

What I Most Want The World To Know

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I was 15 years old when my father decided to move us from pastoral Peaks Island, Maine to heavily industrialized Ohio, to begin his new job there. A few months after we moved, after we had become more familiar with what our prospects were, one of his closest friends, Charlie Mann, introduced me to a woman named Naiah. "Naiah is a 'psychic.'" Charlie said: "She is a person who makes contact with 'spirits...'

These 'spirits' that Naiah contacts," Charlie went on to say: "are beings that only Naiah can see and hear -- they (the spirits) are aware of many, many things that we humans have little awareness or knowledge of."

"Naiah has decided to come here at this point in your life, to tell you a story that will enable you to prepare yourself to deal with the events that are destined to occur in the future." "What Naiah has to say," Charlie went on to say, "will later on become your 'mission' in life."

Then Naiah said to me: "Neil, you don't remember it yet, but in another past life in ancient times, you were one of a fairly small group of revered and trusted world leaders, who were responsible for the day-to-day activities of a well-organized but primitive Basic Learning Center...

You, and the others like you, were teaching the primitive people of those times to foster the foundations of worldly wisdom. You were teaching the basic arts and philosophies, The Ancient Wisdom, that would - over much time - become the foundation of modern civilization."

"Your efforts failed." Naiah said: "That's why the modern world will need to go through another period of social and economic adjustment."

"Later on in your life, you and others like you will be prepared to deal with it. Others like you," she added, "are growing up here now too -- and are also being prepared to deal with the crisis. Like you, they are now better qualified to make the world a better place to live."

Then she said: "You and the others did not finish the job in those ancient times. That's why you all are growing up in America now... This is where you all will be working to pay back your 'karmic' debt to society."

I was very impressed! What I learned that day seemed very important - but I really had no idea what they were talking about at the time.

I finished high school, joined the U. S. Air Force to fulfill my military obligation, and was well along in my civilian business consulting career, before I had time or motive to think about Charlie and Naiah again...

At age 15 years, I really knew nothing about life or love... And it wasn't until I finally found my love life, that I could know enough of anything -- that would get me any nearer to understanding what Charlie and Naiah had told me about being qualified to "save the world."

Life After Love.

When I met Dolly, I had no idea what love was -- much less what good it would do for me, or how profoundly it would change my life...

When I found that love, my whole life began to change for the better... And I have not stopped changing and growing since! It's as though I was "reborn to the spirit" to borrow from a familiar religious expression. In the process, I've discovered other and different versions of myself inside me that, up until I met Dolly... I never knew were there!

Falling in love with Dolly so completely changed my life, that I'm frankly unable to fully explain the experience or accurately tell others what has been happening to me. What's more, shortly after we met, I had a "near-death" experience, that gave me access to a source of "Ancient Wisdom" that has enabled me to remember having lived other (past) lives.

I truly don't understand how to make use of all this new information... All I really know -- is that I know all that I need to know now -- to do what I need to do now. I know now, that I'm finally and forever FREE of the yoke of being compulsively responsible for any life other than my own.

I'm finally free to be the person that I've always wanted to be... And, in finding that freedom, I've also found the impetus to give everyone else exactly the same freedom. In my world, everyone is free to be just as multifaceted as they need to be to make their own decisions.

Dolly and I have been living and working together for 35 years. We have always seen life as an unending learning process, through which we have

been able to learn many lessons. We live to better understand the growth process and enjoy the service that such a life offers us by way of enabling us to gradually and lovingly transform our immortal souls.

Regardless of what our generation takes credit for... the generations that follow us, will tend more and more to believe that they too have lived multiple lives. Those experiences -- they will tend to believe -- have given them the range of experiences that they need now, to make the decisions that will enable them to find their 'mission' in life too.

Now, all who are capable of doing so, must choose their mission. If you don't choose your path now, someone else will choose it for you.

The Story of Nod.

About 20 years from the day that Charlie Mann introduced me to Naiah, I came across a story in the [Urantia Book](#) that helped me to remember (?) my lifetime as Nod: leader of the world's council on trade and industry.

Just as Naiah had said that I would; I began to remember what *must have* happened long ago, that made this world the confused and adversarial place that it is now. My job, so the story goes, was to be one of the 100 directors of this world's first program for instructing the world's native people to enhance their rudimentary social and economic life.

I truly don't understand why I identify with Nod, beyond what the story on record reveals. I honestly can't prove or disprove any of it. I simply feel very strongly identified with the story and the character. I strongly relate to Nod and his problems. To me, it all simply correlates with what Naiah said all those years ago. Did it really happen? I don't know.

