

A Spectacular Dream

Here is a riddle: There is something that we have all been given plenty of, but it's never enough. We want more. Everybody goes around pretending they don't have enough of it. We're given this one thing, but we can never keep it. What do you suppose it is? Time.

We say, "I don't have time. I don't have time. I don't have time." And it just keeps coming and coming. All the time we get is ours, but we don't get to keep any of it. It slips through, and the only thing we are left with is what we do in that time.

So what is it that we should do in that time? Don't underestimate this little question. This has been debated for centuries: What should we do? We are such "do" creatures that we forget certain fundamental things.

The thirst for fulfillment is innate; it is within you. If you feel the thirst, you are doing what you should be doing. We are driven to do so much in our lives. We think we have to do so much. All our responsibilities, all our ideas, all our thoughts—it's, "Do, do, do."



But once in our lifetime, it would be nice to sit down and feel what we really *want* to do. The quest for doing it would come from within, not from the outside. It would not be driven by this world. So much of what we think we have to do comes from somebody else.

What does the bathroom cabinet of life look like? All the fixes: "Take this anti-stress thing. Go for a walk, go for a jog, go do this, go do that." Nobody says, "Why are you getting stressed?" It's something to think about because there is one more element to living that we have not included. It's not about going to the moon, and it's not about accomplishments, and it's not about what we could do.

There is another quest within each human being, and that is the desire to be fulfilled, not in thought or imagination, but in earnest. It is the

desire to be in that one place which is surrounded by certainty, peace.

Life is not about solving problems. Every time you solve a problem, there will be another one. In fact, some days you feel that you better not solve problems because that is the only way to avoid new ones.

People make excuses why we cannot have peace, but how many recognize that the quest for peace has been going on for an extremely long time. We have had a dream for a really, really long time. A spectacular dream, a dream that said to be in peace—not fear, doubt, pain, sorrow, or confusion—a dream to be in clarity.

Peace is to be in clarity, to feel that understanding, to be in joy not sorrow. And there dwells reality—not a theory, an argument, a definition—but a feeling. True reality is a feeling, to know in clarity.

Peace is the reward. Joy is the reward. A life fulfilled—one at a time. That is the most incredible reward you can ever have. It's the highest honor, the most noble quest—the quest for peace. It is always noble because there's no end. Those who have felt the peace rejoice. The truest victory for every human being is not all the deserts you could cross or the mountains you could climb. It is about feeling, joining, admiring the place within. This is life, not the things that happen in it.

Each breath is a blessing. Be a fisherman. Somebody can show you how to cast that net within and catch as many of those blessings in your life as you can. Reel them in. Fill this vessel, understand, and rejoice. Feel free, really free. Feel the ultimate feeling. Feel happiness, peace every day. Feel the gratitude in your life every day. That's what life is about.

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