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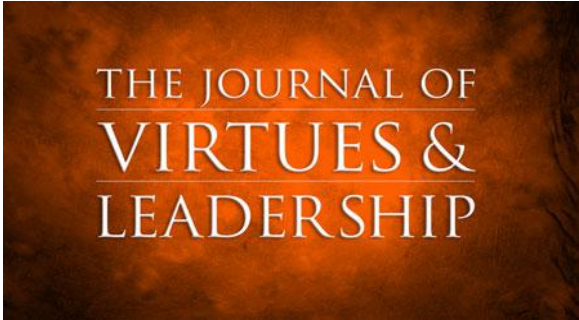
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Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 1 of *The Journal of Virtues & Leadership (JVL)*. This issue is particularly dear to me for many reasons; first, the great patience it has taken to finally get it published and the great care that many have taken to ensure this happens (I say thank you!). Second, the content is, by far, of great fascination. I trust you will join me in agreeing on this. And third, I like the global feel we have with authors from the United States, Canada, South Africa and Germany.

In this issue, **Corné Bekker** has provided a book review of the new edited book, *The Spirit of Servant-Leadership*, by Shann Ferch and Larry Spears. The book is a great addition to the literature of both spirituality and leadership, and Bekker offers insights that I trust will compel you to read the book on your own and find the many nuggets of truth that are offered there.

We are also uplifted by the work of **Thorsten Grahn**, with his insightful article, which looks at the ancient method of the Three Sisters Garden and the deep connection to servant leadership. This provides a new and fresh perspective to the question posed by Robert K. Greenleaf on “Do those partners being served grow as individuals/organizations?” I am indebted to Grahn for his kindness and the patience he has shown me over these years.

Additionally, we have **J. Brock Brown’s** interesting look into the idea of what virtues are, the connection to leadership and the ultimate connection to this idea of transformational leadership. Brown asks a compelling question that deserves our attention—‘will people follow a virtuous leader?’—quite the question. I hope you enjoy the prose he presents.

Finally, we are blessed by the work of **Bruce Winston** and **Paula Tucker**, and their engaging work on the Beatitudes as leadership virtues. The connection is much deeper than I think most of us expect, and yet the connection is not only present, it is indeed a deep connection. The connections are made by providing anchors; this approach is not only entertaining, but highly informative.

I trust you will enjoy the journey into this edition of JVL. I also trust you will find discovery along the way and seek to know the essence of virtues in your own life and leadership. All the best.