If I was Nod, I was one of the one hundred extraordinary beings who were central to the long-term plan for training the world's people to build the rudiments of civilization. Not only were my associates and I the only visible leadership in the world -- we were effectively responsible for building the foundations of unity for later establishing the foundations of (what would have been) today's 'civilized' world.

I (Nod) was leader of a corps of 10, responsible for fostering the understanding and eventual practice of the basic skills that would be used to build a foundation for the later-to-be-realized practice of world trade

and industry. I worked with the simple people of those days to teach, by actually doing, the basic skills that would enable them to do what would eventually become known as “business” throughout the world.

It’s important to understand that we were starting from the very beginning in every respect so far as this world was concerned. That’s why the Gods had wisely decided, based on their long experience in implementing such programs elsewhere, that the cornerstone of my work was to be based on a strategy then known as: *The Gospel of Personal Initiative*.

But I (Nod) was a key figure for other reasons... Before philosophy and religion could function extensively, Nod’s program became the world’s first applied religious training. It was this very same gospel of personal initiative that effectively became the basis for the world’s first religion.

Under my program, business (initiative) became the first practical and understandable form of living love that those simple and practical early human beings could understand well enough to work with. And it was in cooperation with this spirit of initiative that they were first taught to see neighbors in need and offer to do something for them.

It didn’t have to be a big need: jewelry, basic food supplies, something new and different that would serve to get them and their neighbors beyond themselves and improve their lives in some way. In this spirit, for reasons virtually unknown to them at the time, these simple folks learned to stimulate their economy, make a profit and thereby markedly improve their overall standard of living.

The ultimate purpose: to eventually give mankind the time to reflect and plan and enjoy their lives through the Art of Living.

So it was that trade and industry (now ‘business’) became the first human institution in this world’s history to successfully foster the practice of unselfish and living love on an international scale. Wise choice wouldn’t you think? How could we ever forget the value of something so simple: so spiritually powerful and important, so basic, real and do-able?

But forget we did. About 200,000 years ago, our leader, Lucifer, fell in love with himself. Men were ignorant and malleable in those days, therefore it was easy for him to discredit God’s more rigorous plan, and convince most of mankind to pay exclusive and devoted homage to him:

"Flatter me" Lucifer said; "tell me how intelligent and beautiful I am... Then will I surely give you all the liberty that you need, to express the passions and possess the material things that you most desire as men!"

And so it has been, for about 200,000 years. From primitive man, right up until the time of Melchizedek and Abraham -- Lucifer's doctrines of false and self-centered liberty have been so powerfully inculcated into the hearts of men that true religion -- has been all but completely forgotten!

That's why Melchizedek and Abraham, followed by Moses and a long procession of Jewish Prophets and Kings, made it their business to promote religion. For almost 2000 years, they worked to pave the way for Jesus to come and put an end to Lucifer's "spirit of the adversary."

Jesus thus ended Lucifer's reign -- but not man's addiction to Lucifer's program of false and self-centered liberty! That's why the great and ennobling truths of Melchizedek, Jesus and Mohammed -- the robust, inspiring and world-wise progenitors of religion's latter-day Prophets and Kings, have been slow to bear their spiritual fruits in the modern world.

That's why so many modern men continue to habitually over-indulge their baser and self-centered human natures. That's why so many people -- limited to the lifeless logic of recorded history and hopelessly confused by modern secular values, find themselves powerless to foster the robust and disciplined confidence that will enable them to find happiness in life.

Such was the ignoble birth of **Chronic Anxiety**. Around 200,000 BC, Lucifer planted the seeds of anxiety... And industrial greed -- in all of its complex and sophisticated forms -- became the toughest challenge that the wiser and nobler children of God are being asked to face today.

The default of Lucifer and all of his nefarious colleagues served to once and forever illustrate the vulnerability that the business world on this planet will always have to the corrupting influences of the Adversary: the anxiety, anger and jealousy that have become known as greed.

The Lessons of Greed.

When the adversarial spirit of Lucifer tempted me and my associates by suggesting to our hearts and minds all that we could humanly gain in self-

aggrandizement and wealth, we were hooked... and that's exactly how the adversarial spirit still makes our lives difficult to this day.

Greed incessantly hammered at the door to our minds and hearts and we fell: just as you will sometime fall if you haven't yet perfectly learned how to adopt the more positive habits that will effectively reinforce your whole-hearted decision to be and do otherwise.

In all the universes there is no substitute for experience. That's why we're all so privileged to be here today. In the future, be slow to judge those who fall to human weakness – even greed. There are great lessons to be learned from greed. If you occasionally fall prey to those emotions yourself, learn to coincide with them. Take a deep breath and resolve to make it your business to find better ways to behave tomorrow.

