

THE
MIRACLE
IS
YOU!

Hey you! C'mere!!!!

Listen Up!!

We really need to talk!

Yeah you and me!

We need to talk about you! Why?

Because you are wasting away your greatness.

Yeah! You! You are great! I promise you!

YOU ARE GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now didja hear me?

Hah! Do you believe me?

Will you let me prove it to you?

Will you also let me prove to you that you are a MIRACLE?

No I'm not crazy, I'm as serious as a heart attack!

I daresay that if I told you that you could perform Miracles you'd probably "plotz" on the floor.

I tell you what, TURN THE PAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!

HEY!!!! I hope I have your attention. It should be quite obvious from the title of this book that we are going to discuss a very interesting and important subject: YOU.

I mean, let's be real. The reason you picked the book up to look at it is because you saw a title that piqued your curiosity, and now you wanted to see what it really meant.

Chances are you didn't really believe it, but figured, "Let's see what this is all about."

NOW HOLD ON A MINUTE! I, more than anyone you know, realize that you, like me, are an ordinary, everyday person. The world doesn't know us. We just blend in "for right now" with our life and society as a whole. We spend our days just getting by. But what you don't realize is that that is not true. *It is anything but true.*

Yes, we all have flaws and our own insecurities, but what you may not realize is that *YOU* can and do change people's lives on a daily basis. That *YOU* were born with greatness and can achieve that status simply by being who you are. *YOU*. By being no more than the person you are right now on a daily basis. For your sake, allow me prove it to you.

I must admit that some of what I believe in and have written about is extremely controversial and will ruffle the feathers of the so-called "establishment." But listen;

My purpose for writing this book is; to give you a different and better way of looking at yourself, seeing yourself, your life and how you fit into this magnificent Universe we live in, to open your mind to *YOU*.

Let's start with a question. Have you read any of what are called, self-help books? You know, those books that are going to tell you how to think positive and achieve fame and fortune, sometimes even overnight. How many have you read?

Let me tell you I have read a BUNCH. From Claude Bristol's, The Magic of Believing written in the 1930's to Napoleon Hill's, Think and Grow Rich, to Norman Vincent Peale's, The Power of Positive Thinking, Dr. Wayne Dyer's Real Magic, Dr. Joseph Murphy's, The Power of Your Subconscious Mind, Russell Conwell's, Acres of Diamonds, Michael Korda's, Power, James Redfield's The Celestine Prophecy, The Secret of Shambala, Neale Donald Walsch's Conversations With God, Rhonda Byrne's The Secret and on and on. Some of these authors and books you may have heard of, many you probably have not because they were before your time, so to speak.

Well, this book is different! You will find this one is unlike anything you may have read because you don't have to do any more than what you are already doing in your everyday life. You really don't have to change a thing if you don't want to. Keep right on doing what you're doing.

But what will change—AND THIS IS A PROMISE—is how you see yourself. You will look at yourself differently. You will feel better about yourself. You will walk taller. You will understand more, and you will LIKE yourself. You will be

PROUD of yourself. That's why this book is different from all the others.

Oh, there is no Magic Wand. It still comes down to YOU, but it's HOW you THINK of yourself. It's WHAT you THINK of yourself. It's WHAT you WANT for yourself. Is there buried potential within you that is untapped? Do you have the abilities for a special greatness? Would you be surprised to find out that you do? Do you WANT to find out about THE **MIRACLE THAT IS YOU?**

Look, we are so busy in our everyday world just trying to get by and survive that we don't take the time to sit down and really THINK about what we WANT for ourselves, or even about ourselves.

Other than to say, that we WANT to be rich and famous. Or maybe just rich. Or maybe just famous.

Let me ask you, have you ever sat down and thanked your Creator for being you? Seriously now, bear with me if you will. *I use the word "Creator" not to offend anyone, yet at the same time to include everyone. Whether you believe in God, Allah, Mohammed, Buddha, Jesus or some other Deity, you are a child of a "Creator." So be it. And if you don't believe in a Creator, you really, really need to read on.*

NOW HOLD ON!!! I AM NOT GOING TO GET HOLY RELIGIOUS ON YOU. READ ON A LITTLE BIT.

Let's face it, we are not taught how to THINK and PLAN our days, our lives or our future. We really have no direction. We don't know how to go about getting what it is we WANT out of and from, this PRECIOUS LIFE we were given. We don't even look upon this Life as PRECIOUS. Oh yeah, we value it. We don't want to die. But do we get up every day and give thanks for the life we have? Do we really believe and understand how SPECIAL and UNIQUE we as individuals really are? Do we really understand how really PRECIOUS our life is and what **WE CAN** do with it?

