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These poems are meant to be pondered over.
There is a message contained in each one.
There is a riddle to be solved.
I hope they may contain meanings for your life.



Never Let Go Your Soul

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Money Can't Buy

They say money can't buy you, love.
What do you think of that?
Is that true or false?
Imagine buying a fancy car.
Let's say a yellow Ferrari.
At first, you love the car.
Wow, I got this brand-new yellow Ferrari.
You take your family and friends for a spin.
For the first month, you have so much love and joy.
Slowly day by day your satisfaction goes out the door.
You get a speeding ticket.
One of your tires blows.
You need an oil change.
Your car spends more time in the shop than on the road.
You realize the car ride is always bumpy.
Let's face it life happens.
After some time you are no longer happy with your car.
It's just another possession you have.
Money can't buy you happiness.
Money can't buy you, love.
Love and happiness are your true nature.
Yet we have forgotten.
I remember as a kid getting some presents from my parents.
The thrill lasted only a few days.
But if you tap into the source of life the thrill will never leave you.
Seems too good to be true.
Do you mean you have a genie of happiness inside each one of us?
Yes,
Precisely.
Now life will throw you curveballs.
You will hit speed bumps on the road of life.
Yet you have a genie you can call to lessen the blows in life.
You will still have a bumpy road.
That's why life is a journey.
Yet diving inside of you daily creates shock absorbers in life.
All the great masters in the past had incredible shock absorbers.
They simply smiled in adversity.
Imagine knowing the essence of life while you are alive.

No wonder people loved them.
They show the way to discover the true essence within.
Ponder this over
You can solve this puzzle.

Moon Rising

Wow, the moon is rising.
Can you see it in the distance?
Or
Are you texting while driving?
What is so important is that you risk death while driving.
The moon is rising and you are asleep at the wheel.
The universe is alive.
Yet you have forgotten many moons ago.
As I have said numerous times before.
You are the universe.
You just don't know it.
Have you ever paid attention to the cycles of the moon?
Do you know without the moon we wouldn't exist on this planet?
The earth and moon are in perfect harmony.
They are in synch with one another.
Yet we go merrily along our way.
We are oblivious to nature.
Our life is built on sound bites.
Most young people communicate through messaging on their cell phones.
I see family at restaurants where all the family is active on their cell phone.
At times I feel we have created one extra layer between us and God.
A signpost of God exists everywhere.
Yet do we have the eyes to see?
Look I've been into technology all my life.
I've been a software engineer for thirty-five years.
But I have learned there must be a balance in life.
We have lost our ways with nature.
The present-day capitalist system encourages each of us to rape the precious
resources of the land.
Why does a refrigerator get obsolete in 10 years?
Why not create a refrigerator for life?
We need products to last a lifetime.
I watch house hunter on TV.
I constantly see people complain this kitchen is old and needs total remodeling.
Let's face it we are spoiled and brainwashed at the same time.
Any person who lives in a third-world country would complete appreciating living
in any of these houses.
What boils down to is we should be grateful for being alive.

Unfortunately, the media always want you to buy forever.
There are only so many resources on this planet.
Ponder this over.

Music Has Changed My Life

Music has changed my life.
Wow, where we would be without music?
I can still hear songs that out over fifty years old and a flood of sweet memories
appear.
What is it about music that connects us all to life?
I still remember songs that carried me along in my hard times in life.
They inspired me and uplifted me.
Music has many moods of expression.
I grew up during the Vietnam war.
Many of my favorite songs back then were protest songs.
Country Joe and the fish led the way.
The Beatles lead the revolution of music in their own way.
With their producer George Martin they completely changed the way we listen to
music.
I still remember anticipating their newest albums.
Music cleans the mind and soul.
It has a sense and awareness to it.
You can't quite pinpoint it.
But we all know a great song when we hear it.
It's like the artist touches heaven and brings the essence into the song.
There are so many different types of music.
Each type reflects personally our taste.
Like wine, our taste in music slowly over time becomes more refined.
I think the more we become aware we become attached to music which reflects our
journey in life.
These days I love music where you can listen and sail away deep down inside.
These ancient musicians are masters in reflecting heaven down to earth.
You put on your headphones.
Close your eyes.
You are instantly transported inside.
This is the music I yearn to listen to.
Mind you I respect all different flavors of music.
But personally, at my stage in life, I love to listen to music that will transform me.
Music has changed my life.
I'm sure it has changed yours.
The next time you listen to a song ponder for a moment.
The artist is expressing something to you.
Listen to what is going on.

Take the message to heart.
Learn from it.
Be one

Music is a way

Music is a way to find God inside of you.
In each and every culture around the world, people use music to sing the glory of
God.

