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Why don't we celebrate!

"Incredible things happen when you're open to possibilities." That philosophy drives the continual search for the perfect photograph by DeWitt Jones, who spent two decades taking pictures all over the world for *National Geographic*. *Celebrate What's Right With the World* is a 22-minute motivational video in which Jones takes us through the thought processes he used to find the remarkable shots that uniquely capture the often-hidden essence of subjects, natural and human.

The vision Jones applies to picture taking is also a useful way to explore the route to success within an organization and within oneself. Seven precepts are introduced, each a different lesson in thinking about possibilities and expanding our horizons.

Celebrate's topics are designed to help us perform at our best, ride out changes, acquire vision, and solve problems. Jones uses those topics to remind us that our "vision controls our perception and our perception controls our reality." Jones also suggests that we make a point of stopping to "explore all the beauty that's standing beyond the rat race" and stop "flapping around in the middle of the flock" and start soaring above all the rest.

A leader's guide breaks down each lesson into suggested learning topics and includes discussion points, group activities, practical tips, and relevant passages (called "Basic Jones") from the many articles the narrator has written for *Outdoor Photography*. A matching student guide allows room for note taking.

Recommendation

If your organization needs a quick lethargy-buster, *Celebrate What's Right With the World* will provide plenty of insight for mold-breaking and other recommendations for assaulting entrenched paradigms—all with a backdrop of brilliant *National Geographic* photography and DeWitt Jones's related stories.

Celebrate What's Right With the World

★★★★	Holds viewer interest
★★★★	Acting/Presenting
★★★	Diversity
★★★★	Production quality
★★★★	Value of content
★★★★	Instructional value
★★★	Value for the money
★★★★1/2	Overall rating


Video Details

Celebrate What's Right with the World, video, 2001, 22 minutes, Star Thrower Distribution: 800.242.3220, www.starthrower.com. Purchase US\$695. Other material: leader guide, workbook, reminder cards, CD-ROM with PowerPoint slides, and video transcript.

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Outstanding
Very good
Good
Above average

★★★
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Average
Below average
Poor