

AMBER CHAND

Leading with Grace and Authenticity in Uncertain Times.

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About AMBER CHAND

Amber Chand is a global woman with a mission to inspire, support and encourage leaders to live from a place of enlivened authenticity and fearless imagination, especially as we face the potent challenges of our world today.

Today, she is recognized as a visionary voice for our times - an inspirational keynote speaker, gifted storyteller, insightful visionary coach and global entrepreneur.

Amber speaks as a woman who is a refugee having fled her country, Uganda, during the terrifying reign of tyrannical dictator Idi Amin, in 1972.

She has spent the past 3 decades as a global entrepreneur supporting thousands of artisan entrepreneurs living in vulnerable regions of the world. With her tireless commitment to envisioning business as a force for positive change in the world, she has launched companies that have worked with war widows in Afghanistan, genocide survivors in Rwanda, refugees in Darfur and Palestinian and Israeli women - offering them the opportunity to prosper under extremely challenging economic and political situations.

In her keynotes, Amber explores the realm of authentic leadership - and what it means for leaders to lose ones way and find ones way. She guides her audiences into a powerful narrative that showcases the myriad styles of leadership in her personal life, whether through the brutal gaze of an African dictator, the misguided aspirations of her multi-million dollar company, or the voice of fearless resilience as it arises in a widow from the Rwandan genocide who created a remarkable path to reconciliation. Each a testament to the ways we can lose - and find - our way as leaders.

Amber mesmerizes her audiences with her eloquent skills as a gifted storyteller and her ability to speak about leadership using the power of evocative storytelling. Her presentations have been described as "riveting", "life changing", "inspirational".

Her multi media keynote presentations are unique and powerful as she leads her audience on a leadership journey that reflects courage, fierce vulnerability, grace and authenticity.

Amber's work has been widely recognized in the national media (including CNN, New York Times, Boston Globe, Herald Tribune, INC. Magazine, Marie Claire Magazine, Ms. Magazine). She has participated in The Wise Women Council at the World Bank, is a founding member of the Business Council for Peace, and today sits on the leadership advisory boards of the World Purpose Forum, Kosmos Magazine, Prosperity Candle, the Womens Peace Collection, and the Women's Collaborative for Creativity and Leadership.

Select Keynotes

- **Leading with Courage and Resilience in Uncertain Times**

What happens to you when you have lost everything? Or awaken to the news that your home has been destroyed or that you have only 90 days to leave your country or you will be shot on sight? What happens when you are haunted by the voices of defeat and despair? Loss and impoverishment? Failure and disappointment as you watch your multi-million dollar company collapse and lose its way? How do you awaken to a new day? These are some of the themes that Amber explores in her riveting presentation incorporating the power of evocative storytelling. She offers poignant reflections on the transformative power of resilience, vulnerability, despair and forgiveness in our stories. We live in our stories. Our stories can either embolden or diminish us. During these challenging times, as we stand on the precipice of uncertainty, we need a new collective story, one based on creativity, love and the resilient spirit of humanity. Let Amber take you on this inspirational and evocative journey and share with you how the power of a new story based on fearless imagination leads to a life of determination, vision and grace.



• **Leading with Grace and Authenticity**

As a global woman who has launched successful, purpose driven companies – each with a mission to empower artisan entrepreneurs in impoverished, war torn regions of the world - Amber brings a refreshing perspective to the myriad guises of leadership as a path to authenticity and grace. Her pivotal question is this: "when do we lose our way as leaders? And when do we find our way as leaders?" Selecting poignant vignettes from her acclaimed one woman show, *Searching For The Moon: One Woman's Journey Into Awakening*, she offers her audience a glimpse into the myriad pathways of leadership. Through the brutal gaze of the tyrannical Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin ; the misguided aspirations of her first multi-million dollar visionary company that lost its way; and through the vision and voice of fearless resilience as it rises up in a widow, a Rwandan genocide survivor. Each story offers a personal testament to the ways that leaders can both lose - and find - their way and the lessons she has learned through this leadership journey. Amber is an inspirational presenter who mesmerizes her audiences using the art of storytelling as a way to reflect on leadership in our organizations. She remarks: "We live in our stories. Our stories can either embolden or diminish us, liberate us or keep us captive. It is up to us to choose. The question is, what is your leadership story; who are you as a leader?" Great leaders do not set out to be great. They set out to make a difference. They are fearless. They are committed. They care. Amber leaves her audiences inspired, with poignant reflections to take away that will support them as visionary leaders who are invited to lead with grace and authenticity.

Select Book Titles

- **2016:** *Dear Beloved: Sacred Messages To The World*

Select Articles

- [The Balance of Masculine and Feminine Principles in Business](#)

Amber writes: if we are to respond to the evolutionary drive to create conscious and sustainable enterprises in the 21st century, we must acknowledge and celebrate "the feminine" whilst creating a skillful balance between the receptive feminine and active masculine principles. With this, I believe we can confidently celebrate business as a powerful transformational agent for social change in our world.

Select Testimonials

Amber Chand is, quite simply, a very special person with a courageous background told through a dazzling performance. Her universal message of love and forgiveness, of resilience and courage, seemed to inspire so many of us to take individual action as leaders. For so many, Amber Chand was a life-changing experience.

– *Janet Lansberry, Associate Director of Weissman Center for Leadership, Mount Holyoke College, Mass.*

"Amber's presentation was amazing. She brought heart and a unique global perspective to the gathering at the Global Institute for Leadership Development, 2015. I highly recommend her".

– *Philip J. Harkins, Founder and Executive Chair, Linkage, Inc.*

Amber's talk is authentically spoken both from deep reflection and even deeper personal experience...one of the most moving messages that I've heard in quite some time.

– *Richard Leider, Bestselling Author of The Power of Purpose*

Amber Chand is a gifted speaker and an emotionally intelligent leader who possesses great vision. I have known her for the past six years and have been continually impressed with her innovative thinking about her role in assisting others in their quest for fulfillment and purpose. She is practical, planful and spiritual in her coaching gifts. After I watched her perform her one woman show at Linkage's Global Institute for Leadership Development, I was acutely aware of her enormous gifts of presentation for large audiences. In her presentations, she is able to bring a powerful message forward matching the tempo of her presentation with her intuitive understanding of the dynamics of large audiences. I highly recommend her as an individual purpose coach, speaker and consultant.

– *Robert E. Simpson, Jr. President & CEO, Brattleboro Retreat, Vermont*

I was left speechless. A powerful presentation.

– *Ted Barber, Co Founder, Prosperity Candle*

Amber takes us on an incredible global journey - and offers us powerful lessons on leadership that she has learned along the way. I highly recommend this.

– *Terry Mollner, Chairman, Stakeholders Capital; Board Member, Ben & Jerrys*