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That which is spiritual, is practical. Meaning, within all I do, there is: Myself — Guidance — Universe. When I apply this into what I am actually doing at any given moment, I cannot help but be successful. It is a recipe that puts purpose into the job; and that essential ingredient turns that 'job' into an opportunity. Still, it must be real to me and my situation. It's pragmatic to ask myself, "How do I know if what I am doing will bear me fruit" (versus being a tangent)? I see a flower; its parent plant needs good soil, water and sunshine to create the 'flower' that will eventually result in seed. But that's not all . . . each plant also needs insects, animals, and the overall general environment to play its part in pollinating and dispersing those seeds. Nature, and the universe, are full of hints & tips to make things easier for myself. The first 'hint' is, I need a nourishing environment. This applies to the inner and to the outer alike. If I am treating myself like trash, there is little value in changing environments; I will eventually trash that new environment as well. I must first recognize the strength & freedom I already am . . . only then can I truly begin to start manifesting into the material (the physical). To say it another way — I treat myself with honor, as one who is powerful and peaceful. This is the pivot point I make my decisions from. Another 'hint' is, "I didn't come here to build all by myself." I need people in my life; to work with and stimulate me, so that I productively cultivate & accomplish what I have come to do. People are my greatest asset when it comes to my evolvement. Sometimes, I will be pushed out of my comfort zone, so I think bigger. I will be drawn to doing better (and more). All of which I signed up for. I am already a success merely for being here, but it is my life and I must claim it; that makes the difference between a survival vibration and the richness of an Affluent Life.

All things are possible. The people who say it cannot be done, are usually interrupted by the person doing it. Why is it I sometimes see things as impossible, or unachievable? Why do I feel low when I do not hit the target I am aiming toward? If I tune back into My Energy, the soul, I realize life is what I make of it. I am the Universe and I have that power & process within me. After all, I could not exist here without being a part of the whole. Religion says I am the expression of God and science says I am the total component of the universe. That means I have all that I need to fulfill my purpose. I will evolve through involvement. In reality, while I may forget it sometimes, I already know I have the power to create. So much so, that I can actually create hardship and strife, just as I can create "easy" within something I have never done. This does not mean there will be no effort, on the contrary, I want to be fully in my purpose; I want to feel what I am building. It is truly amazing to watch a child struggle with something, then find a way to accomplish it; the glee in that child's face is something to behold. That child, without hesitation, resets how he or she operates and moves to the next opportunity. They incorporate the lesson as a new perspective — the thirst for growth drives this progress. That is me, the real me. Able to incorporate new facts and perspectives . . . and act on them. That is what being alive is all about. That is the attitude of success.

Spiritually, there is a profound difference between *trying* and *being*. "Trying", is temporary. "Being", has a permanence. I will inevitably become worn-out by *trying*, and my job will eventually become impracticable. In other words, while I can forge steel into something I can utilize (with great effort), I cannot force people to help me spiritually . . . and my opportunity here is aligned with people, not things. 'Being,' on the other hand, does not require effort. It requires . . . just being. I live in two worlds at once, so I must have the drive to turn possibilities into reality. I must know and respect my own boundaries to forge ahead. In other words, I am a spiritual being, here for action, achievement and advancement. With all that firm in my feelings, tolerance & benevolence are the expression of my innerpeace. This goes for myself and for my relations with other people. It is to my own benefit as well as theirs; it's the oil that greases the skids of life. If I seek to be successful in freedom, peace and evolvement, then I must allow for people to do the same. And it is inevitable that their path of success

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will be different than mine; the 'way' they do things and the tools they use will differ. As long as I am not being hindered, and there is a way to accomplish my purpose, there are few excuses for seeing them as good or bad, better or worse. My responsibility is to what I have come to do. Just as theirs is to **their** purpose.

It is impressive how much I can rebel against myself. Meaning, I know something is off, but I do it anyway; I feel the chills (and insights) but do not act on them. What typically happens is I set myself up to miss my timing. More seriously, I can disempower myself and allow others to feed off me. This is the story played out, day after day, job after job, relationship after relationship . . . until one day, enough becomes enough. Then, and only then, I become a part of it, and float up to the next great opportunity. I make a "decision" to follow my insights, follow spirit, towards my goals. Through decision, there is commitment and follow through. Without decision, there is nothing. Until that time, I am a big fish, playing glory trip, in a little pond.

Rebellion is innate. It helps me maintain my freedom, and is natural. I do not need any help understanding this. Intellectual rebellion however, is what I have been trained to do, or <u>react</u> to. When I know I can do something and it needs to be done, but argue over doing it anyway, that is intellectual rebellion. When I know it is time to change, but play out the same old habits, that is intellectual rebellion. When I know it's time to move into greater abundance, but keep blowing my time & energy, that is intellectual rebellion. It is a symptom of becoming devoted to someone or something outside of myself; *false gods*, one could say. This does not mean I take people for granted or do not have consideration. It simply means I get the facts for what I need and want, and accept that I will achieve them. I do not give up my inner authority for outer authority. This is the *maturing* process. I then start truly respecting all things as guidelines and a means to an end. I can live within the rules and not be trapped by them.

There is a very old saying often heard around, "building on sand." It is a phase to remind me, I need to have solid foundations, inside and out. When I understand that my knowledge will become parables for learning and my experiences will become lessons for growth, I can relax. I not only play the game of life well, I enjoy it. In my daily life, I thrive. And so, "building on sand" is when I start playing unnecessary games with myself and people. It is sentiment over results. Passion before principal. Emotions rather than facts. This is why it is so important for me to know, what is me and not me. To make my needs my wants, so-to-speak. Without this, I will be in the rat race, again, spinning my wheels. And once again, the dirty secret is, there is no way out, but up. I cannot out run it, out think it, or even out last it. I can however outgrow it! When this becomes part of my understanding, it is humorously referred to as, "a moment of clarity." And when I begin acting on that clarity, I will start accomplishing my goals. I will actually have to adjust my attitude, because I won't be used to having that kind of success. It's worth the adjustment though. I build on rock, when I build from the inside out, when I live the life I came to live. Investing in myself and all things, all the time, makes my special and unique opportunity here viable.