



Title: **Your Pursuit of Greatness**

Speaker: **Ransom Stephens, Ph.D.**

"Helped me rediscover myself." -Dan Nguyen

Description:

A perspective-altering view of how it all works and why you, yes you, are obligated to pursue your Greatest ambition. By combining unique approaches to thinking about time and money, death and taxes, careers and dreams, "Your Pursuit of Greatness" has helped thousands of people confront and realize their most authentic desires even when faced with tremendous challenges.

"Very cool, funny and enlightening." -Tom Gibson, C6

Target audiences:

People at a point in their lives where they must make long lasting decisions about who they are and what they want to be. Different versions for:

- Practicing professionals facing major career decisions
- Retirees who are ready to decide what's next!
- High school and college students pondering their futures
 - Special STEM version includes cutting edge Silicon Valley anecdotes and technology

"In my role as Special Programs Coordinator, I engage speakers from a variety of disciplines. Dr. Ransom Stephens' speeches still elicit rave reviews years, even a decade later. Last week, a student told me that Dr. Stephens' talk was the turning point in his decision to pursue a science career." -Lori Norris, University of Texas at Arlington

This speech will help participants understand:

- How to use timescale to understand where you are, how you got here, and where you're going
- That it's harder to recognize paradise than it is to find and that painful transitions are the only path from one paradise to the next.
- That our lives form a continuous story and how that realization can help us navigate the future
- The nature of "luck" and the three keys to improving yours
- How to distinguish yourself from the crowd
- How to deal with gatekeepers and how to handle ogres
- Networking for introverts
- Why you must never forget your purpose

Plus (as appropriate for your audience)

- The illusion of job security, the future of employment, and how to form a profitable consultancy
- Special insights for teens
- Choosing your path to retirement

"Outstanding REAL stuff to ponder. Loved the pace, humor and content." -Pat Malone

Details

Available as a 50 or 75 minute keynote speech, two hour seminar, or half/full-day workshop. Each presentation is customized to address the specific needs of the audience.

"Great new way of looking at The Situation." -Sandeep Saxena

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About the speaker

Ransom Stephens, Ph.D., has pursued greatness since he was ten years old and has gotten close a few times. As a physics professor, he worked on experiments in laboratories across the United States and Europe, discovered a new type of matter and was on the team that discovered the top quark; as an engineer, he directed advanced technology for a wireless-web startup and led an engineering commando team at a Fortune 500 company to the solution of a timing noise problem that enabled technologies that are only now emerging. He's written hundreds of articles on subjects ranging from neuroscience to quantum physics to parenting teenagers and two novels, *The God Patent* and *The Sensory Deception* (both from 47North). His first nonfiction book, *The Left Brain Speaks but the Right Brain Laughs* (Viva Editions, 2016), is an edgy, somewhat irreverent, accurate look at neuroscience for a lay-audience with emphasis on innovation in art and science. Ransom has given thousands of speeches across the US, Europe, and Asia and has a unique take on life, the universe, and everything that somehow encourages people to pursue their greatest ambitions.

"I just wanted to thank you. I still think about the things you said during your keynote. Not very many people discuss what rabbits we chase, but instead how to keep up with those rabbits. I'm sure people thank you all the time, but in all sincerity thank you for making such an impression on me. I still think about what you said one year later." -Robert Simpson, UTA student

"The students loved your presentation! It is not often that our students agree on anything, but this time it has happened. Thank you so much for your time and effort to motivate and encourage. Your presentation is one that the students will remember and recall when they need uplifting."
-Karen Kesseru, Crossroads High School, Petaluma CA

"A great talk with tons of good suggestions for looking for jobs and having a fulfilling career. Ransom rocks!" -Lee Sawyer, Louisiana Tech