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### Personal Side of Leadership

The top 100 minds on personal development.



by Ken Shelton

Since 1995, we have published *Personal Excellence*, the magazine of life leadership; however, this is the first year, we have ranked the 100 top minds on the personal side of leadership, using eight criteria (see below) and a seven-dimension model: physical, mental, social/emotional, professional, financial, spiritual, service.

#### Criteria for Ranking

What does it take today to be considered a top thought leader in the field of personal leadership development? As with *Leadership Excellence* (see our ranking of the top 100 thought leaders in team and organizational leadership development in the November issue of LE), the standards and expectations keep rising. The coaches and consultants, authors and speakers, mentors and gurus who make our *Personal Excellence 100* list today score well on the following eight criteria:

1. **Preparation:** Academic, professional, and life preparation.

2. **Character:** values, ethics, beliefs, purpose, mission, integrity, walk the talk.
3. **Principles:** big message, point of view, tenets, main points.
4. **Personality:** charisma, style, originality, authenticity, one of a kind.
5. **Performance:** inspiring action, real-world performance, work ethic.
6. **Experience:** beyond local and regional, more national and international.
7. **Expression:** substance and style in writing, speaking, coaching, consulting, mentoring, training, or teaching.
8. **Influence:** difference, results, change, transformation.



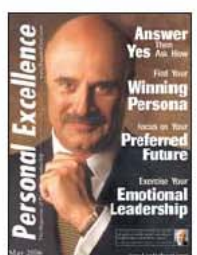
Wayne Dyer



Oprah Winfrey



Laura Schlessinger



Dr. Phil

#### The Excellence 100

For the past 13 years, we have published the best minds in the field of personal and professional development around a *Seven Dimension Model of Personal Excellence*. And soon, we will introduce our searchable archive of some 3,200 PE articles in the new *Personal Coach* CD and on-line access.

Here's our 2007 listing of the Top 100 thought leaders:

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