



# The Power of Balance : Transforming Self, Society, and Scientific Inquiry

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Presenting a new theory of power, a new practice of management and a new theory of social science, this volume contradicts the following received wisdoms: that `all power corrupts that all organizational structure constrains and that social science is `purer the more it is divorced from action. Torbert presents a conceptualization of power that generates productivity, justice and inquiry develops a theory of `liberating structure through which organizations can generate continual quality improvement and introduces a new paradigm of engaged social science - `action inquiry.

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