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Beyond the Cinema

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There are moments in our lives when we realize we have turned another corner: From birth to death there are many such times, but not so many they are insignificant and cannot be counted on our hands to ten. One never expects the next such moment until it is upon us and we know it.

I went to the cinema recently to see one of the most popular thrillers topping the box offices; it is called "Inception". It is about dreams and those who would manipulate others by entering their dreams. Despite all the hype, the mega stars on-screen and the incredible special effects, I left after only a third of the movie: For I realized that I am now beyond the cinema.

I am now grounded in the present, dedicated to serving others, especially those less fortunate. There is more to be accomplished than hours in the day and I know it. So, the temporary escape of the cinema no longer has meaning. I hear the prayers of the poor, the choir of those in pain, the desperation of those who find no helping hand, the hopelessness of it all: I am suddenly as if online with those in need, because the Energy of the Universe has called me to serve those in pain and in sorrow that somebody cares.

When you are called and you respond without hesitation by opening your heart to the Universe, the Higher Power routes the pleas and desperations of all those you are meant to serve straight to your heart. You can pretend not to hear the voices of those in agony who have lost hope or you can choose to make a difference for them with your connections and resources.

You have been chosen to serve, because
you know how to

deliver: You are a fixer. You make it happen when others see no solution, because you see the connections to which others are blind.

These connections are not on the chess board of life; yet they facilitate your assignments from the Energy of the Universe. There are fields of knowledge and communication known only to those who have let go of the physical world and surrendered themselves unto the spiritual world. It is how we communicate heart to heart living beyond the rat race. It is wisdom only available to those of pure heart and sincere intentions.

Once awakened and connected with those less fortunate and in desperation, there is no turning-back: For the needs of others displace what we once considered our "priorities". Knowing how to "Leap tall buildings in a single bound" and accomplish the "impossible", we are quick to assume our new responsibilities as liberated Souls. And when we have spent our final currency of life's begat, we do not resist when the body we inhabit returns to dust and we melt seamlessly into the White Light to be reunited with our Creator, who patiently awaits our return. For although we have learned to be selfish, as lovingly taught by those who raised us, at long last, and against all odds, we are awakened to the Truth of the Universe and our Higher Calling before too late.

And that is the beauty of it all. May you too find your reason for being before it is too late. Find those you were meant to serve and you will find yourself. No mirror or compass can show you the way: For your path awaits within and those you are to serve await your Grace. Serve wisely. There is never a minute to lose.

