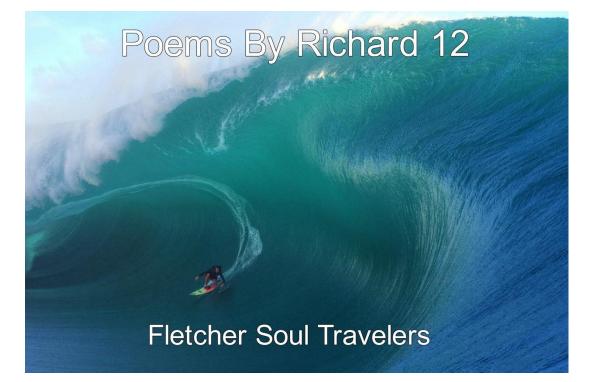
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These poems are meant to be pondered over. There is a message contained in each one. There is a riddle to be solved. I hope they may contain meanings for your life.



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### Hello

Hello

Where have you been? It just seems like a few minutes ago you left to get a glass of water. Now your lifetime is almost up. I hope you enjoyed this life. It was quite the journey for you. Life is not easy but you made it to the end. We have been always at your side. We have never left you. Remember you are a part of the universe. You have simply forgotten. Welcome back home.

### Practice Makes Perfect

Practice makes perfect. When I was young I had to practice much more than my brother. He had the knack to be good at whatever he picked up. I was always a few stages behind him. Yet by the art of practicing, I developed over time mastering what I was learning. When it comes to life you can never say I've mastered it. Life will throw you curveballs. It will test you. It's like playing video games. You can advance to a new level and that's where the challenge begins. Everybody gets their fair share of hard knocks, How do you handle them? That is part of the game of life. It's quite a delicate process. We stumble and fall. Yet over time, we learn how to embrace the situation. I've been laid off numerous due to our economic climate. Each time I learned how to snap back. It takes practice. Each time it gets a little easier. Is this a lesson on how to fine-tune the guitar of life? Do we make better music when we go through the ringer and out the other side? This life is definitely not boring.

# The Party Of Life

You are invited to the party of your life. Unfortunately, this is a costume party and you have forgotten who you truly are. You came to this party knowing who you truly are. Yet during the party, you got amnesia. You have forgotten who you truly are. It's time for you to wake up from your slumber.

# Kindness Goes A Long Way

Kindness goes a long way. Being angry is so easy. Just put more gasoline on the fire. We have done that for ever so long. Yet kindness takes time to mature. You have to plant the seed in the ground and nature it. True kindness you have to take out the negative weeds and water daily. Yet the fruits are so sweet. The universe is proud that someone is reaching for the stars.

## Why Meditate?

Why meditate many people say? All you are doing is closing your eyes. Yet have you seen your favorite singer closing his eyes and melting you with love. When you are with your lover most likely your eyes are close. Meditation is a means to connect directly to your creator. Isn't that more than enough?

## There Is A Rainbow In The Sky

There is a rainbow in the sky. Some say a pot of gold is on the other side. Some say that the rainbow doesn't exist at all. Some say the rainbow is simple light reflecting upon the matter. There is a rainbow within. Only you can see it and feel it. The answer lies inside of your heart.

# Key To Your Heart

You have a key to your heart. Only you can unlock it. You have searched your entire life for something that lies inside of you. Isn't that an irony? You don't learn that in school.

# Kindness Is On My Mind

Hello, my friend. Please stay awhile. Kindness is on my mind. The whole world seems to be freaking out. Facebook is on fire. What is the solution to our problems? Simple. Be kind.

### Wonder

The dictionary definition of wonder is the following. A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable. How elegantly said. How can you explain love? Love is a feeling of surprise mixed with admiration. You really can't explain it. You only know love when you feel it. It's not intellectual. Mystics have described the wonder of going inside and tapping into this essence. They have said only by eating the fruit can you understand. You can talk about love yet there is a huge difference in partaking the fruit and talking about it. May you experience the wonder inside of you? It does exist. It's who you truly are.

