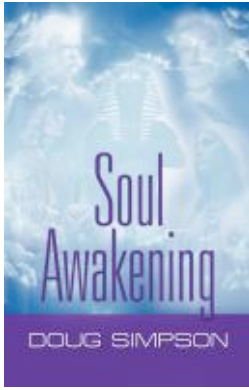


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Chapter 9

The Plan

Happy to be home, Dacque abandoned his morning-walk routine for a few days, allowing his wounded-knee time to heal. Max had asked if Dani could work on Saturday, and she was delighted to receive an extra-day's pay that she had not anticipated. On Sunday, Dani picked up a few groceries for Dacque and spent part of the afternoon with him. Dani made it a habit to touch-base with Dacque once or twice a day, but did not visit him again until Wednesday after work.

She would have loved to prepare him a home-cooked dinner, but could never be certain ahead of time whether Max would ask her to stay late, as he had on Monday and Tuesday, so that when she talked to Dacque on Tuesday evening she told him she would buy his favorite Chinese-food selections, and join him for dinner on Wednesday. The only catch was that she had no way of knowing if she would be asked once more to work extra hours, and that she was not prepared to say no to Max, so it could turn out to be a late dinner. Dacque assured her that he would be happy to devour his favorite Chinese-food dinner at midnight if necessary, so he would be ready whenever she arrived. Dani indicated that she would phone him when she was leaving work, so he would be forewarned.

Dani called Dacque on her cell phone, as she walked towards the parking garage on Lemon Avenue, and asked him to phone in their Chinese-food order so she could pick it up on the drive to his place. Fortunately, Max had declared, late in the afternoon, that he refused to work late three days in a row.

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Chinese food in hand, Dani arrived at Dacque's apartment before six. They spread the containers out on the kitchen counter, and Dacque handed Dani a plate. "I'm not sure exactly what you ordered here," she said, "so you go first and give me a chance to check out my choices."

"You don't have to ask me twice," Dacque commented, and dug in.

It all looked pretty good to Dani, so she tried a little of everything, but was conservative with the helpings in case something did not taste as good as it looked. Dani joined Dacque at the table.

Appetites more-than-quenched, they chatted away across the table, with Dacque curious as to how she liked working for Max.

"He is a wonderful boss," Dani declared. "Nothing seems to faze him. He never gets angry if I make a mistake. I am so lucky that your accidental tumble introduced me to Max, and led to this brief respite from the unemployment line."

"There are no accidents," Dacque stated, matter-of-factly.

"Oh! So you want me to believe that you deliberately dived, face-first into the pavement in front of a spiffily-dressed lawyer so he could provide me with a temporary legal-secretary position, when his secretary's father thought it was a convenient time to have a major heart attack? Give me a break."

"It was all part of a plan."

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“Sometimes, Dacque, I think you are just plain nuts,” Dani declared, her voice rising noticeably. “What plan?”

“I know it is difficult to accept, but let me give you my take on all of this?” Dacque responded, unfazed.

“Let’s hear it. This better be good!”

“God would know that Sara’s father was about to have a heart attack. God would know when Max was on his way to his office. How long were you sitting on the bench in MacDunnah Park that first day we met, before I surprised you?”

“Probably fifteen to twenty minutes.”

“And on the second day when you went there to see if I would return?”

“I would say probably about the same amount of time.”

“God led me to MacDunnah Park the first day, I believe, and when I walked by and tried to ignore this sobbing young lady on the park bench, I was ordered back to you. On the second morning, I started to walk south, not north, and was distinctly told I was going the wrong way. I was once again led back to the Park where you were waiting for me. Waiting for me! Those were not accidents. There is a plan unfolding here, one that has required me to put you in touch with Max. I really have no idea why, but without a doubt, we will eventually find out.”

“What about your swan-dive onto the sidewalk?”

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“I guess God had to think of something to attract Max’s attention.”

“If you and God are such good buddies, why did He bang up your knee so much?”

“Well, if I was not hurt, and Max just helped me to my feet and we both went on our merry way, then you two would have never met, right?”

Dani sighed. Dacque made it sound so plausible it was difficult to argue with him. If God sends him messages, she reasoned, then why could He not set all of these events in motion. A plan! Who would have imagined it?

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Dani left the offices of Williams, Bradford and Williams, literally dancing-on-air. Her interview with Barb Bradford had gone impeccably. Barb was impressed with her resume and their personalities had clicked, immediately. Barb hired her on the spot. It was past six-thirty, as Dani walked towards her parked car. She called Dacque.

“Hello.”

