

an anytime story for adults

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All you need in this life is ignorance and
confidence, and then success is sure.

Mark Twain



I thought life was like a journey
—the sweet and simple kind...

...and all I had to do was follow
directions and not ask too many
questions.

I had yet to realize there was
more to it than that.



Each day I took a step, my heart
would stop and invite me to
ponder: what are you writing that
for?

But my mind told my heart to be
quiet-- “stop looking for trouble,
stop asking questions, and making
suggestions--I’m the one in
charge!”

So I decided to ignore my heart’s
question, but to more and more
questions this led. Sadly,
becoming ensnared in my own
mental web.



By pondering each question's reasoning and meaning, I grew increasingly weary-- my energy drained.

I soon realized these questions were simply inviting me to notice, take a deep breath, and rise above my own sticky web.

So I breathed and discovered something exciting: that everything I was seeing was informing my own doing, creating my reality -- and that I really could re-imagine or even change my mind!



And that simple awareness led
me to surprising insights ---
which led to new friendships
and information -- -which
yielded new connections! (isn't
that how it always works!?)

Still, the outside world kept
pressing and pushing-- telling
me who I was or needed to be.



Produce on schedule. Comply with
rules. Make lots of money. Don't
rock the boat. Swallow your
anger. Pretend you don't know.
Whenever your heart breaks, don't
let it show.

Lacking courage and conviction,
my sadness was unbearable--
I asked myself: is this really how
I want to serve?

I had to find a better way of
contributing: something
meaningful and beautiful,
not something that hurt.



And you only have to reflect a few
times (or a thousand in my case!)
before you realize how much
energy you're investing, divesting,
and expending, writing notes and
asking questions for things you
already know.

All my intelligence seemed wasted
-- unprocessed, untapped,
uncreated.

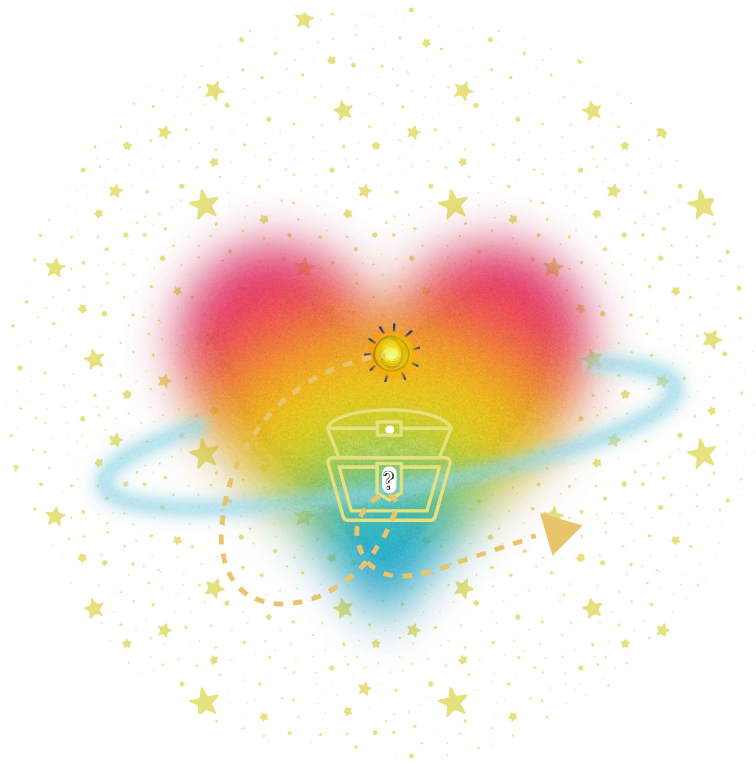


So, I looked deeply at my big pile of mistakes, or so I thought they were-- for hidden beneath the piles of self-deception and brilliant conceptions were clues to my original dreams.

Remembering that mistakes are simply information, I decided to review my own data and organize my thought streams.



I did a q-sort - I really did, and
one by one I reviewed my tender
ideas- the evidence of my
seeming failures and mistaken
notions about life and death...and
my soul's persistent nudging
through my sacred human mess.



Finally seeing the connections
my careful notes concealed,
I understood my purpose--
what I was here to reveal.



