

# You Cannot Teach a Crab to Walk Straight

Aristophanes (c. 448-385 B.C.)

By Evsttarr

Thinking back to the eighth grade choir of parochial school when I was told by Sister ? (her name eludes me) to stand in the back row and lip sync (way before anyone ever heard of Millie-Vanillie), I now understand. Even though that incident might have crushed me for life and sent me into years of psychotherapy, I realize now that wasn't my purpose. I've always loved to sing and still do, and, for the record, Sister? wasn't the only one who expressed her concerns about my singing voice, or lack thereof.

An Irishman I once dated from Alaska had told me on a few occasions, "Evelyn, you can't carry a tune in a bucket." Once again, I plodded along much like the goat, which is my animal in Chinese Astrology, determined to sing in the shower, the car, in my living room and anywhere the chord shall strike me. Having an inner knowing that God had *other* plans for me, becoming Barbara Striesand wasn't one of them, didn't stop me from enjoying life and myself while I was at it, much to the dismay of fellow eardrums around me.

I'm approaching the big 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 24, and I can honestly say that I do believe I'm living my purpose, at least for today. For you see, I've learned a lot in this half century that I've inhabited this planet we call Earth. In the early days, I spent days, weeks, months, and even years reading everything that crossed my path. I started way too many books that I never finished (*Aries Rising*), and attending every workshop from coast-to-coast by everyone who was anyone and everyone who was no one trying to figure out *what was my purpose?* Now, my dear friend, I get it...that *was* my purpose. I needed to go through all the steps, all the time spent wandering around *lost in the woods*, not only to learn, but also to understand that it *was* and *is* all part of the Divine Plan.

Being born in late June, I happen to be a Cancer, sign of the Crab in Western Astrology. As you may or may not know, I write the astrology column for the *Journey, Planetary Pathways*. Being interested in astrology

from early childhood, I was fascinated by the subject and studied everything I could get my hands on. Cancers are the *caregivers* of the Zodiac, very nurturing and maternal, while at the same time a wee bit sensitive. Cancers may tend to move about in life in an indirect manner and are known to retreat into their *shells* when hurt, much like the crab.

Parental instinct is especially strong for the Cancer native, both male and female, and they will usually go to great lengths to protect their children. This may also be exceedingly painful for them, as they watch their children transition through challenging times in their lives. For as hard as it is for them to want to reach out and steer their children in the right direction, they must realize their children also have a *divine plan* and are living their purpose.

I have an older daughter and a grandson who live a few miles away but choose to live a life which at the present time doesn't include me. Two summers ago my oldest daughter was in a severe car accident. She was driving. She rolled the car over on the freeway twice; the car was flattened. She crawled out screaming she was dying, as she was bleeding profusely from the head. I found out about this accident from a third party and in a state of shock called a friend to take me to the hospital. Driving there a million thoughts raced through my mind, I thought, "This is it, this will be the turning point that finally brings us together," **wrong**. As I walked into the hospital room looking at her in a neck

brace, with tubes coming out, her head partially shaved and stitched, she looked at me and asked, "What are you doing here?" I held back the flood of tears that were once again rushing like the speed of light to my eyes, bit my lip and swallowed the huge lump in my throat. No, that was not the turning point for us, or her.

As difficult as this may be, one can only bless, pray, send love through the ethers of the Universe and hope that one day soon the veil may be lifted. The greatest gift that we can give our children is *unconditional love*, rec-



ognizing that God is in charge and everyone is at the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing; as heart wrenching as that may be. I'm sure you have, or know someone who has, experienced the pain of watching those we love tarry on down the road of, "This is my life, let me ruin it." In actuality, yes, it is *their* life, but what *we* may see as *ruining it* may just be another detour in the road they need to experience in living their purpose. ... *Your children are not your children... And though they are with you they belong not to you... You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you, For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday...* (Kahlil Gibran) It is said that if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. If you want to make him laugh harder, tell him your plans for your children.

So my friends, I will end this with a quote from a Greek comic playwright, Aristophanes (c. 448-385 B.C.), "You cannot make a crab walk straight"...the muscles in his legs don't bend that way and he would not be *living his purpose*.

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