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"What we need to do is learn to work in the system, by which I mean that everybody, every team, every platform, every division, every component is there not for individual competitive profit or recognition, but for contribution to the system as a whole on a win-win basis."

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David Weinberg was born in the United States in 1954. He studied chemistry and geology at Boston University. After graduation in 1978, he worked as a well site geologist on petroleum exploration wells in New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan and Japan. An interest in gems and minerals led to further studies at the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) in New York, where he completed the graduate gemologist program in 1981.

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