow of the Royal Society, UK; Member US National Academy of Engineering), former
Director, University of Bombay Department of Chemical Technology)**

March 29, 2008

Pradeep
THANKS

I HAVE RECD YOUR BOOK-GREAT. WELL DONE. CONGRATS. MM.

12. Letter from Dr. James R. Ramsey Ph. D. Finance, University of Kentucky), President, University of Kentucky.

February 11, 2008

Pradeep,

Thanks for a copy of the book. I started thumbing through it -- it's really fascinating. I appreciate your friendship and you thinking of me.

Jim

13. Mr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman, Knowledge Commission, Government of India (Sam is credited for the telecommunication revolution in India). NKC reports to the Prime Minister of India.

March 23, 2008

Dear Dr. Deshpande,

Thank you for sharing this ("**On a Quest for Change: If I had my way**") with me. I enjoyed reading it. The key is execution which will require many diverse forces to come together with timely and bold leadership. Please do send me your monograph to my home address.

Regards.

Sam Pitroda

14. Dr Vasant Gowariker, ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) Distinguished Professor, Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission Government of Maharashtra. ((Dr. Gowariker is former Principal Scientific Advisor to several Prime Ministers of India and a former President of the University of Poona).

June 6, 2007

Dear Dr Deshpande,

Thank you very much for your mail and the enclosed paper ("**Discerning the Mind of the Creator: A Perspective**") which reads extremely well. It was very gracious of you to think of me as you did.

Warm regards

Vasant Gowariker

15. Letter from Greg Fischer, CEO, Dant Clayton Corporation, Louisville, KY, Mayoral Candidate Metropolitan Louisville 2010.

February 1, 2008

I read your papers with great interest in the past few days. I am a cofounder of the Louisville based Center for Quality of Management and the first company that I co-founded and served as president was a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award finalist in 1997 so I am very aligned with you re six sigma importance/benefits.

The Democracy, Religion and Terrorism article was interesting. I like the concept of the S, R and T components. I particularly enjoyed your comment re how unlikely it is for our little speck of sand that we call Earth having the only center of enlightenment - now if we can just get the rest of the world to accept this so we can all live in peace!

16. Dr. Sanjeev S. Tambe, Scientist, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune

August 19, 2008

Dear Professor Deshpande,

Many thanks for gifting the copy of "A Small Step For Man: Zero to Infinity with Six Sigma." The book is so thought provoking and interesting that once began I could get up only after finishing it. The manner in which you have seamlessly weaved together diverse historic and contemporary topics such as six-sigma, Yoga, nonlinear dynamics, process control, Pranayam, Chaturvarna, rise and decline of cultures, and ancient Indian philosophy is truly fascinating.

Thanking you once again.

Sanjeev

17. Dr. S. Raghuveer, Former Executive Vice President, Matrix Laboratories India, Hyderabad, and Former Global Head Regulatory Services, TAKE Solutions, USA

May 18, 2009

Dear Pradeep

I have gone through your book "A Small Step for Man: Zero to Infinity with Six Sigma";. It is very interesting. I wondered how you have transformed yourself believing in Karma Philosophy which you have never given much credence (when you and I were classmates in college in Gulbarga in the late fifties and early sixties). The chapter dealing with S, R, and T has been explained very lucidly and it has much relevance to today's world. Scientific basis has been given using Six Sigma, which seems to me more logical and scientific way of explaining. In this book, your explanation using Six Sigma as a tool to improve personal and organizational skills as well as overall improvement is excellent and practical.

Thanks for your Book. With Best wishes to you and your family,

Dr. S. Raghuveer

**18. Abel Ribeiro de Jesus, Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department
Federal University at Bahia, Brazil**

May 27, 2009

Dear Professor Dr. Pradeep B. Deshpande,

First of all I want to thank you very much for your fast answer. I was very happy to receive your e-mail and know that exist someone with both knowledge six sigma and spirituality. I read some of your paper and I was very impressed and delighted with them because I look also for something like the path you are in.

I was looking for some specialist in six sigma, in London, and that's because I sent an e-mail for you - I thought you lived in London - but now I know you live in Kentucky/US. Anyway, I will make contact. It was wonderful to know you exist.

I am also very much interested in spirituality. I've been to the ashram of Maharaji and Shanti Mayi three years ago and also to the one of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar (when I sent my message I used my wife's - Maria - computer because mine was out of service).

For sure I will be very happy to interact with you should an opportunity presents itself. I hope this will be possible.

Warm Regards,

Abel Ribeiro de Jesus