### How Do You See The Cup Of Life?

How do you see the cup of life? Is it full or empty? Is it half full or half empty? Is your cup a struggle but you have faith you are on the right road? Struggles are a part of life. Nobody gets a free ride. Even if you meditate your entire life you will have challenges along the way. Struggles and challenges are ways to make you strong. It makes a strong cup. Only you can change your attitude for the better. It's not easy but you can do it.

### Adapt

The definition for adapt is make (something) suitable for a new use or purpose; modify. All the great mystics have talked about this. You have the opportunity to tune into the universe inside of you. It already exists. This is your true nature. You just need to adapt to this new wisdom. Take it to heart. Your body is hard-wired for this experience. The more you adapt yourself to this realization the more it will pay off. You are an incredible diamond. Synchronicity

The definition of synchronicity is the coincidental occurrence of events and especially psychic events (as similar thoughts in widely separated persons or a mental image of an unexpected event before it happens) How does that sound? Spooky. All of us had this feeling before. We can't quite pinpoint it. It's a part of us is beyond time and space. It's called our higher selves. This part is like a cosmic soup where the entire universe came from. It is beyond time and space. As humans, we are hard-wired for this experience. This is why at times we have the feeling of synchronicity. Somehow we tap into this state and bring something up which is out of the ordinary. A mystic's state of mind is ordinary yet for us it's not. We all have these gifts inside of us. Look within for the answers.

### I Don't Get It

I don't get it. Why do you meditate? Isn't that a waste of time? Why do you want to know yourself? I know who I am. Why should I care if I'm trying to improve myself? I simply am what I am. Who cares about the other person? I have what I need. Let's party on. Rock and roll. There is no tomorrow. This is what I have heard over the years.

### Life Goes On.

Life goes on. It never waits for anyone. You were born and someday you will die. Yet life just continues along on its journey. You are a part of life. Yet at times we think we are alone. What is keeping you alive? What is that life force energy which is your soul? When your soul leaves your body you will no longer be around. Ponder the meanings of these words. You can solve this mystery.

## Did You Know?

Did you know the universe considers you as your best friend? You are never alone. Yet at times we think we are. You are a part of the universe. There is a part of you that is beyond time and space. Unfortunately, we have forgotten. You are the great mystery of life. It is hidden inside of you. Is this truth or fiction? Only you can decide.

### Infinite

The definition of infinite is the following. Limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; Impossible to measure or calculate. When I was young that would blow my mind. I couldn't even imagine such a thing. Now fast forward many moons and my life loves to ponder such things. I have learned that by going inside we can try to solve the mysteries of life. Your true nature is infinite. Isn't that amazing? Your true nature is kind. Can you imagine infinity is aware? It is love, compassion, kindness, patience, and tolerance. This is your true nature. You can discover this. It's hidden inside of you just waiting to be found.

### Solitude

Solitude is a state or situation of being alone. To a mystic is a state of freedom. For a prisoner, it can be state of hell. Why does one love solitude while some completely dread it? Is it a state of mind? Is are mind our friend or foe? They say the hardest thing to master in the universe is mastering your mind. There is a lot of truth to that. All the great teachers from the past said the same thing. When I first started to meditate my mind was overbearing. It took a few hours at times just to settle into the experience. Many moons later the mind has become my friend. It still can be a brat but the mind is at ease most of the time. Solitude is a way over time to calm down the mind. You can't break down the door. This is a simple and natural process. In the end, patience wins out.

#### Aspire

Aspire is to direct one's hope or ambitions toward achieving something. As a human race, we all aspire for the same thing. We want our world to be peaceful. We want peace on earth. We want the world to be tolerant towards one another. Each of us can pray and meditate anyway we want. Religion can tie us together. There is a thread of love that binds us all. We aspire food and shelter for the whole planet. Health care for all. Everyone on this planet needs to be educated. Education is the foundation for the world. We aspire for the world to be kind. This is our true nature. We embrace love and compassion. This is our true nature. Most of all we aspire to be family united by the creator. This is what we aspire to.