Each one has a different rhythm and melody.
The essence is one and the same.
I love hearing the many different expressions of God.
Each different expression touches my soul.
You may have a solo performance where the singer gets totally lost and found
inside.

The audience is mesmerized by the performance.
An arrow of love sticks to our hearts.

Or.

You have some choir singing like incredible Angels
You can almost touch God's face.
His presence is felt everywhere.
Tears of joy feel the air.
I love to see the joy on the faces of black people singing God's praises.
They take the music to a higher level.
I've been to India and loved the sweet chanting of God's precious names.
The exotic sounds of the sitar, tablas and sweet chanting take one to a higher
connection to God.

I love seeing the Sufi dancing into the night.
They have such an incredible harmony spinning round and round.
You can see their souls are in heaven expressed in bliss
When I was a child I loved to sing about Christ and God.
The older I got I loved to see the diversity of God.
There is one trunk with many different branches.
Each one has a totally different expression.
Singing is a vehicle to drive your car to God.
It is a way to connect to our true nature.
Imagine if we could sing a song and bring those attributes back to our 9 to five
existence.

Imagine singing a song of love.
You capture that essence.
Hold it in your heart.
Then when someone explodes anger your way
You give them the love you have in your heart.
You then can sing the same song and the love will increase in your heart.

We can change this world by doing this.
It may seem simple.
It is.
Sometimes the most simple thing in life is overlooked.
We don't sing a song for merely singing a song.
We sing a song to touch heaven and bring that essence down to earth.
It doesn't matter your faith and religion.
The essence is one and the same.
We all have a supreme Father who created us.

My Cup Is Half Full Not Half Empty

My cup is half full not half empty.
You may say I'm the eternal optimist.
I always look at the bright side of things.
Oh, there have been times when I said my cup is half empty.
We all go through various speed bumps in life.
I'm sixty-four going on sixty-five in a few months.
This year I've worked only around four months.
In my last job for the USDA ninety out of a hundred employees got laid off.
I feel sorry for many of these folks.
Many of them came from India.
I really don't know if they had to go back to India after they got laid off.
I got a part-time contract job and it ended on the last day of July.
Since then it was a roller coaster of getting a job.
Most of the time I saw the glass as half full.
Yet to be honest at times I saw the glass as half empty.
I had this one job prospect whom I interview four times.
They love my resume.
They love me.
I got the job offer yet it was a salary I made thirty years ago.
I put a lot of effort and faith into getting this job.
Well for a few days I was truly in the dumps.
With all my spiritual training I pulled myself back up from the ground.
I knew that the perfect job was coming my way.
The universe tends to arrange things in her sweet times.
Imagine the universe is a grand orchestra.
Everything is in harmony.
At times we come in with our toy drum and demand that things go our way.
It doesn't work that way.
We can't be spoiled brats and demand from God.
There are a time and places for everything.
I watched the pieces of the puzzle come together.
I got a call from the blue from a headhunter in Chicago.
He loved my resume and we had a great phone interview.
He passed my resume to a few of his colleagues.
To make a long story short I got a full-time job from HR block.
It was exactly what I was looking for.
The universe always provides.
We must be patient and see the glass is half full.

It's not easy all the time.
It's not easy seeing your savings go out into the wind.
Yet for many moons, I have always trusted.
When I was working for Charles Schwab my projections were I would be retired
by now.
The stock market tanked.
My job tanked.
I could be bitter.
After all my last projects from Schwab, I probably save the company a billion
dollars.
My financial reward was a layoff.
I reached the golden age of fifty-five when they had a great tendency to lay you
off.
I got a great severance package.
But there was a carrot on the stick.
I got the severance package but I couldn't sue the company for age discrimination.
I don't hold on to grudges.
Who needs extra baggage in life?
My journey in life leads in different directions.
Many of my friends have lived in the same spot all their lives,
They went to college.
Got married.
Found great jobs and am now retired.
I went in the absolute direction.
I traveled around the world in third class.
I learned how to meditate.
It took me ten years to go back to school.
But when I did go back to school I was really motivated.
I got into the cutting forefront of the computer revolution and have been riding the
wave for thirty-five years.
I have learned that the spiritual path is the most practical path.
It's not easy.
Life at times is not easy.
That's why it is a journey.
My glass is half full.
What's yours?
You can change how you see your glass.
After all, you are holding the glass.

