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In the end, it seems that mastery has less to do with pushing leverage points than it does with strategically, profoundly, madly letting go.
--Donella Meadows

Leverage Points & the Power to Transcend Paradigms

"Folks who do systems analysis have a great belief in 'leverage points.' These are places within a complex system (a corporation, an economy, a living body, a city, an ecosystem) where a small shift in one thing can produce big changes in everything. This idea is not unique to systems analysis -- it's embedded in legend. The silver bullet, the trimtab, the miracle cure, the secret passage, the magic password, the single hero who turns the tide of history. The nearly effortless way to cut through or leap over huge obstacles. We not only want to believe that there are leverage points, we want to know where they are and how to get our hands on them. Leverage points are points of power." In this in-depth piece Donella Meadows, educator, environmental scientist and author of "Limits to Growth," details her evolving list of "Places to Intervene in a System."

Be The Change:

What are some of the current paradigms you operate within? What does Donella's invitation to live into the power to profoundly and madly let go surface for you?