Let me stop here. I have broken this book down into chapters that I believe will allow you to follow and understand what I am trying to make you aware of and will allow you to find THE MIRACLE THAT IS YOU.

CHAPTER ONE

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS BOOK

One of the things that I found in other self-help books that threw me off guard and always seemed to deter me from the path that I WANTED to be on was the word UTOPIA.

In a world with no ups and downs, with no tragedies, with no digressions one could achieve what one WANTED without distractions. Well, we don't live in that type of world.

The world we live in, it seems, will usually find some way to throw you a curve. It will very often upset your "apple cart" or create an obstacle and force you to make decisions for which you have no experience to draw from to ascertain what the right decision is. You will probably come to find in most cases that the advice you get from family and friends, while well meaning, is usually not for you.

They mean well they just don't know what is in your head and where it is you want to get to. And very often neither do you at this point. So understand that their advice will often be wrong for two reasons: they usually don't have the experience to draw from to know what is right for *you*; and more than likely, they have a different picture of what is right for you based upon their perception of life, which of course, most often, is not yours.

You will find in this life with the people you encounter PERCEPTION is everything. Perception is reality. Your perception is *YOUR REALITY*. How one views a person or situation is their reality, true or not. So whatever help, or assistance, you do get from parents or friends, always be overly appreciative and gracious when receiving it, because they mean well. This is not a slap at parents, but it wouldn't be the first time their views differed from their children.

To find the answers to your questions, seek out an individual who has already achieved what YOU WANT to do. If it happens to be your parent, well, that's a bonus.

I promise you, there are people in this world that WILL WANT to help you. And *you will* find them. While it seems ominous it's not. They really are all around you, and with a modicum of experience you will be able to recognize who they are. I am not saying that they will take you by the hand and lead you every step of the way. But you will find people who

know other people or can teach you how to get to the next step or level of where it is you want to get to.

Trust me, I waited all my life to find that one person who would see my potential and take me by the hand and “under their wing”, mentor me and bring me to the “promised land”. He/she doesn’t exist, at least not for me.

Until I learned what I needed to do I never went anywhere.

The most important lesson you will learn from this is that you will start to develop your own intuition, your own gut feeling as to what is right for you. You are the person you have to rely upon the most to make the decisions and choose the path that is right for you. You will find as you go through life, if you will use the principles and learn the lessons that we will teach you in this book you will know what to do and how to discern what is good for you and with each day and each incident your confidence will escalate from there.

You will learn as you progress along your path that you will *draw to you* the people you need to meet to succeed at what you WANT for your life. ***Strangely enough, that is the key and the way our Universe works.*** As long as you are willing to put forth the effort, the Universe will help. I intend to point out several examples of this as we go along.

You will begin to recognize the opportunities that you must take advantage of, and with that will come confidence. When you stop and reflect on those events that occur, you will see and understand what has just happened. It will bring an involuntary and reactive smile to your face. That smile will come from within and bring with it a knowing that you are on the right track. It is probably one of the greatest feelings you will ever experience.

These moments may be infrequent at first, even here practice makes perfect. But when they come they will help keep your confidence up. They’ll help you stay aware and be able to deal with the uncertainties and distractions of everyday life. These are the moments that keep you going. These are the moments you will draw strength from should you falter or misstep or if you begin to lose faith. ***Please be patient.*** Remember your time frame and that of the Universe may be, and usually is, different. This works. Persevere; don’t give up and don’t quit.

At first you may not recognize what has transpired until much later. But you have a leg up on me because you are learning about this now. In my case it was years later. It was in retrospect when I looked back and examined what had transpired that I became aware that the process had worked and how it had worked. So never lose faith. **ALSO REMEMBER IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.** I keep reminding myself that Colonel

Sanders started Kentucky Fried Chicken when he was 65 years old. Now, I'm not telling you that you have to wait until you're 65, I'm just saying be patient and be aware.

This is why I recommend that you take AT LEAST twenty minutes each day and sit down in a quiet place where you can't be interrupted by anyone or anything (like the phone) and reflect on how fortunate you are to be you. Sounds a bit crazy, but there is a purpose to it. You will be giving yourself much needed time to think about the most important person in your life: YOU.

Start to practice taking twenty minutes each day. You can make it thirty or longer or if you choose, even less. Take whatever time you need; nothing is carved in stone here. Just do it; and as you do, go over the days or even the week's events. Pick out the things you have to be thankful for. You *will* begin to see how events and "chance" meetings or circumstances start to connect, and you will also start to see the purpose behind each. You will start to see why some things happen. You might even see opportunities that were missed and some that might still be available. Don't fret over the ones you missed. This is the education part I spoke of that will teach you to recognize those opportunities when they come around the next time. *And they will.* This is a learning experience. As I will say many times throughout this book, "It is the education you can't buy but you pay for it anyway" It is Life experience. As all this starts to come together for you, you will come to learn one of the basic truths of our Universe.

