Paradigm Shift

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Imagine you're in London's Heathrow Airport. While you're waiting for your

flight, you notice a kiosk selling shortbread cookies. You buy a box, put

them in your travelling bag and then you patiently search for an available

seat so you can sit down and enjoy your cookies. Finally you find a seat

next to a gentleman. You reach down into your travelling bag and pull out

your box of shortbread cookies. As you do so, you notice that the

gentleman starts watching you intensely.

He stares as you open the box and his eyes follow your hand as you pick up

the cookie and bring it to your mouth. Just then he reaches over and takes

one of your cookies from the box, and eats it! You're more than a little

surprised at this. Actually, you're at a loss for words. Not only does he

take one cookie, but he alternates with you. For every one cookie you

take, he takes one.

Now, what's your immediate impression of this guy? Ridiculous? Greedy? He's got some nerve! Can you imagine the words you might use to describe this man

to your associates back at the office? Meanwhile, you both continue eating

the cookies until there's just one left. To your surprise, the man reaches

over and takes it. But then he does something unexpected. He breaks it in

half, and gives half to you. After he's finished with his half he gets up,

and without a word, he leaves.

You think to yourself, "Did this really happen?" You're left sitting there

dumbfounded and still hungry. So you go back to the kiosk and buy another

box of cookies. You then return to your seat and begin opening your new

box of cookies when suddenly you glance down into your travelling bag.

Sitting there in your bag is your original box of cookies.........still

unopened.

Only then do you realize that when you reached down earlier, you had

reached into the other man's bag, and grabbed his box of cookies by

mistake. Now what do you think of the man? Generous? Tolerant? You've just

experienced a profound paradigm shift. You're seeing things from a new

point of view.

Is it time to change your point of view? Now, think of this story as it

relates to your life. Seeing things from a new point of view can be very

enlightening. Think outside the box. Don't settle for the status quo. Be

open to suggestions. Things may not be what they seem. Unless and until,

one realizes about the fact, no one will change his or her view of

thinking in spite of lot of external factors.

Every Point has THREE Sides…

In your own words… what is a **PARADIGM SHIFT**?

Have you experienced a Paradigm Shift in the last year? Explain… ☺