#### Awareness

Is the universe aware? Now that's a good question. How about what is beyond time and space? Another good question. How aware are we? By only looking outward do we miss out on the awareness of life? Are we getting only 1/10 of the picture? It's like going to a movie theater. You watch the movie and get sucked up into it. Have you ever turned around and saw rays of light streaming from the movie projector? Is our life like that. What do they mean when they say "if thy eye be single the whole body shall be full of light"? Does the gateway to God exist within? Have the pearly gates been there all along? Discover your true nature and then tell me your answer.

## Who Were You Before You Were Born?

Who were you before you were born? Where did you come from? Both good questions. Have you ever stopped and pondered these questions over? Where will you go when you die? It's not the grave. Yes, your body will return to the earth. But where will you go? Mystics have said the answers lie within. Open the door within. Remember it's one small step after another. You can solve this riddle.

## Scared Of The Dark

When I was young I was scared of the dark. I had good reasons too. I was in fifth-grade collecting paper route money when it was dark. I was walking down the street when some man was hiding in the bushes and he yelled "Hey kid come here" I ran away as fast as I could. From then on I was traumatized. I was scared to even to take out the trash at night. My mind would always remind me of the incident. When I was 18 years old I aspired to travel around the world. How could I do that if I was afraid of the dark? Good question. To make a long story short I had to overcome my fears. Years late I love the dark.

### The World Is A Drama

Guru Nanak once said The world is a drama, staged in a dream. Mystics throughout the ages have pondered this over. We are living in drama, staged in a dream. Is our dream real? What is considered a dream? We come and go from this world. Is this a dream or where we come from a dream? We live our lives in so much drama. We react to the beatings of life. Is there a way to solve this puzzle? It seems very complicated. One layer over another. Yet the answer is simple. Open the door within.

## Calm Inside Of The Storm

Calm inside of the storm. There is a storm brewing this very night. Stay home. Nap next to the fire. Stay calm. Don't go out tonight. Your ship will still be there tomorrow. It's safe in the harbor. Danger is in the air. Yet at home you are down for the night.

## Strangers

How is it we are strangers to ourselves? We have forgotten who we truly are. We think we are only this body yet we are the universe. We are strangers to ourselves. No wonder at times we feel so alone. The universe is watching over us while we are oblivious to it. We are the universe. We just don't know it.

### The Game Of Life

If this life is a game it's a serious game. Are we dealt cards in our life? Is this a game of poker? How about a game of hide and seek? God lies inside of us and we seek for him outside of ourselves. This game is so real. We feel pain. Life has so many challenges. It's like they are custom made for us. Nobody gets a free ride. Just ask Jesus and the rest of the gang. They knew the father yet the game of life has no favorites. The game goes on. Yet they knew the game is not rigged. In the end, we discover our true nature. We go back home with lessons learned.

### Is This From A Mystic Or A Scientist?

Is this from a mystic or a scientist? Kabir a mystic from the 15 century said the following. All know that the drop merges into the ocean, but few know that the ocean merges into the drop. Now that is profound. A modern day Einstein might have said that today. The entire universe exists inside of us. We are a part of the universe. Is this a paradox? We are beyond time and space. There are billions of universes. Inside of our DNA is a part that is not material. It is spiritual. No instrument known to man can detect this yet. Yet the mystics have said all along. You are hard wired for this experience. Ponder this message. The divine words from Kabir are alive.

