

Mickelson Muse

From our state of deep thought or dreamy abstraction.

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Hello.... am a little late... thought perhaps we weren't going to get a March newsletter out, but... here it is:

This month will start with having you read some quotes... when you read them... (and Please DO read them)... look at who said the quote and when it was recorded.... Some of the best educated, learned folks... people in the "know" said these things.....

"Everything that can be invented has been invented."

- Charles H. Duell, Director of US Patent Office, 1899

"Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?"

- Harry M. Warner, Warner Bros Pictures, 1927

"There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom."

- Robert Miliham, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923

"Heavier than air flying machines are impossible."

- Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895

"The horse is here today, but the automobile is only a novelty - a fad."

- President of Michigan Savings Bank advising against investing in the Ford Motor Company

"Video won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night."

- Daryl F. Zanuck, 20th Century Fox, commenting on television in 1946

"Space travel is utter bilge."

- Sir Richard van der Riet Wooley, The Astronomer Royal (1956)

"Rail travel at high speeds is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia."

- Dionysius Lardner, English scientist (1793-1859)

"While theoretically and technically television may be feasible, commercially and financially it is an impossibility."

- Lee DeForest, American inventor (1873-1961)

"Guitar music is on the way out."
- Decca Records turning down the Beatles, 1962.

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this."
- Spencer Silver, originator of Post-It Notepads.

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction."
- Pierre Pacht, Professor of Physiology, 1872.

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."
- Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote."
- Grover Cleveland, 1905

"Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools."
- 1921 New York Times editorial about Robert Goddard's revolutionary rocket work.

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."
- Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."
- Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre.

"The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon".
- Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria, 1873.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody."
- Bill Gates, 1981

"Such startling announcements as these should be deprecated as being unworthy of science and mischievous to its true progress."
- Sir William Siemens, electrical engineer, upon hearing Edison's announcement of a successful light bulb.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

- Ken Olson, president of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.

Ok,..... going along with this.... The world “used” to be flat.... Everyone except for a few lone adventurers... thought the world was flat. Was it????? The sun used to revolve around the earth... everyone thought it did... was told it did..... DNA wasn’t “discovered” when Loren and I were in high school. It didn’t “exist..... Or did it??? Was it just waiting for someone to discover it? When we were in school, we were taught that when you were hurt, your brain had to signal to the hurt part that it hurt... then you would feel pain in the injured area. Was this true? It was until Candace Pert discovered neuropeptides... and proved there were “thinking” parts of every cell, and the hurt part actually signals the brain... to give “language”.... Ouch!!!! to the injury..... What are we getting at????? Just because the brains of today... the educated left brainers.... the smart folks who think that if you can’t see it, if you don’t read about it, if you can’t scientifically prove it (with the knowledge you have today)... then it can’t be true. All of the individuals who said the above quotes thought they were correct also. So just because it doesn’t exist in our finite world right now, doesn’t mean that it can’t exist... can’t be invented, manifested, thought up, etc.

This is all leading up to the topic of “self”.... We have so many people telling us they don’t know who they are, what they should be doing, where they should be living, etc. We all spend time, money and lots of energy listening to others (our friends, our family, the press, TV, radio, authors in books, 17,000 different psychics, astrology charts, etc.), but spend very little time going within to find out what we want; in fact, many times don’t even attempt to figure out who we are because we are defeated by the “others” (refer to above list) around us telling us we can’t be or we can’t do or you can’t say You can’t prove it it doesn’t exist..... Many don’t know how to begin the process. Well, you begin with one step. (Ever see the movie, “What About Bob?” with Bill Murray? It is all about taking baby steps.) Instead of worrying about what others may think... spend time wondering about what YOU think. Who do you want to be? What makes your heart sing? Just because you have a talent in a certain thing... doesn’t mean that is what you have to do/be. I was told my mom wanted me to be a teacher... she died when I was four... so everyone told me (outside myself, huh?) that I was going to be a teacher. Guess what???? I became a teacher.. I was a good teacher.. I won awards being a teacher , but I hate classroom teaching. The development of materials, creating new techniques, figuring out new situations in the classroom.. I love. Teaching itself in a classroom situation... NOT!.... It took me 18 years to figure this out. It took me having courage to quit and discover self. Are you ready? Can you listen to others (see above list) for information.. but, instead of doing what outside sources tell you... can you listen to the “inside” of you? Do you have the courage to bring the infinite (not yet discovered) world of your heart to the finite world of the third dimension?? Life is a journey... not a destination.... Begin the one you choose for yourself... not what other’s opinions tell you to be, to do, to become.

Now, you say... “enough of that mumbo jumbo ... all you have done is spout off a lot of psycho babble...I still don’t know what in the heck to do ... I don’t know how to start.”

We will attempt to give you a starting point. In the beginning... do collect information... We are information junkies, we always collect, collect, collect... then make decisions based upon what we have found out in the outside world and what we want (from inside of us). Information is neither positive or negative... it is just information. Some of it will fit, some won't. So, read books, read magazines, read billboards, read the internet... Talk and collect information... ask questions... Observe others, take notes on what fits with you and what doesn't. Remember, you are not judging, you are just collecting information. If you are looking at different careers... go on informational interviews. People love to talk about themselves... listen to what they have to say about themselves, their jobs, etc. Spend time with someone doing the kind of job you think you want. We did a lot of "do coffees"... which just meant we met a lot of folks over coffee or tea discussing careers, discussing personalities, etc. There are also a ton of tests over the internet that you can take to help you discover things about yourself, your personality, careers that may or may not fit. Go ahead, take these tests... catalog the results along with all the information you gain from talking, reading, listening. Make a list of personality traits you know you have and ones you don't. If you are really brave, you can have someone help you with this... but make sure you feel safe and unjudged or don't try this or it could cause hurt feelings. Remember just because this person or job or whatever you are trying to create doesn't exist now, doesn't mean it can't exist in the future... read the quotes again if you question this. There are also life coaches out there that could help you on this journey... but make sure you choose one that doesn't come with "canned" ideas about you. Remember this does not have to be realistic.... All of the folks quoted above were being realistic in their statements. If no one would have created the "uncreated" or the "improvable", we would still be in a flat world with the sun revolving around us. Have the courage to go outside of the box.... Or at least peek outside the box to see possibilities of who you could be. Why not???

“Wa”

Wa is a Japanese word meaning balance or harmony.

I am reading a book that used this word. It was in reference to an American doctor who was putting long hours of work and was becoming more and more fatigued. A Japanese doctor said, “When you’re not on duty, you must find an exercise you enjoy.” The American doctor said, “I don’t understand. If I’m already tired, why would I want to exercise?” His answer, “Your fatigue is caused by your mind. You must combat that fatigue by *physical* fatigue. The latter will cancel your former.”

Mental fatigue is neutralized by exercise. Now I can hear all of you going waa, waa, waa... but it is time for **“Wa - balance.”**

Your body needs to move and to get your physical energy moving. It has to move in any way you choose. You have to do it. We were told by one physical trainer that the minimum amount of an aerobic exercise was 16 minutes. Find out what works for you, but do something.

That is all for this month....

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“A bird doesn’t sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song”.... Anglund

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