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COINCIDENCE."

As soon as you see this to be true, you will begin to understand how things happen, and you will feel more confident in where you are going and what you are doing. You will realize that the "Why They Happen" is because you willed it. You wanted it. Good or bad. As you see these events unfold for you, you will be more patient; and I promise, you will be a happier person.

James Redfield uses the term "Synchronicity", which I thought was very apropos. Dr. Wayne Dyer uses it also in his talks on "Intention". I love the word it even sounds like something special and in reality it is. Just the word running off my lips "SYNCHRONICITY", it even sounds sexy. It is where the timing of all parties is perfect and an encounter occurs. A happening if you will.

I don't want to make this seem like the "Twilight Zone," so let me give you a small example of what I'm talking about.

While I was selling life insurance (one of my many careers), I was sitting at a light trying to make a decision of whether I should turn left and check my post office box which I knew was empty 99% of the time or go straight and head for home to make some prospecting calls. In order to procrastinate making the dreaded calls, I turned left to check the PO Box. After again finding nothing there, as I exited the post office, I met an acquaintance from my previous career as a pawnbroker (another of my many careers) and we got to talking. I told him what I was doing and he told me he was considering buying some life insurance for his wife and two kids. We set an appointment for two days later, and I closed the deal.

Coincidence? I don't believe in it, because if I go straight we don't ever meet and I lose out on the sale. He was going into that post office at that moment, whether I was there or not. Luck? You make your own luck by being in the right place at the right time and it was MY CHOICE that brought me that sale. It was an action I took. This is just one small example of "Synchronicity". This is what I mean about drawing to you the people you need to meet to succeed at what you are trying to achieve. There will be others throughout the book.

One more thing on the subject of COINCIDENCE; I have written a couple of novels and, of course, the one thing you dream about as a novelist is that someone somehow will pick up your novel, read it, love it, and decide to make a movie or a TV series from it. Then you have an opportunity for some big bucks. Well, that is still my dream. However, there was a time after the novel was published when I met someone at work who said he knew this popular screenwriter and author and he had a couple of successful movies under his belt. He said that he would make sure that he got a copy of my book. Well I was walking tall after that day, dreaming of all the possibilities and who I wanted to play the characters in my book: Robert DeNiro, James Coburn, you know and like that. Well, Elmore Leonard never did get a copy of my book. And that's okay because it showed me that there are everyday people out there who do know influential people or people who know people in positions that can help me. It showed me that I will meet and draw these people to me and that it is possible that the right one will come along and my dream can and will be realized. It gave me HOPE.

Now, as it turns out, my wife knew an actor who went to her high school who she supposedly kissed one time at some party or something like that. Anyhow she sent the book to him and he gave us the name of a lady who reads manuscripts for some big producers. Well, that didn't work out either. So as of this writing this is still a work in progress. The point again is:

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COINCIDENCE

Please remember this. If you keep your dreams and WANTS in your mind and don't lose sight of them, you will draw to you the people you need to meet to succeed at what it is you WANT from this life. It may take time, and that is okay. Just be aware, be patient and watch it all unfold. Watch your MIRACLE unfold for you.

Now I would be remiss if I didn't give an example of the bad, too. I contracted adult onset diabetes after turning 50 years old. There is no history of it in my family in the last two generations before me. Did I want it? No, of course not. Did I will it? I have to admit in a way I did because I didn't take care of my health as I lived my life. I didn't do the things I needed and knew to do to protect my health. So, yes, I unconsciously willed it. Subconsciously, but it was my decision. There is a price you pay for everything in this life, and the Universe will exact that price over time. This again is when Free Will comes in and the choice being yours as to how you take care of yourself NOW. Not later or tomorrow but at this exact moment.

I will give you what you need to know and what you need to do to achieve what you REALLY, REALLY WANT from this PRECIOUS LIFE you have been given. The doing is up to you. You may find that overall the process is quite simple. Now there will be some surprises here. As you begin to believe you may find talents surfacing that you didn't really know you had. Your interests may change for no apparent reason. Things you were interested in before no longer hold your interest. A creative side may start to emerge. As you start to believe you will become more confident and stronger in your convictions and what you do believe. You may even discover that what you THINK you WANT and what you end up with is totally different. But you will eventually find that it is not. Your core desires will come forth and manifest in your life. I am the living example of that.

Maybe now is a good time to tell you a little bit about me and what qualifies me to write such a book.