## Curious

Curious means eager to know or learn something. I have been curious all my life. My Mom and Dad taught me the adventure of ethnic food at such a young age It still continues today. That curious nature never goes away. In fact, it actually increases the more you get older. I remember that you can't rest on your laurels. In the nineties, I built a dome automation for the observatory on Maui. I didn't know c++ yet I was extremely curious and knew I could pull this off. When I finished it I thought they might give me a few days off. Nope, it was on a Friday and I was back to work on a Monday. It was a huge accomplishment. My curiosity was one thing that got me to learn how to meditate. I read books on the mystics and wanted to know what they were talking about. It seemed like a foreign language. So I preserved and was curious about this adventure. It was love at first sight. I had a knack for this. Yes nobody gets a free ride but I have a knack for this meditation. It came easily to me. I think we need to approach life like a curious child. Never lose that. If you do plant the seed in your heart and water it daily. Your curiosity will grow.

## Adventure

The definition of adventure is the following. Engage in hazardous and exciting activity, especially the exploration of unknown territory. I remember as a kid I took a yoga class. At the time yoga was unknown in America. Yoga was around during the late 1800's yet the majority of the population thought it was on the fringe. It was definitely an unknown territory. This love for adventure took me all over the world. With a surfboard in my hand, a backpack on my back and a yearning to discover my true nature I was off. I had quite the adventure. I learned the greatest adventure lied inside. This is truly unknown territory. You can live anywhere and have a simple life but by exploring your true nature is the adventure of a life time. Lock a person up and put them in solitaire confinement and see what happens. The greatest adventure is to tame your mind. That is probably the most difficult thing to do. Mystics have talked about this for thousands of years. Today yoga is mainstream. Millions of people practice it. Maybe something is going on. We are slowly learning more about life.

## Forgive

I love the definition for forgive. Stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw, or mistake. Imagine a person does you wrong. You have every right to be angry. Time passes and the person who wronged you has forgotten the situation. But you haven't. The anger is still festering within. The poison left by the arrow lies inside of you. The moment you truly forgive yourself and the other person true alchemy occurs. True healing can take place. This is the law of forgiveness. It doesn't say you must forget the experience. The laws says to forgive. Big difference. As the world we would truly be more content if we forgive ourselves and others. Learn from your mistakes. Forgive yourselves and other along this journey of life.

Ego

Here's some definition of ego. A person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance.

"A boost to my ego"

## For a PSYCHOANALYSIS

The part of the mind that mediates between the conscious and the unconscious and is responsible for reality testing and a sense of personal identity.

For metaphysics

A conscious thinking subject.

Our ego can be man's best friend or his worst enemy.

We have seen that for thousands of years.

In the Buddhist tradition, they have studied the mind and ego for thousands of

years.

They have learned practical tools to cultivate the ego and mind. Imagine a farmer planting the seeds and going through the process of the final picking of the crop.

Mystics have taught the same inward farming.

You can cultivate the mind and ego to be a true reflective nature of ourselves.

This is the greatest thing we can do for ourselves and the world at large.

In fact, you can't take anything with you when you die.

But you can take the fruits that you have cultivated with you.

Imagine you are a conscious thinking subject inside of a human body.

You are the universe.

You just don't know it.

## Serenity

Serenity is the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled. Think as life as a video game. In a video game once you master a level you go to another level. People love the challenge of playing the game. Now imagine playing the video game of life. Which by the way you are. Have you read the instruction manual? Do you know even if there is one? Are we on auto-pilot in this life? Anyway here's a few suggestions on playing the complex game. Imagine you're playing this video game. It's old and new at the same time. The purpose of this game as you know is to go through the various levels. Step 1. Life throws you a curve ball. How do you react? If you can be in the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled you go to the next level. Otherwise, life throws you a curve ball and you try again. Now if you pass level 1 be ready for the next step. Life throws you a curve ball. How do you react? Serenity is a state of mind where you go through and learn how to react to life. Been there done that. It's learning the video game of life consciously not in a stupor. Every step of the way is a practical learning experience. Each time a curve ball is thrown remember you can hit a home run.