My Dear Friend

My dear friend
This message is for you.
I'm not here to twist your arm.
I do not try to convince you or to convert you.
The truth does need convincing or converting.
The truth simply is.
You are the universe.
You just don't know it.
You are eternal.
You are beyond time.
Wow.
That's your true nature.
I know it seems like how could this be possible.
All the wise men from the past said was to look within.
This is the beginning of your inner journey.
It's a wondrous journey.
It's an exciting journey.
Yes, you will still hit potholes in your life.
Yet over time, you will develop great shock absorbers.
The great masters in the past developed theirs over time.
They made an incredible amount of mistakes.
Yet they learned from them.
You see mistakes aren't failures.
They are made so we can fine-tune ourselves in life.
That's a big difference.
Each and every moment in life is a learning experience.
The great masters had this level of commitment.
At times we are human doers, not human beings.
A human being always will stop and ponder before speaking.
He asks himself whether these words are beneficial or not.
Am I stoaking the fire with gasoline or am I placing water on the fire?
That's a big difference.
Our present-day President, unfortunately, puts gasoline on the fire.
This could lead to nuclear war.
You can start to learn about your true essence just by monitoring the words you
speak.
You see we were meant to be in harmony with the universe.
We have our toy drums and we are banging them around.

Imagine going to an incredible concert.
You are enjoying the moment.
A young obnoxious kid walks out on stage.
He starts banging on his toy drum.
This is at times what we are like.
Just look at present-day politics today.
Obnoxious men are banging their drums and nothing gets done.
It seems like each decade it's getting worse.
The answer to this is a man must discover his true nature.
Ponder this over.
You can solve this puzzle.

Puerto Rico

It's been over three weeks since Puerto Rico got slammed by a Cat 5 hurricane.

The country got totally destroyed.

Three weeks later only 20% of the homes have power.

People still have to wait in lines for over 12 hours just to buy necessities.

Look these are US citizens here.

They are not second-class citizens.

I am dismayed by the lack of humility in our President.

Does he have any mercy and compassion?

The mayor of San Juan made a desperate plea for help.

Our dear President slammed her on Twitter.

She is doing her absolute best to help the people.

She is wadding in the dirty water doing whatever she can.

Our President comes in for a photo op.

He stays for a few hours and leaves the scene.

Why did it take so long for relief to come?

Everybody saw the devastation.

I'm living in Kanas and was devastated by the mass suffering.

Our military should have sent immediately tons of vessels and supplies.

Aircraft carriers should have been sent.

The entire cruise industry in the Caribbean should have sent their ships and helped out.

After two weeks Congress decided to drop the law where the Puerto Ricans pay an extra 20% on all goods being exported to the country.

Much help came from private American citizens and businesses.

They had the compassion to come to help.

Even Elan Musk said he could help rebuild the grid using solar.

This is a game-changer.

All it takes is for people to think outside of the box and act on it.

As each day goes on I pray for the suffering to end.

Unfortunately, they have suffered too much.

Why can't we as a society learn how to respond appropriately?

Yes, the US did send supplies.

But the people of Puerto Rico would give us an F.

I don't blame them.

Where are love and compassion?

Where is the sense of helping our fellow man?

Our President is a reflection of our actions.

He set up the tone.

Unfortunately, I don't see emotional maturity.
How dare the President mock the Major when she is begging for help?
I really don't think our President has any decent morals.
He will mock anyone who has a different point of view.
We need to step up to the plate and help Puerto Rico to heal itself.
I pray that Puerto Rico will be totally healed from this disaster.
May we learn our lessons from this disaster.
Hopefully, next time around we can be totally prepared.

Never Forget Who You Are

Never forget who you are.
We come into this world one with the universe.
We live and then ultimately we die.
When we die we become one with the universe again.
Somehow along the way we forget our true nature.
How could that happen?
Is this a cosmic joke?
Is this a game that is meant to be played?
We call life a journey.
A journey has many different kinds of adventures.
It isn't always a smooth road.
The great masters from the past said that you can solve this great puzzle of life.
You have to search within.
Within lies the great jewel of life.
The diamond exists inside of you.
You have to mine the diamond.
You have the pick and shovel.
Nobody can do the hard labor of digging your own internal diamond.
Oh, there are many books describing the process.
As Christ once said lo and behold the kingdom of heaven lies within.
Heaven is your true nature.
Heaven is a state of being.
This journey of life ultimately leads to heaven.
Heaven is a state of mind.
Millions of people today are waking up from their slumber.
Millions of people today are mining the great diamond within.
Ponder this over.
You are so close to heaven.
Heaven is all around you.
Can you feel it?