“Hello, Dacque. Sorry I’m late but something came up. I’ll tell you all about it when I get there. Call in the Chinese-food order, and I will pick it up.”

“I’m on it.”

Dani and Dacque carried their heaping dinner plates to Dacque’s kitchen table, and sat down. Dani was starving and commenced to dig-in, instantly, but Dacque left his fork on the table and patiently stared at her. “Aren’t you hungry?” she asked, but immediately realized that her excitement over the earlier events must have been obvious to her new friend. “Are you psychic, like Edgar Cayce?” she asked.

“One doesn’t have to be psychic to read the excitement in your face. Out with it!” he demanded.

“I just came from a job interview that Max set up with another law firm where he has long-term connections. They hired me on the spot. Can you believe it?”

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“Of course! It was all part of the plan,” Dacque replied, “but I’m really thrilled about it, too. Congratulations.”

“Thank you.” Dani was about to make a derogatory remark about Dacque’s ‘plan’, but was grateful that she caught herself before she did so. All of the dominoes in her life had been miraculously falling into place since she had met Dacque that day at MacDunnah Park. It was becoming more and more difficult, as time passed, for her to deny that there was some unseen force manipulating the recent events in her life.

After dinner, they lounged in the living room. All week, neither of them had mentioned their discussion from the previous Wednesday about the Edgar Cayce readings. “I read the articles,” Dani informed Dacque, “that you showed me last week on your computer, about how Edgar Cayce discovered his unimaginable powers, and also the ones on the reincarnation of souls. The whole idea is mind-boggling, yet it does make sense in some ways. I started reading the book, *There Is a River*, but I am not that far along. What I would like to hear about next is your understanding of souls and reincarnation, in simple terms that I can understand, okay?”

“Okay,” Dacque replied. “My initial understanding came from the Edgar Cayce material, but I have also researched other sources. Sometimes one source contradicts information from another source, so we have to try and figure out which version makes more sense to us. Also, keep in mind that there is no real proof, in most cases, of what we read, just like there is no real proof of the existence of God. It basically boils down to believing it on faith, if it makes sense to each one of us.”

“I understand,” Dani acknowledged.

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“Apparently, after God Created the Universes, and directed the evolution of the Earth in particular, it was a marvelously beautiful place, with all sorts of animals, birds, and other creatures enjoying their environment. Man did not exist then, and was not even in God’s plan. At some point God felt lonely and wanted to share these beautiful surroundings with others.

“Don’t think of God as resembling humans, but more like an enormous field of energy with the ability to think. Apparently, God caused an explosion of some nature within His energy field, and all of the souls were created at the same time by God and from God. Thus, all souls could be considered sons and daughters of God, and brothers and sisters. After you grasp that idea, I need to shake it up on you. Souls are actually sexless, neither male nor female; it is the bodies that they inhabit that are male and female. Apparently, most of our souls have already been, or in some future incarnation will be, male as well as female, and will experience many or all of the different races. There is a very important lesson to be learned here. People who dislike, make fun of, or deliberately harm individuals of a particular race, are creating bad Karma, and in some future incarnation will be required to incarnate in that particular race and suffer in some similar fashion to the suffering caused. The eye for an eye moral is real.

“At least one soul, the soul of Jesus, has always incarnated as a male. The Immaculate Conception of Mary did occur as indicated in the Bible. The soul of Jesus had a number of previous incarnations, but that story definitely must wait for another time.

“Apparently, souls are on an educational journey to become God-Like, as they were originally, and part of that educational

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process involves incarnating in human bodies. When a soul has experienced or learned the proper lessons, it may remain with God, and not need to reincarnate again, but it can also do so if desired, often to be of assistance to another incarnated soul with whom it experienced a previous incarnation.

“Before the Creation of man, and yes I said Creation not evolution, souls, as a former part of God were a thinking energy, and some of them strayed from God’s intended path, but not all of them. Apparently there are some God-Like souls that have never incarnated, and these souls may be what we refer to as Angels.”

Dacque paused, and waited for a reaction. Dani appeared to be in a state of shock or hypnosis. “Are you alright?” he asked.

“I have no idea. That was one mind-boggling explanation. I’m not even going to attempt to ask a question right now. I need to think this whole concept through for a while, and may eventually come back with questions, sometime.”

“May I make a suggestion?” Dacque asked.

“Of course.”

“Are you still saying your prayers each night until you fall asleep?”

“Yes. Why?”

“In your prayers, add the request for an understanding of the Creation and reincarnation of souls, and don’t be surprised if your understanding gradually improves.”

“I will do that.”



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