

Colour My World . . . and Yours



(Is *this* all you see?)

Remember that old song, by Chicago, that goes something like, “As time goes on, I realize just what you mean to me. And now, now that you’re near, promise your love, that I’ve waited to share. And dream of our moments together. Colour My World with hopes of loving you...”

If you look outside today and you aren’t completely amazed by the blazing colors out there, let me suggest that you adjust your internal vision. **They say that the more open and loving your mind, body, and soul are, the more vivid the colors of nature will be to you.** So what is it that makes the colors more brilliant? What keeps your mind, body, and soul open? That’s easy. It’s the single, most important thing in your life. It’s the single most important thing in the world, that’s all.

PEOPLE. People close to you. People far from you. All the people in between. You see, we were given each other to serve the most important purpose in life. **Each and every person we come in contact with is there to help teach US a little more about who we are and what we are here for.** Without others, it is impossible to learn this. Good or bad, happy or sad, brief encounters or life-long relationships, it’s all there to help US. The disappointing truth is, most of the time, we miss this important opportunity. We don’t take the time to acknowledge the people around us and we completely miss the chance to learn more about ourselves—our REAL selves.

Think of it this way: You are always surrounded by the mural called life. There’s always a million beautiful things going on, all around us. **Our internal vision and our free will chooses WHAT to look at.** Most often, unfortunately, we pinpoint one little tiny piece of the mural, it appears to be dull, and we and miss out on the “bigger picture.” Other times, perhaps, we are more open-minded, and look at a larger chunk of it and things are more vivid and easier to understand. But if we are wise and treat others with the respect and appreciation that they deserve, we are able to see a large section, or even a whole side of the mural at once. Life is beautiful, everywhere we turn. We are seeing a lot more of what’s REALLY there.

Can you imagine the breath-taking view we have, when we are kind, compassionate, and giving to others? Can you understand why some people choose to live their life this way, serving others? I mean, not only do they wake up to an amazing world outside, but they start to see an amazing world inside themselves as well. You’ve heard me say that anytime you give something, you receive so much more back. The receiving channels of that are too many to get into here, so again, I’ll single out one of the biggest things we get back. **When we give, we grow.** We learn something more about ourselves and clarify our life, as we wipe some of the smudges off of our internal vision. Then, automatically, the viewing areas grow larger.

The best part is, giving respect and appreciation to others is so incredible easy. Eye contact, a smile, courteous driving, saying “Thank You” to the person serving you in any way, being generous with a tip or donation, taking the time to listen to ANYONE that is reaching out to you, be it someone close to you or a complete stranger...oh my gosh, it is SO easy. **It actually requires more energy and difficulty to be rude, and it’s much harder on YOU, so why bother?**

And how about your loved ones? Come on! What are you waiting for? Do you tell them every day, how much you love them? Remember how important this is by understanding the simple fact that they could be gone tomorrow! Thank them, every day, for something you appreciate about them. They probably have no idea how

amazing they are, just has you have no idea how amazing you are. As the weather turns colder, let's heat it up, inside and out! Wait until you "SEE" the real you...you're gonna like YOU!

Colour someone else's world now, and just watch what it does to yours!

~Mary Anne

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