Never Let Go Your Soul

Never let go of your soul.
It's like in the play the Damm Yankees.
The main character gives up his soul.
In exchange, he became an incredible baseball player.
Yet he lost his soul.
How many people do we know who have given up their souls?
They are super rich and powerful.
Some even might have been Presidents of nations.
When you lose your soul Love and compassion don't exist.
Oh, they are there but the darkness has covered them over.
I can't imagine living life without knowing the diamond inside.
All the riches in the world are nothing without love and compassion.
Your riches will someday be taken from you.
Love and compassion can never be taken from you.
That's your true nature.
We have seen plenty of incidents today where someone mocks the poor.
Someone says they can kill anyone on the street and they would still vote for him.
The list goes on and on.
At the last count, this person has lied over a thousand times since January.
I feel sorry for this person.
He is in deep pain.
Yet the arrogance and lack of humility are freighting.
This is a prime example of someone who is lost.
He has all the material riches.
Yet he is miles away from his soul.
He wants anyone different from him.
All the goodness that Obama did is slowly being eroded.
He is doing this in spite, of not for the benefit of the country.
He has a vendetta against the previous administration.
It's like he wants to tear down anything they built up.
I think next time around we should look very closely at who we elect.
Trump steamrollered all his competition.
They didn't have a chance.
He used his opponents and mocked them
They didn't have a chance.
He was a wild card.
The U.S never saw this coming.
Now we have this President in office.

Nobody including his administration knows how to control him.
He is a wild cannon.
Unfortunately, he doesn't have the traits to be a leader of free will.
The rest of the world is looking at us.
They are saying the President has lost his soul.
Just ask Puerto Rico.

Nexus

Nexus is a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.

Wow, what does that mean?

I've been saying that the signposts of God are all around us.

Yet do we have the eyes to see?

My contract ended in July so I've been looking for work.

I knew that life always presents a series of connections to accomplish getting a new job.

The trick is to be patient.

Yes, I said the trick is to be patient.

After a month of looking, I got a job offer from a great company.

Unfortunately, they wanted to pay me a salary I made moons ago.

A little frustration enters the door.

Well, I tell the frustration to leave and proceed along the way.

Patience is truly a virtue.

In order to get my new job, I had to wait for the perfect circumstances to occur.

One day I get a phone call from a recruiter.

We start talking and he loves my resume.

He passes my resume along to his co-workers.

One of the co-workers knows someone in the It department for HR-Block.

The HR-Block person calls me and we have a chat.

The next day I'm at their headquarters having a job interview.

The next day I'm offered a job.

This is called Nexus.

I love to see the connections linking two or more things.

A signpost in life is all around you.

Be patient in life.

Stop, look and listen.

We live a fast-paced life.

We drive with cell phones in our hands.

Nexus truly occurs when we stop playing our toy drums in God's orchestra of life.

Here is incredible harmonious music being played and we are like a spoiled brat walking on stage beating our toy drums.

We are out of synch in life.

No wonder we are frustrated.

We have forgotten the harmony in life.

We think we are totally alone.

We don't believe in the concept of Nexus much less experience it in our lives.

For so many people it's hocus-pocus.

Ponder this over.
Your life will change when you discover the jewel inside.
You can be in synch with the universe.

Not Your Words

Not your words.
Today is a brand new day.
What habit would you like to change?
How about the negative words you speak?
You see we can change for the better.
Mankind has spoken words of hate and anger for ever so long.
What has it accomplished for us?
Nothing but misery on this planet.
Did you know that speaking negative words never creates a solution to the
problem?
It's like putting gasoline on the fire in life.
It makes the fire explode.
Make people think that anger is a powerful force.
Anger is inferior to love and compassion.
Anybody can get angry.
But to show love and compassion during a heated argument is truly the wise man.
We as humans need to tap into our divine nature.
It is our birthright.
The wise men proclaimed for us to look inside for the precious jewel.
It's been there all along.
Hidden and full of dust.
Yet it exists.
The dust does not taint the jewel.
It just covers it up.
You just have to mine the diamond inside and clean it.
It's that simple.
Yes, it takes time and effort.
But you can do it.
This is what you came for.
You are a magnificent piece of the puzzle of life.
Kindness is your true nature.
Try changing the words you speak.
Learn how to sit still and listen.
In other words, learn how to meditate.
Stillness is the place inside where you can tap into Love and compassion.
You can tap into kindness.
You can tap into patience and tolerance.
The more you connect on daily bases the more you can control your speech.

Stop, look and listen before you speak.
You can control your words and emotions.
Imagine if everyone did this peace would be on earth.
We would still have conflicts.
Yet they would be peaceful conflicts.
Someday humanity will see a new dawning of man.
Millions of people are waking up from their slumber.
Wake up.
The alarm clock of compassion is waking you up.
It's a brand new day.