CHAPTER 01 / UNDERSTAND

The New Leadership Advantage

If everyone has access to powerful AI, what will distinguish great leaders?

Monday morning. A CEO is asked to approve a discount to save a large deal, settle a dispute between two leaders and decide whether to expand into a new market. The dashboard is current. The AI assistant has produced recommendations. The calendar is full.

Information is not the problem. The CEO must still decide which question matters, whose evidence is reliable, which risks are acceptable and what the organisation is willing to stand for.

> **A decision is a choice. Judgment is the quality of reasoning that makes the choice defensible.**

AI can help gather evidence, generate alternatives and test scenarios. But a fluent recommendation is not proof that its assumptions are sound—or that its objective is the right one. In consequential choices, accountability remains with the people and institutions making them.

THE LEADERSHIP SHIFT

Yesterday's constraint
Finding information and coordinating analysis.

Today's opportunity
Using AI to examine evidence and options faster.

The enduring challenge
Knowing what matters, what to believe and what ought to be done.

Better tools expand what leaders can see. Better judgment determines what they do with it.

The scarce resource is not always information. Often it is disciplined attention and responsible judgment.

CHAPTER 01 / APPLY

From knowing more to judging better

A dashboard can reveal a pattern. It cannot, by itself, tell you which action is justified.

01 / CONTEXT

FRAME

What is the real decision—and what outcome matters?

02 / EVIDENCE

EXAMINE

What do we know? What could mislead us?

03 / MODELS

CHALLENGE

What alternatives, assumptions and second-order effects exist?

04 / PRINCIPLES

DECIDE

What trade-offs are acceptable, and who owns the call?

05 / EXPERIENCE

LEARN

What did we expect, and what should we review?

DECISION CASE / A SALES LEADER

Revenue falls 20%. Should we discount?

A regional sales dashboard shows declining conversions. An AI analysis finds that discounted deals historically closed more often and recommends a broad price reduction.

Before acting: Did discounts cause the wins, or were easier deals more likely to receive them? Is the real constraint pricing, lead quality or slow proposals? What happens to margin and customer expectations next quarter?

Better next step: Compare segments, investigate lost deals and consider a limited, measurable test before committing to a blanket policy.

THE SIX INPUTS TO JUDGMENT

Context — the actual problem and stakes
Evidence — reliable facts and uncertainty

CHAPTER 01 / PRACTICE

Take one decision off autopilot

A ten-minute exercise for a decision that matters this week. The aim is not certainty; it is clearer reasoning.

THINK / THREE QUESTIONS

01 Which decision am I postponing—and what makes it difficult?

02 What assumption am I treating as a fact?

03 What evidence or argument would genuinely change my mind?

Leadership reflection
Think of your last major success. Was the reasoning sound, or did circumstances happen to favour you? Now ask the same about a failure.

PRACTICE / THE 10-MINUTE DECISION NOTE

Decision: What exactly must be chosen?

Objective: What outcome are we optimizing for?

Alternatives: What are two credible options?

Assumption: What must be true for my preferred option to work?

Review: When and how will I revisit this?

Record your reasoning *before* the outcome is known. This helps you learn without confusing luck with decision quality.

CONTINUE THE PRACTICE IN DECISIONOS
Frame a live decision, challenge assumptions, preserve your rationale and return to it later.
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The judgment habit: **Frame** → **Examine** → **Challenge** → **Decide** → **Learn.** Not every decision needs a full process; use depth in proportion to its stakes and reversibility.