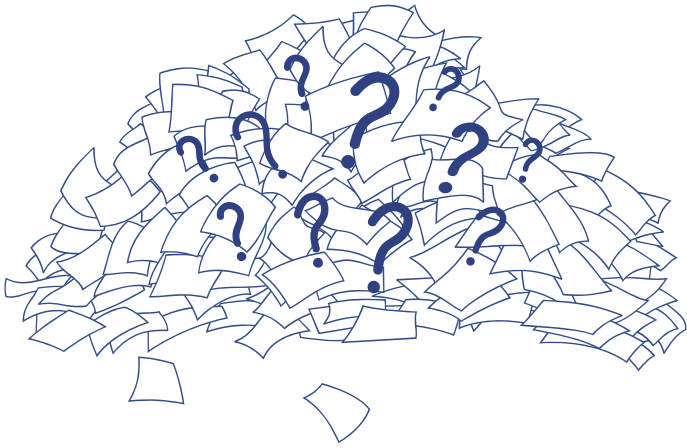
Looking at my pile through the eyes of appreciation, I understood my insistent and life-long dedication...

All along I had been trying and learning and failing and crying, and falling and rising again and again-- writing about pain and joy, learning how to be real, and seed love in this place.

All I had left to do was forgive myself and wipe countless years of sad and happy tears from my face.



Thanks to the invisible thread
that pulls us all through--my
sacred compost I now share with
you!



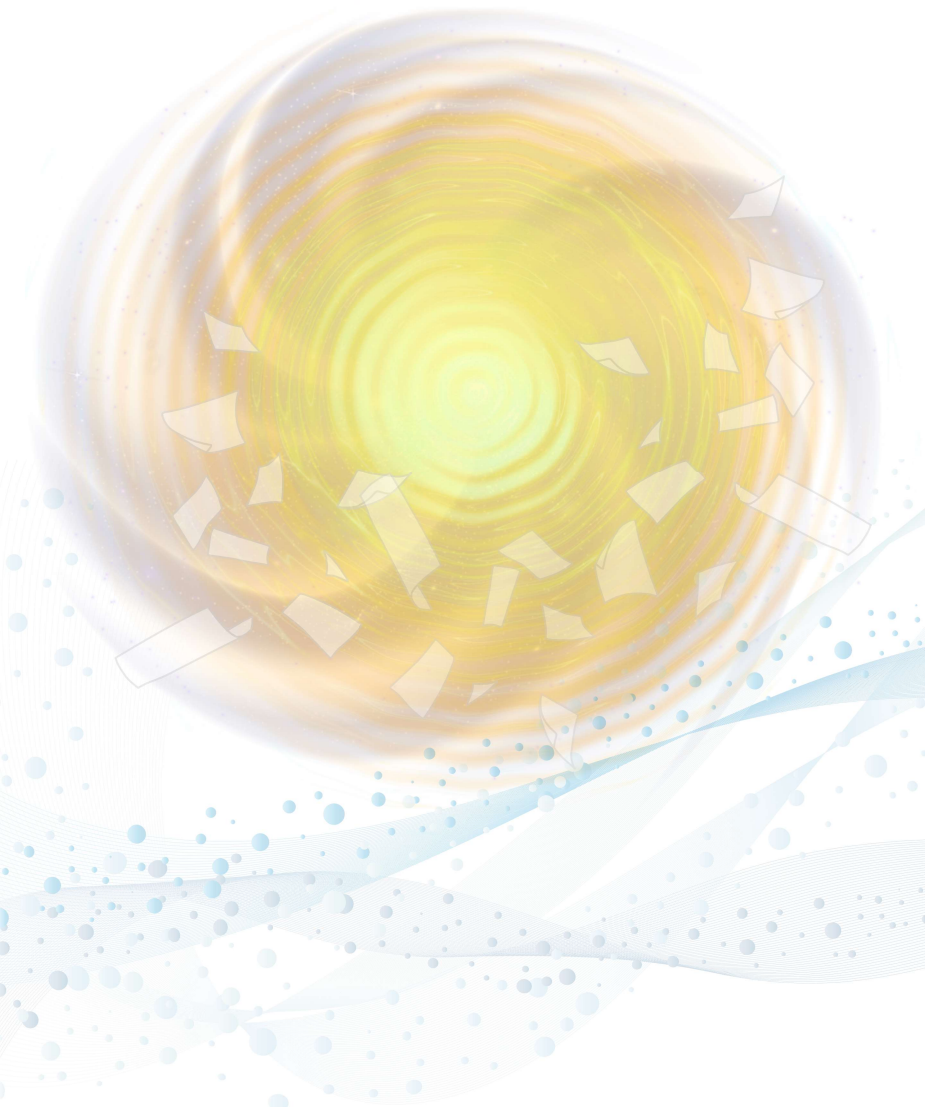
At first, we all live the questions --
we search high and low. Then one
day you'll ask the magic questions:
why am I here?-- what do I love?

That day will be the start of a new
phase of living--filled with grace
and timeless wisdom that will
transform your life - from that day
onward you'll only live from the
knowing of your heart.



The answers to your questions
are known by your soul--
there's no need to do q-sorts,
unless that's your goal!

Your truth is revealed in a way
YOU will know. Trust your heart
and your sweet spirit-- allow
your light to glow.



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