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EVERY ABSTRACT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE AND APPLICABLE STRATEGIES AND TANGIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR EACH CHALLENGE WE ANALYZE. IMPORTANT: However critical every challenge that we tackle, not every one of those is imperative for every subscriber. Please assess your current and future challenges to decide the best order for addressing them.

This ABSTRACT is a total departure from the norm.

We are not “preaching” anything. Well, not really. Nor are we selling anything.

It is our privilege—and our good fortune, personally and professionally—to maintain substantial collaborative relationships that span the world. These include: captains of industry, world-renowned educators, authors, influential thought-leaders, entertainment and sports personalities, innovator and technologists, entrepreneurs and builders.

And we correspond with many of those awesome people all the time! What a joy!

Now, to the point of this MONDAY INFLUENCER® ABSTRACT.

Just sharing a couple excellent reads that we benefit from greatly. We think, and certainly hope, you will as well.

Victor Davis Hanson's BLADE OF PERSEUS. VDS is without equal! The "clearest-eyed" analyst of contemporary national and geopolitics. He is a genuine tour de force, incomparably brilliant, and a communicator par excellence. A world-class treasure.

Then, Philip S. Baldoni's GlobalPost and DailyChatter are excellent reads. To the point, excellent, brief. Rewarding reading. If the world is of interest to you, Balboni's GlobalPost is an imperative read.

Allow me to note that I, your humble scribe, Steven J. Manning, have been writing, speaking, and yes—speaking even more—about all things Ukraine. Long before the first shots were fired and certainly throughout this now four-year-old, ferocious, wasteful, and astoundingly misunderstood war. I am glad to share more, should you wish. Simply drop us a line.

For all the expertise I may claim, I learned a great deal from last week's *GlobalPost*: *Rock, Meet Hard Place: Ukraine's President Struggles With a War, Peace and Scandal.* A superb, incisive **four-minute** read.

THIS WEEK, WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL HOLIDAY TREATS FOR YOU!

We have over 500 interviews, talks and podcasts in the proverbial "can." Those are with industry titans, renowned academics, policymakers, authors, and cultural figures. What a joy to be in the company of greatness!

As a treat to our readers, this week we are featuring a few excerpts from round-tables and interviews with some notable expert contributors and thought-leaders.

1. Donna M. Brown. Expert Talk: How is HR working in the age of AI.
Donna M. Brown is a 30-year Fortune 500 Chief Human Resources Officer and an unequalled subject matter expert.

Donna Brown and Schooler dug deep into the world of HR. Covering: What should people NOT use AI for? How can people "future-proof" their careers? And much, much more.

Whether you are an HR professional, a CEO or a Job Seeker, this is not a talk to miss. Watch the video <here> Listen to the audio <here>

2. **Michael Tobin CBE**. British technology entrepreneur, author, philanthropist, and speaker. And a genuine renaissance man. Tobin, Manning & Schooler. Roundtable: Free Speech vs Social Media: From Books to TikTok. Watch <here>

3. **Darrell Mann.** World-renowned inventor, problem-solver, author, speaker and educator. Mann, Manning & Schooler: Stop Wasting Time with AI: The CEO's Five-Step Innovation System. Watch that <here>

4. Stanley Tucci. Master of performance nuance, writer, director, host. And exceptionally skilled in any Italian kitchen. Tucci, Tobin & Schooler on **Life's Struggles, Resilience, and That Negroni.**
Watch that <here>

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2. Remember! Send us your favorite topic for a new expert talk, along with your top talking points! We will consider it and give you credit for it when broadcast. We will consider inviting you on the broadcast.

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