

## Chapter Ten

### Wise Teachings

Lawson wasn't finished his teachings yet...his sensible words continued to roll off of his sanctimonious tongue; his ideas shone out of his sacred eyes; and his soul screamed to be heard above the white noise of the civilized, distracted, electronic world.

“In order to live a life of truth, you need faith. Faith does not exist out of logic; logic does not exist out of faith. Logic is the antithesis of faith; faith is the catharsis of logic. One is not necessary to have in life...one is necessary to have in life. One is the crutch of the weak...one is the support of the strong. One is a path of the many...one is a path of the few. One is the untruth...one is the truth.

“What happens to your faith as the seasons keep changing? When you were young you harbor faith, follow faith, live faith, and you know not logic. As you age, you embrace logic, you accept logic, you follow logic, and you know not faith. As you have more sunrises behind you than sunrises in front of you, you reestablish your link with faith; you see your loved ones turn back to dust, you witness an aging body, and you feel the ending of one life and the coming of a new life. It is a cycle - a cycle where dragons exist, where a hero exists...both proudly exist within you. However, when you age, the dragons withdraw to their caves; the hero leaves your side; your soul and your mind are closed to your once loved, accepted, revered ideas.

“Life can mirror your dragons and heroes, but there's much more. Those who live without logic and reason live with intuition and imagination. Logic dictates that if you are unsuccessful and therefore poor today, you reason that you shall be unsuccessful and poor tomorrow. However, the problem is that this is an illusion...Intuition and imagination dictates that if you are unsuccessful today you can be successful tomorrow. You can be poor today but rich tomorrow...this is truth, no illusion. Your perception of a situation guides you, controls how you think, speak, and act which in the end creates your results.

“Logic and reason have no room for the miraculous, the sacred changes that can occur when backs are turned upon logic and reason. By all rights, logic dictates that our greatest inventions should never have taken a physical form...an iron ship that floats, an aluminum

airplane that flies...a silicon chip that thinks...illogical, irrational. Metal cannot float, metal cannot fly, metal cannot think; but this is exactly what happens when we remove our blinders of logic and reason and open our eyes to accept intuition and imagination instead.

“Intuition is the sacred connection between your Self and your Creator. Since it is so, it must echo the truth that exists within your mind. As you sit quietly and listen to what is inside, within the inner world of truth, you just know that you know...this is simple, not complicated. It is innate that your intuition is the correct path to take, the correct voice to listen to, the right thing to take action upon. Intuition has the industrial strength to cancel out the limitations and untruths that manifest from logic and reason. Connect with it...follow it.

“Our imagination allows anything to be possible, no matter how improbable it may seem at the time. How else can a boy grow-up in poverty, without food at times, and without heating in the cold winter at others...and grow up to be a major sports figure that is admired by many for his great skill with a bat or a ball. Or a singer and lyricist who was equally as poor be admired for her great skills with her voice and her pen. That boy and girl that had nothing but pain and despair should have never grown-up as stars, by all rights they should have stayed where they were, surrounded by poverty and want. Instead, they took their problem and it became their solution...ignited by their endless imagination.

“It was their imagination of great things, of stardom, of fame that elevated them to where they earned the accolades that they deserved. They were a star in their own mind long before they were a star to others in the world. They shone brightly within long before they shone brightly without. We make so much of their ability, perhaps we should make much more of their imagination to be someone they never should have been if they had clung to logic and reason.

“I witnessed that when you are left with little but logic and reason...the sad winds cry out your name, the serene seas salty from their tears, the seething rivers convulse in motion. Are you unable to see that your dragons are shackled to their caves...captives; your hero grounded...flightless. I say to you – why wait until you have more breaths behind you than in front of you to release the dragons? Do it now! Why wait to unbind the hero? Do it now!”

“I want to, but I can't.” Edward spoke through his tears.

“Excuses, my ears and my heart are closed to your excuses. What you believe is an untruth; we in the digital age, the electronic world of today finds that the truth is stripped away like the paint on an aging sign...once this occurs, what once existed as truth and accepted as truth no longer exists as truth. The truth is then relegated to myth and folklore...and it becomes the words of the poets and the romantics. So, the truth is you can, I can...we all can change but we must make the decision to do what we want. We must flush the old ways out of our souls and minds and replace them with the new ways.

“When we make the decision to change, we focus our minds to realize what we want...there can be no stopping the focused mind, the mind that screams for change, lives for change, thrives for change. Our mind is like a single snowflake that falls upon the mountain slope...the snowflake falls and unites with another and then another and yet another and soon it becomes a powerful force that can change everything in its path. Imagine the force of billions upon billions of snowflakes joined with a single purpose, a solitary goal. There is no stopping this force of nature. They are like a nuclear reactor...charged with unlimited energy for change. It is so with your Self, it is more powerful than you can ever imagine...more powerful than any nuclear reactor created by humankind, and when it is in harmony with the rest of the universe, things happen as they should and with such little effort that you may doubt how changes occur. Make no mistake, do not be disillusioned... it is with your mind that you make a decision and then the decision manifests to guide you to what you want.”

“Yes, I hear you...tell me more.”

“Edward, listen to your words...the doubt that runs through them, the fear that surrounds them. You say you can't change; but, I say to you...you can. It's not that you can't change; it's because you do not know the pathway for change and it is also that you don't want to walk outside of your comfort zone. The zone that keeps you shackled to your unpleasant present and unhappy future. When you change you must leave the old behind you...the familiar, the accepted, the comfortable.”