### Wonderment

Have you seen the eyes of a newborn child? The baby is in a state of wonder. The dictionary describes wonder as the following. A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable. Doesn't that describe a newborn child? A newborn has a feeling of surprise mixed with admiration. How precious is that? A newborn comes from God and enters into our arms. Nothing could be more precious than that. As we get older do we lose the sense of wonder? Do we get ourselves onto a rut? Are we more cynical about life? Are we totally discouraged with the world around us? Maybe we should rediscover the joy of wonder. Take a walk in nature and rediscover the wonderment of life. Life is blooming in so many different ways. Look at the stars. You are star dust. This universe is created by love. Be aware that you are never alone. You just think you are. Open up your eyes. Wonderment is all around you.

#### Root

One definition of the word root is as follows. The basic cause, source, or origin of something. With that definition in place, what is our origin? Where do we come from? Is there a place where we came from when we are born? Is there a place we go to when we die? What is the root cause of all? Can we know our origins when we are alive? There are many questions we have about our roots. Ponder this message. It will make you think where you came from.

## Talking To Myself

It seems like these sayings are for everyone but myself. Yet that is far from reality. In actuality, these sayings are for me. They are reminders along this journey of life. What better advice there is to daily write it down? It becomes an intricate part of your life. Each day these sayings get rooted into my being. What I say I'm really trying to make into reality. We can change. We can change consciously. This is a grand journey of life. We can help and improve our lives every single day. We will fall and yet we can pick ourselves off the ground and continue walking towards our goal. We are not alone. The entire universe is rooting for us.

## Nothing To Prove

I'm sure by now you know that the sun in the sky has nothing to prove. The sun just shines. The moon at night doesn't say "hey look at me". The wind doesn't whisper in your ear "I can blow you away". The wind just is. It doesn't have anything to prove. A dog just loves his master. A dog has nothing to prove. A dog just loves you. The creator has nothing to prove. The creator is infinite love. The creator doesn't judge you. The creator just loves you. Are we the only creatures on earth that have something to prove? Where did we get that from? What are we missing in life that we have to continually prove ourselves to others?" A wise man has nothing to prove. He just smiles.

## When I'm 64

I heard the Beatles song "when am 64" many moons ago. I am now 64. I'm still young at heart. But society at large thinks oh you're over the hill. Recently I had a phone interview on the phone. At the end of the call, the interviewer said this was the best interview he ever had. Yet when I had the interview in person you could see the disappointment in his eves. Oh, he is over the hill. My resume is quite impressive. You can never rest on your laurels. Being a software engineer you have to always be in a state of learning and growing. Even when my employers didn't have a technology that was going to be forefront I learned it. For example, I built a cooking site using the latest technologies 6 years ago. If I didn't do that maybe I would be over the hill. I'm still learning and growing every single day. I have tremendous knowledge of the outside world and inside world. I have traveled around the world. I have nothing to prove. I do get tired when some young person makes me prove myself to him. Some companies all you have to do is smile and they read your resume. No questions asked. They know talent when they see it regardless of age. Some companies only see the image of an old man. I'm not old. I'm wise. Big difference. I think I really want to work for a company who truly sees me as who I am.

## Hold On To Your Dreams

Hold on to your dreams. Never let them go. There are clouds in the sky covering the sun. All it takes is a slight wind to blow them away. Don't give up. You're only a few steps away. Hold on to your dreams.

## Manifest

I need to manifest a job. The government laid off many contractors. I was one of them. Just think to manifest a job you have to be at the right place and right time. It's like the universe arranges itself for a situation where the job comes your way. You have to have faith, trust and make effort. You will get heartbroken especially at my age. You have the qualifications but age is a factor in our society. I'm just saying that. Yet the perfect job will come up. The universe knows how to play the game. Just have faith. Do your part and watch what happens? I have seen this over and over. When we moved to Maui years ago everyone said you couldn't find a job. Well, guess what I landed a software engineer job at the Observatory in Maui. Trust, make effort and watch the miracle happen. I'm writing this for myself. Hopefully, it will help you someday.

