



## Val Jon Farris – Bio and Links

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### Early Life Initiations Into Spiritual Practices

Inspired at the age of 17 by the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda and the practices of *Kriya Yoga*, Val Jon embraced the life of a Bodhisattva, the Buddhist precepts of right conduct, and Gandhi's *Satyagraha* philosophy of non-violence. The four *Sila* vows of *service, kindness, gratitude, and happiness* became the dharma foundation for his spiritual development and the guiding light for his future life's work.



Among Val Jon's first face-to-face spiritual mentors was Swami Muktananda, the Indian Guru who founded the Siddha Yoga Movement and brought *Shaktipat Initiation* to the western world. During Swami's 1973 second world tour, Val Jon and a small group of supporters hosted him on the island of Hawaii for a series of meditation retreats. During that time, Swami held personal *Satsang* sessions with Val Jon that prepared him to become a humble steward devoted to the betterment of humanity.



In 1975 Val Jon was called to Japan for a personal audience with Roshi Mumon Yamada, preeminent leader of the Buddhist [Myōshin-ji](#) branch of the Rinzai school of Japan. During their time together Val Jon received a sacred transmission from Roshi directing him to devote his life to the ways of Buddhism and to bringing back to America its paradoxical teachings of embracing both love and pain as a means for self-transcendence.



### Involvement In Transformational Communities

In 1976, Val Jon joined Werner Erhard as an *est* staff member, production manager, and event leader. Over the next ten years as a staff member and as an outside consultant, he facilitated personal development seminars and transformational programs for tens of thousands of individuals. Through his collaborations and consulting work with many *est* (and Forum) leaders, Val Jon made a major contribution to the emerging self-awareness movements of the era.



### Transition Into The Fortune 100 Corporate World

In the 1980s Val Jon had the honor of working with Buckminster Fuller as his event production manager. Through his working association and as a result of Mr. Fuller's stewardship mentoring Val Jon migrated from the public sector into the private sector of Fortune 100 companies.



Val Jon's early life spiritual awakenings coupled with Bucky's "Trimtab" mentoring inspired him to devote the next thirty years to developing and delivering leadership programs grounded in spiritual principles and self-awareness raising processes within Fortune 100 companies. Val Jon's leadership programs have been delivered worldwide to over 30,000 executives, managers and employees.

As CEO and senior facilitator for Diamius Multinational, Val Jon championed enterprise-level leadership initiatives in the U.S.A., Canada, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and India. He is an honorary recipient of many industry commendations including Hewlett-Packard Company's prestigious "America's Education Preferred Vendor," Pacific Telesis' "Excellence in Leadership" award, and Agilent Technologies' "Vantage Consulting Excellence" award. He served as a senior leadership advisor to many top-tier executives around the world, including Sir Richard Branson and his global *Extreme Tech Challenge*, (XTC) entrepreneurial incubator.



An award-winning author, (Inca Fire and Travelers Within) Val Jon is best-known for bringing well-grounded spiritual principles and superlative human virtues into the corporate world, as well as to over 20,000 individuals who have attended his public self-awareness raising programs. He is currently working on his third book, "*The Evolution of Meta Sapiens*," which embraces the notion that the emerging patterns of higher self-awareness among world leaders is the result of a unique genetic evolutionary process rather than merely a socio-spiritual trend.

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