

Leader vs. Commander

A leader guides and teaches;
the commander orders.

A leader elicits and evokes;
the commander demands.

A leader educates;
the commander trains.

A leader motivates;
the commander manipulates.

A leader deals with
people;
the commander disposes
units.

A leader develops
community;
the commander forms
a herd.

A leader acts as
a servant;
the commander is always
the master.

A leader helps you
to think and learn;
the commander wants you
to obey and follow.

A leader draws
from up ahead;
the commander pushes
from behind.

A leader shows what
you might do;
the commander simply
displays might.

A leader entertains
options;

the commander issues
admonitions.

A leader possesses
alternatives;
the commander leaves
no choice.

A leader promotes initiative;
the commander punishes it.

A leader expands potential;
the commander exploits it.

A leader encourages dialogue;
the commander squelches it.

For a leader
how you achieve
is as important as
what you accomplish.

For a commander
only results count.

If you are in a position of
authority,
you are expected to be
a leader.

You fail when you are merely
a commander.

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