

I thought a moment. "I've always tried to do that, but did not realize the full implications of that standard until now. So tell me. Am I done with the first key or what?"

"You have found the first key word. Now your next step is to understand the key itself. During the next week I want you to think about why this particular word is a key of knowledge and why it identifies the core of your existence. Why is it the cause of all motion in the universe from a planet to a pen to an atom?"

"I feel privileged to continue this after the scare you gave me." I said, laughing with relief.

John smiled reassuringly. "Not as bad as the scare you gave me. I would probably feel worse losing a student with the mission you are supposed to have than you would have in losing the opportunity. After all, I have much more knowledge of the implications of it all than you."

"So you were supposed to tell me more about this mission..." I urged.

"Yes," he said. "There are several stages and all will not be revealed at once. We want you to concentrate on the work at hand rather than some future event that seems impossible at the moment."

"What then is the first stage?"

"The first stage is for you to write several books giving out new teachings and keys to the world."

I scratched my head. "I don't think you understand how busy I am. To pay all my bills including Elizabeth's medical expenses I now work 7 days a week, often 12-16 hours a day. I

not only have to work like crazy to make money, but I have to do all the work around the house since Elizabeth's illness. I would be happy to do whatever you ask if you would materialize a few gold bars so my hands could be free.”

John smiled. “I remember those few sweet years with the Master - how we would often give Him replies like that. Do you know what He usually said back to us?”

“What?”

“Oh ye of little faith.”

I chuckled. “Well with me it should be *Oh ye of little time*. There are only so many hours in a day.”

“Are you telling me it impossible for you to find time to write a book?”

I reflected a moment. Oh, what the hell. “All right. Nothing is impossible. I'll find some way.”

“Let's look at the practical possibilities first. Can you mortgage your house to free up some money which would free up some time?”

I frowned. “Are you kidding? I'm mortgaged to the hilt!”

“How about friends or relatives. Will any of them help?”

“Most of them already think I'm too far out. No. None of them would loan me money to write

a book. I'd have to lie to them and I know you don't want that.”

“Dealing with the material side of life is something that even the highest teachers have a problem with,” said John, frowning. “But especially in this age we recognize that it is a necessity. All you need to do is find time to write your first book or two. Now because of certain spiritual laws we cannot just materialize you bars of gold or other wealth, but we do believe that many people will be interested in the teachings and be willing to buy the books. When this happens, you will have enough coming in to free your hands so you can spend full time as a student, teacher and writer.”

I took a long sip of coffee. “Maybe I could stay up an extra hour or two each evening until I get the book done. I'll find a way to do it. I must warn you I have been planning on doing some writing for years and have just not been able to find the time, but I know this is important. When am I supposed to start?”

“Right away.”

“But I haven't even completed the first key.”

“You don't have to. The first book will tell about your encounter with me and your experiences and what you have learned up to this moment. You are not to reveal the first key word in the first book. One reason is you are to give many copies of the first book free by making it available on the Internet or any other way you can come up with. There, seekers can download copies and get a feel for what is to come. If they are then interested, they can either purchase a hard copy or future books you write. This will supply you with money to free your hands and begin other projects we have in mind for you.”

“So I am supposed to start writing right away and write everything exactly as it has happened? The trouble with that idea is no one will believe it. They'll think the book is the work of an illusionary dreamer.”

“Actually, you are more correct than you realize. We have made two previous attempts to put

out advanced teachings to the world in a straightforward method and both failed miserably. We found that new age gurus who just made everything up from their subconscious had more success than did our two disciples. An additional problem was our disciples were so honest and straightforward they were boring.”

“I'm sure you're not asking me to be dishonest.”

“Far from it. Even Joshua would fall from the light if he asked you to do that.”

“So what are you asking?”

“We are asking you to write a book of fiction,” John replied.

“Fiction? But none of these fantastic things that has transpired is fiction.” I exclaimed.

“No. But some of them are too unbelievable for you to write and there are other things that lack a certain glamour necessary to attract an audience. Therefore, we want you to create any characters or events you want to make the book interesting. Since you will publish the book as fiction you will not be dishonest in creating any characters, situations or events necessary to make an interesting story. There is one criteria, however, that you must adhere to.”

“What is that?” I asked.

“The whole purpose of your writings will be to present teachings important for the coming age of peace. Therefore, you are under strict command to not alter any teachings you receive from me or any other future spiritual teacher. You are to present them as clearly and as honestly as you are capable. Even though you will publish the writings as fiction there are many who will sense the teachings themselves are true and many will want to know more.”

“The most unbelievable part of this whole adventure is you,” I smiled. “Should I tell the whole story about you?”

“We are leaving that up to you. You will probably have to alter me to some degree, or possibly many degrees. If necessary you can say you met Hercules, or the moon goddess, whatever you think will make a good story. Just be true to the teachings you have received.

“You and the Christ are much wiser than me. Why are you leaving such an important assignment up to me?”

“Teachings to humanity must come through humanity, through ordinary mortals such as yourself. Every time we have broken that rule in the history of the world it has always ended in disaster.”

“I thought you spiritual teachers were infallible. It sounds like even the Christ can make a mistake.”

“True perfection consists in having the ability to complete a task successfully. When one is in the process of completing a work there will always be mistakes, but that does not prevent the end product from being perfect. Look at this world and the inhabitants on it. There is much imperfection here created by God himself, but the end result of it all will be a perfection beyond imagination.”

‘Hm-m-m, interesting.’ I thought. “So you are forced to rely on a mere mortal such as myself to get the word out?”

“Yes. The closest I can come to you is as a teacher, and even then you must be an active participant in asking questions and finding answers. You have to really want to know each step of the way as you progress.”

“Well, I must admit I have a strong motive since the life of my wife depends on it.”

John smiled, “I believe you would pursue the truth with a vengeance even if her life did not depend on it.”

“Perhaps. I guess we'll find out when she is healed.”

“I have faith you will help her achieve that healing. Just remember to always follow the highest you know. This principle also encompasses the area of healing. In fact, she is now anxiously awaiting your return. You need to go home so she can peacefully sleep.”

“You're probably right.” I said. “I'll try to get my first chapter done for our meeting next week.”

“Do not bring it to me until the book is done,” John said.

“Why is that?”

“The less influence I have the more powerful it will be even if it is written in your weakness. I will read it when you are finished, but I will be constrained from editing it.”

“Won't you be able to give me your opinion at least?”

“I will tell you whether I enjoyed it or not. When you are done we will see how much more I can reveal.” He got up to leave and said, “We'd better call it a day here.”

“Will I see you next week?” I asked hopefully.

“We'll just meet here at Denny's again unless you hear otherwise.”

“I look forward to it.”

John turned back to face me. “There is just one thing I ask as you begin this task.”

“What's that?” I asked.

“Write a good book. Try to not embarrass me.”

“I'll make you larger than life,” I replied, smiling.

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