

Are You a Chicken or an Eagle?

By **EVSTARR**

What you know, what you strategize and what you apply...this my friends is the secret to success. The difference between a small percentage of human beings and the rest of the world are those three things. We can read all the books in The Library of Congress and gain more knowledge than the sum total of every human on the planet, but that alone will not make you wise. It will, on the other hand, make you an unemployed, walking encyclopedia if that's all you do. It's taking that information, managing it, and applying it on a daily basis, in the right order at the right time, that makes the difference.

I've spent nearly thirty-five years studying, learning, and soaking up every piece of knowledge from coast-to-coast, including north and south of the equator. What I've come to understand is the more I learn the more there is out there *to* learn.

"You teach best what you most need to learn."

~ Richard David Bach

I happen to be one of the fortunate souls who actually enjoy beyond measure reading, studying, and learning. What I've also discovered is everything I've learned in my life, that I apply to my life, my students and clients alike is what I've studied and learned *after* my eighteenth birthday. I really can't tell you much of what I learned in grade school or high school. I *can* tell you this...even though I've studied under some of the greatest teachers on the planet, I've learned the most from life tragedies, emotional traumas, and dramas that have occurred in my own life.

My greatest teaching come from a source of pain. I soak knowledge up like a sponge. Ever since I was a child living on the farm in Huntsburg, Ohio, I can remember reading under the covers with a flashlight after my mother said lights out!

I have just recently purged the books in my home to prepare for my move to San Diego. I had eight bookcases in my home, have literally purged over a thousand books, and am still left with a few hundred books that I can't seem to part with.

"He that loveth a book will never want for a faithful friend, a wholesome counselor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter." ~ Isaac Barrow

I can assure you that my love for reading is NOT heredity. My Dad came strictly from street smarts and my youngest daughter Shayna couldn't pick up a book to save her life. As a mother, I *wish* she shared my love of reading but no can do. What I'd like to share with *you* is books alone are not our only teachers amongst us. Look at the street sweeper, who sings and smiles as he cheerfully keeps our city streets clean...and then look at the Bill Gates of the world. Whether you're the CEO of a major corporation or simply a street sweeper, you have a story to tell and a story always has a lesson.

"The test of a good teacher is not how many questions he can ask his pupils that they will answer readily, but how many questions he inspired them to ask him which he finds it hard to answer." ~ Alice Wellington Rollins

Look at your life and make a list of the most valuable lessons you've learned since you've graced this lovely planet earth with your presence. Now, carefully look over that list and tell me what you learned from a schoolteacher, from a parent, from a mentor or simply from watching the world and people around you. The whole world is a teacher, and you my dear readers are the students. There are those of us who understand that Planet Earth is indeed a classroom. And there are those of us who never show up for school.

Our children are a classic example of our greatest teachers. If we would only allow them to teach us instead of insisting that we've nothing to learn from them. We erroneously think we know it all...quite contraire. We can learn to live in the flow when we allow nature to become our greatest teacher. Who else but nature defies all logic? How can one explain that the Sun will rise and the Sun will set? The Earth will continue to rotate, the rain will fall down instead of up, the leaves will turn, the snow will fall (unless of course you live somewhere other than Cleveland). The point being, nature is indeed one of the most complex teachers on the planet, yet it teaches with such simplicity.

Even those people who cause us anguish periodically; ooh, they are truly the ones who walk among us giving us



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daily opportunities to practice love and patience. Are they not our teachers? Teachers are everywhere...look around you, I bet you're looking at one right now.


What I personally love most about teaching is it lights a fire in my soul, a burning desire that ignites the passion that sleeps in the night, then I come alive. I love sharing my life stories, the good, the bad, and the ugly, because I see the look on the students face "yea, I get it, now I understand." After listening to Marianne Williamson speak at the last

The Journey Mind, Body and Soul Expo last September, I realize I have higher heights to climb and further knowledge to attain. I want to stretch outside of my comfort zone and study where I've dared not tread in the past. There are uncharted waters I must explore...and I thank Marianne for opening yet another burning desire within me.

"A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations." ~ Patricia Neal

How about you, my dear readers? Ask yourself, What do you have to teach? What do you have to learn? It's not too late; make a list right now, where you want to be in one year and five years, personally and professionally. Then, gain the knowledge, plan your move, and apply it daily to your life. Do you want to continue to peck with the chickens or soar with the eagles? The choice is yours!

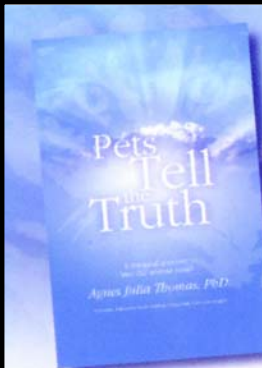
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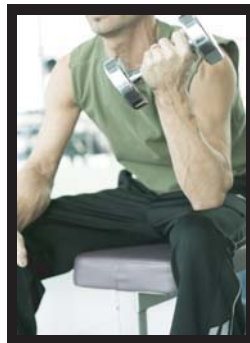
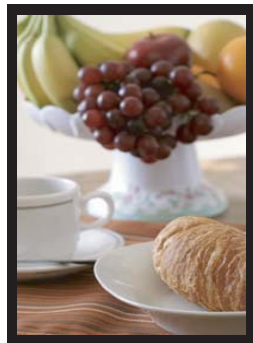
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