## Determination

I learned at a young age the law of determination. My brother was good at whatever he touched. Our parents gave us bicycles at a young age. My brother jumped on it and rode away. It took me a month just to ride the darn thing. Yet I learned that through determination I could learn anything. My wife says that things come so easy in my life. You learn everything so fast. Life taught me through determination we can accomplish anything in this life. Even finding a new job. I'm saying this because many of us are in the same situation. I'm trying to give you help along the way. We are all on the same boat. Rediscover your inner humor. Laughter will help you along the way. It will help dissolves some of the blocks within. Laugh with the universe. You are not alone. You're on the next stage of the video game of life. Change your attitude and enjoy the game. We don't have to struggle. Flow with the tide of life. You are not a rag doll. You are the universe. You just don't know it.

## Goodness In All

There is goodness in all. The sun is always shining. Clouds may be in the sky covering the sun yet the sun is always shining. Our true nature is magnificent. Our true nature is kind. Unfortunately, the sun exists within but clouds of darkness cover our inner sky. We are lost and yet we think we are found. You and I are one yet in our mind's eye we are divided. You are the universe. I am the universe. What happened? How did the world get in such a mess when we all came from the same place?

### All Things Must Pass

George Harrison wrote the song "All things must pass". To be honest, at the time I really didn't understand the song. This was many moons ago. Since then I have seen stormy weather and sunshine in my life. Whatever troubles you have today will soon be forgotten. As George says all things must pass. Our lives are like a river. It is flowing towards the sea. The problems we have in life disappear into the night. Everything changes. Nothing in life is static. Change is everywhere. You can't hold on to the good old days. Everything is water under the bridge. It takes time to develop this awareness. When you do your life will change for the better. You will be wise enough to carry an umbrella when it rains.

# A Confused Baby

Can you imagine that you came from the universe before you were born? You come into this world slightly confused. You have this brand new body which has to learn all about this world. Yet your awareness is beyond the stars. You know who you are. The parents of the child see such wisdom in the eyes of the child. Over time you slowly forget your true nature. Society tells you to stop day dreaming. Stop talking to your imaginary friends. You're in the clouds. We get trained to forget our true nature. No wonder we get confused in our life. We came from God. The world tells us don't believe in any imaginary stuff. Yet then they say search for God by reading the holy books. No wonder people give up in their search. Many people never start. We were told from the beginning not to trust ourselves. We were told to ignore our true nature. Remember you are never alone. The universe knows who you are.

#### We Can Work It Out

I love the Beatles song we can work it out. Their lyrics were on to something. Try to see it my way, Do I have to keep on talking till I can't go on? While you see it your way, Run the risk of knowing that our love may soon be gone We can work it out, We can work it out.

Think of what you're saying You can get it wrong and still you think that it's alright Think of what I'm saying, We can work it out and get it straight, or say good night We can work it out, We can work it out

Life is very short, and there's no time For fussing and fighting, my friend I have always thought that it's a crime, So I will ask you once again Try to see it my way, Only time will tell if I am right or I am wrong While you see it your way There's a chance that we may fall apart before too long We can work it out, We can work it out

This song truly reflects the possibility to work things out. In any situation personnel, business or politics we can work it out. We must lose our stubborn nature of being right. It's my way or the highway. The corporation is the key. Survival of the fittest is not the answer. Even Darwin said cooperation is the key. Somehow people think that Darwin's belief was the strongest but in his book, he said cooperation over and over again. We can work it out.

### Beat A Rug

The poet Rumi once said the following. When someone beats a rug, the blows are not against the rug, but against the dust in it. When we go through the up and downs of life remember we are no alone. Struggles and beating of life are meant to clean ourselves. They make us become stronger. They help build character. How can you truly have compassion for your fellow man if you never experienced hardships? Life is truly a video game. This game appears so real. We even feel pain along the way. The beatings are not against us. We do not get punished by God. Yet life has its lessons to learn. We come unto this earth to grow and love all of life. We are all on the same boat. We are all on the same journey. All the great teachers in the past spoke that we are all the same family. We have forgotten our true nature. Life tries to wake us up from our slumber. You are the universe. You just don't know it.

