

# DEFYING TIME: *Thomas I. White & Prospero's Staff*

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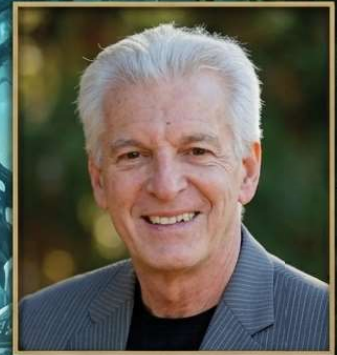
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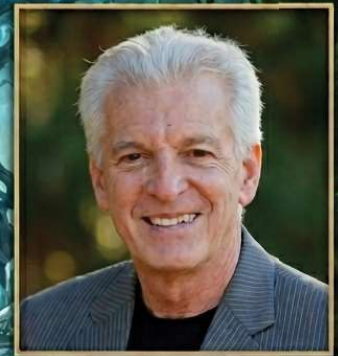
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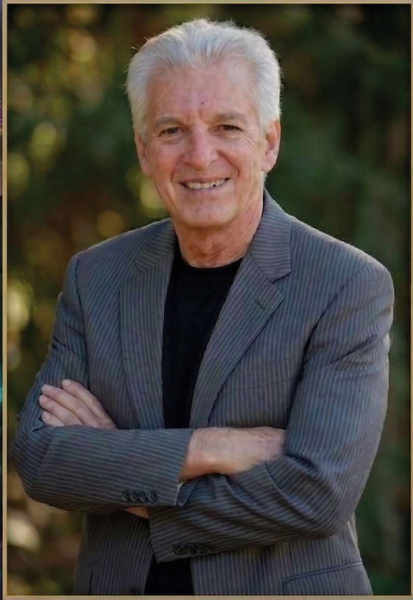
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