# The 3 Elements, 10 Competencies, and the foundation of The Nexus Leader

# VISION COMMUNICATION EXECUTION

- Boundary-Domain Fluidity
- Transdisciplinary Synthesis
- Systems Thinking Mastery
- Contemplation-Action Control
- Complexity Duality Adeptness
- Dialectical Synthesis
- Constraint-Driven Creativity
- Strategic Narrative Development
- Collaborative Orchestration
- Lifelong Learning Mindset

**Values-Based Foundation** 

#### **Boundary-Domain Fluidity**

A Nexus Leader seamlessly traverses domains -- art, technology, and science, serving as distinct prototypes of creation, invention and discovery – seeing commonalities that transcend differences and leveraging the synergies that arise when domains converge.

#### **Transdisciplinary Synthesis**

A Nexus Leader combines analytical and logical thinking (traditionally associated with sciences) and creative, holistic thinking (traditionally associated with arts). Nexus thinkers fuse these modes of thought.

### **Systems Thinking Mastery**

Nexus Leaders grasp the principles of complexity. They distinguish between the merely complicated and the truly complex, are on guard for hidden connections, and understand and exploit the value of emergence.

#### **Dialectical Synthesis**

Nexus Leaders practice complementarity, the capacity to "embrace opposites". They imagine and understand perspectives contrary to their own, a crucial skill for making decisions in complex changing environments.

#### **Contemplation-Action Control**

Nexus Leaders know when to converge slowly and when not to. They know that rashness can lead to right solutions to wrong problems. They have a bias toward action and know how to get value out of setbacks.

#### **Complexity Duality Dexterity**

Nexus Leaders can see simplicity in complexity and complexity in simplicity. They can see the patterns and implications of simple pictures and the simplicity hidden in complex ones.

## **Constraint-Driven Creativity**

Nexus Leaders know how to adapt and thrive with constraints. They know that creativity emerges from conflict of ideas.

#### **Strategic Narrative Development**

Nexus Leaders understand the emotional value of compelling narratives to illustrate and give context to strategic challenges, risks, opportunities, and the setting of ambitious goals.

#### **Collaborative Orchestration**

Nexus leaders know how to form and manage diverse teams, balancing divergent thinkers (for creativity) and convergent thinkers (for implementation). They are connectors, who can manage teams with widely diverse skill sets.

### **Lifelong Learning Mindset**

Nexus Leaders are intellectually curious, willing, if needed, to go against their training, reframe categories to foster innovation, and are always on guard for unexpected connections. Learning is part of their DNA.

#### Values-Based Foundation

Nexus Leaders are guided by an individual compass anchored on ability to self-reflect, balance conflicting priorities, and have an inner confidence that is unafraid of externalizing limitations.