## The Temple Of God

We search for God in so many different ways. Some go to the mountains to pray. Some go to the desert to meditate. Some people go to their churches, temples or mosque. Yet the holiest of temples lie inside of you. You are hardwired to discover God inside of you. You are custom built. You are built in the image of God. How about that? Mystics have talked about this for time immemorial. Let thy eye be single and the whole body should be full of light. The kingdom of heaven lies within. There is a famous poem that goes like this. There is a palace in the sky. A blind man sees a light more brilliant than a thousand suns. A deaf man listens to the unstruck music. A lame man climbs the ladder and drinks the nectar of life. The poems go on. The final clincher is only a wise man understands what they are talking about.

### Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ballgame. Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks. I don't care if I ever come back. We are all playing this ball game of life. Sometimes we strike out. Sometimes we hit a home run. Sometimes we get a single. Life throws us all different kinds of pitches. Do you know if you get on base an average of one out of three times that is remarkable? Think as your life as a baseball game. God is your coach. He will not play this game for you. He does not scream or yell at you. He does not judge you. God wants you to enjoy this game. There will be challenges that's why you play the game. It would be boring if you hit a home run every time even if you had your eyes closed. We love to watch games where they come down to the last inning. Mystics have always given hints and advice to play the game. They have studied this game of life for eons. My advice is to take off your blindfold. You will see the pitches that come your way a lot clearer.

## Pay Attention To Your Craft

When I was young I loved baseball. I once heard a story that Ted Williams didn't go to the movies because he said it would hurt his eyes. He had exception sight and reflexes. You had to be if you had many seasons when your batting average was over 400. He didn't party, smoke or drink. I'm sure many people thought he was a fuddy-duddy. Yet he was the best of the lot. He paid attention to his craft. Maybe he was baseball's mystic. He turns baseball into a science and an art. He had complete devotion to the game. He did not get sidelined by the many distractions of life. He just loved to play the game. He was the best of the best. Many famous ballplayers need to look at his devotion to the game. Pride and ego weren't in his game. He did not need to show off. He had nothing to prove. Sounds like a mystic to me.

## **Pleasant Surprise**

My dear friend Shay passed away two years ago. We were friends for around 28 years. We considered each other as spiritual brothers. We were on the same path of life. He died without me have the opportunity to say goodbye. Recently I discovered some tapes that were recorded many moons ago. I was having a reading and Shay was in the house. Shay said that he thought there were many people in the room because of such laughter he never heard before. When the channel was over only three people walked out of the room. As I listened to the tape Zoran who was being channeled told me that I spent time at a planet called nucleus. Nucleus was a university where people studied God directly. Imagine being able to be the whole universe and be aware of it. This was the nature of the studies at nucleus. Anyway, during my early morning meditation, I decided to go to nucleus. I closed my eyes and went into deep meditation. After several moments the next thing I knew I was in a cosmic soup of light, love, and sound. To my amassment, Shay appeared in the light. You could say he was the light. He had a simple message to deliver. I'm more than ok. Please send my love to all my family and friends. It was so great to hear from my dear old friend. Shay was saying something that was dear to my heart. You are the universe and just don't know it. Shay was in that state of oneness. He was one with his creator. He was home.

## You Got The Job

Last Friday I had a job interview with the largest privately owned company in the world. I had two interviews. Everything went extremely well. They took a look at my resume and saw that I matched all the qualifications. During the second interview, they said, "you got the job". When can you start? I said anytime you like. The interview ended and they gave me a tour of the building I met my new manager and saw my new desk. Well, Monday comes along and I received an email saying they didn't see a fit. They are looking for better technical depth. The funny thing is my resume was exactly what they were looking for. Even one of the interviewers said it was a perfect match. Anyway, what am I missing? Any advice?