Make it your business, each in your own unique and special way, to foster and support the spirit of free enterprise. It is the way of the future, here and hereafter, and you will surely need the undoubting spirit of personal initiative to guide you in times to come. Noble character is the prize. The world of business will always be its toughest test.

That's why I (Nod) failed. Eventually, through a series of shocks and surprises that were none of our intentional doing -- my entire team, along with other leaders and many of their able associates, were misguided and misled: convinced to relinquish our responsibilities and forced to leave the world center long before our work was done.

How could I have been responsible for even thinking to do such an evil thing?! With so much at stake, why would I abrogate my responsibility and convince others to do so as well, since by doing so I would be to such a large degree responsible for mankind's loss of this first and most vital work for thousands of generations to come?!

How could I be to blame? I had no way of knowing that the world would fall into sin? After all, I and my comrades had never been instructed on the theory of default and none of us had any comparable experience. What's more, we had absolutely no way of knowing ahead of time that the brilliant and powerful Lucifer would change his way of thinking so drastically and actually defy God's right to rule the universe.

It still echoes in my mind... "How could I be to blame?"

But I and all of the rest of the defaulters were blamed. Divine Law concluded that we had exercised free will and had willfully contributed significantly to the hardships that humanity has had to endure for thousands of years. Therefore, we have had to pay the just price.

The Law is Moral.

After all, the Judges reasoned, it was largely due to our ignorance and immaturity that humanity on this world had lost the precious privilege of having the free time that they would need to reflect on what they were doing and where they were going in their lives.

What's more, it was because of us that men had lost the precious services of the world's first and most vital *Center of Civilization*: a place designed for generations to come and renew their faith, receive guidance and observe the divine techniques that would keep them, their families and their nations, on a balanced and peaceful path toward light and life.

So it was that I, along with my defaulting associates and helpers, were sentenced to suffer humanity's fate with them. I (my divine spirit) and the spirits of all of my defaulted associates were consequently compelled to share the remainder of their careers with men.

We had betrayed our trusts and our penalty has been to suffer the trials and tribulations of generations. And by betraying our trusts, we were told, we had exposed ourselves to the universal penalty for evil and sin: to learn from hate what we could not learn from love. In that process, our discredited selves, likened to Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, have been required to experience the pains and torments of our disordered human lives and work our way back to the home and family that was ordained by our Father in the beginning.

Sadly, the process of justice has taken an unusually long time to play out on this world. Mistakes have accumulated, and now this generation is finally beginning to experience the full effects of our long-ago default. I am here again along with my former associates -- all more experienced and all working more earnestly toward survival.

We have all struggled. We have all intensely *hated the struggle*, and through it all, have seen, experienced and lived the social and

economic fruits of our former betrayals. ALL of us now on the path of growth have gained so much in understanding and wisdom that we are grateful to have lived with and for the long-sufferings of mankind!

Today the majority of the people of this world suffer from the ills that are the products of short-sighted and adversarial (Luciferian) ideals...

- Scientific complexity.
- Self-centered parenting.
- Lack of the time for reflection.
- War time economics: industrial greed.
- Domination by autocratic, institutional employers.
- A pleasure mania and wealth-without-work philosophy.
- Overpopulation and the fear of imminent human decimation.

Now finally, humanity is beginning to say: "Why do I find myself in this mess? What have I gained by living my life according to my own rules? Even my merciful Father's servants are accorded better treatment!"

My lessons have been learned, and I now look forward with hope and faith to the day when I can transfer my struggles to the higher worlds. Of course, I still hope and pray for the progress of my comrades and their eventual success here, but if those events don't take place in this lifetime, I will be satisfied to wait until my fellows can join me.

Considering my long investment in the project, can I be criticized if I still hold out hope that a new era will come to this world in my lifetime to inaugurate the more advanced work that will enable me to assist my fellows in leading this planet to light and life?

After all, in the larger view, this is the way universal justice has always been served. It makes perfect sense that the misunderstandings and mistakes of the leaders who aborted their first attempt to bring civilization to this planet, would be carried over to the present generation. If we can finally grasp the whole picture, we now have the opportunity to become part of resolving the world crisis for which we are responsible.

How about you: are you one of the former elite-elect of this world? In this generation, the men and women who possess those ultra-wise and advanced spirits know intuitively who they are and what they've done.

Have you learned about love?

Have you learned about anxiety?

Have you learned about forgiveness?

If I hadn't learned about love, I would never have learned anything about life, or found anything of true and enduring value in life. As it is, I have become fulfilled through living -- not just one, but many lives -- on many different worlds, under many different circumstances.

Have you lived a difficult life this time around? Have you had a life full of opportunities for growth that has enabled you to find great love in your heart for your fellow man?

If so, then find a way to join with your former associates and help them finish the job that you were sent here to do.