

ANGELIC TEAMMATES

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I've been thinking this morning about teamwork, acknowledging that we're not here just as self-serving individuals. We're here as part of a team. Whichever way you look at it, we all incarnated in such a way that we're all here together at this time. Now *is* the time. And we're not too early and we're not too late, no matter what we think.

The thought of teamwork led me on to thinking about why we are still having to do this work. Why are we not, as we were created to be as a human race, already divinely functioning on the planet? Well, the fact is that *that* is what our work is now.

We are standing on the shoulders of giants, as has been put: people down through the centuries, and I believe millennia, who have kept the vision alive. That must be so or we

wouldn't be here. Any other species that malfunctioned so continuously would be extinct by now. So that in itself says that we have a special role, a special purpose on this planet, to carry forward to vision. No one person can bring about the restoration of human consciousness to the consciousness of God.

David Karchere was talking in a recent service about activism. I've had plenty of activism in my life, in the political sense. And it led to disillusionment—thankfully. I'm always thankful for disillusionment. Who wants to live with illusions anyway? So many people have thought they knew how things should be and that they could single-handedly change the course of the human race. That approach has all ended the same way. “Crash and burn” is how I'd describe the result of that approach.

So I'm back to teamwork. One of the greatest activists I can think of was Jesus, in the sense that he actually single-handedly took on something back there, all those years ago. He first of all cleared his own path in terms of making sure he was ready. There are records of how he did that—his time in the wilderness. I believe that is an essential part of the spiritual journey: first of all, go inside and see what's there before you think you have all kinds of things to offer other people. It's not only part of the truthfulness of living; it's part of the *usefulness* of living, too. I recognize my own patterns when I do that. I can then recognize them in other people, and it brings about more tolerance and humility for me.

Before Jesus started his ministry, he did that. The record says he spent that time in the desert, confronting his own demons, I would say. And then the next thing I believe he did was bring together a team, because he was already acknowledging that you cannot do it alone. No one person can do it alone. Whether you're Jesus or anybody else, you cannot do it alone.

Fast-forward down through history and it is not a pretty picture. It can be made very glamorous—movies and stories and things of that sort. But I'll go back to where I started: Why are we still trying to bring about the restoration, if that was such a wonderful picture and so glamorous?

The good news is that it's possible. We've not been tricked into incarnating on an impossible

journey. You know that "Impossible Dream" song? It's not an impossible dream—it's quite possible. And it starts with each one of us. If we think we can bring about any transformation out there, and that would make us feel good, forget about that. That's not the way it works. That's an illusion too. But it's a wonderful thing to know and to be able to see in one's own world what happens when I, in this instance, do my personal work, when I start to clear away all the layers that are blocking my own light, and see what shows up in my world. That is so empowering and so encouraging.

And there's nothing wrong with a bit of encouragement to reinforce the rightness of continuing this courageous journey. In fact, in order to continue this journey, to make it real and to keep on and on and on, there has to be courage because I know that not a lot actually gets accomplished without that, because there are so many things that can get in the way. I think of David's reference in his service to the revolutionary '60s particularly. I was there for that too. And then I think, so where did they all go? Where did all those excited, dedicated people go from back there? There aren't too many around. They stopped off somewhere along the way.

The biggest obstacle to the forward motion is inertia. I do believe that that is what's been happening all through the course of human history since we went off track. It's something to watch out for. How I identify the symptoms is, if I think "Great, we're there!" or if I think

“I’ve got it—there’s nothing more for me to learn about any particular thing,” danger! Signals going on! That’s the first step towards inertia and to settling. When I think of settling, I think of what happens to an old house that hasn’t been kept in good repair, and the basement starts to settle, starts to crack; the foundations start to crack.

I also appreciate the opportunity to bring you my view of the truth. If it resonates for you, good, but it is my version of the truth. And you

know, despite all that, I live an exciting, happy, joyful life, because I know there’s an answer. The answer is inside each one of us, but not “in here” meaning solitary. It means in here, being part of an amazing team that’s growing and growing and growing, and the lights are going on all over the world. And I am not prepared to settle, so I keep a realistic view of what’s going on out there and in here. I keep paying attention and moving forward in company with my angelic teammates.

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