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Another Showdown with the Ego ending in a Soul-to-Soul Contact

"I don't want you in my class anymore!"

"Good, I don't want to be here anyway!" said an 18 year-old Senior in High School who was taking my writing class.

I had talked to the bouncer. Yes, the school had a bouncer. It was in the seventies and this was an inner-city school in Minnesota. The bouncer nixed my idea of appealing to this boy's good nature by telling him I also had it rough when I was growing up and could understand his home life and what he must be going through. *"Don't do that it's a sign of weakness,"* the bouncer said

This boy—he would have rather have been called a man—he was nearly 6'8" tall and me, with my 3 inch heels, I made it to within a half inch of being 6 feet tall. I tell you this so you can get a picture in your mind. It was the dueling of the African of which he was a descendant and me—the Norwegian. My blood is strong and so was his.

The entire class listened to him rather than to me. It was chaos. He had to go. So I kicked him out.

That afternoon during a break I was walking down the hallway when he caught up with me.

"Oh, Miss! I have to take your class. The counselor told me that I won't graduate if I don't."

"I don't want you!" I said and kept walking.

“But Miss, you don’t understand. My daddy left and I have to take care of my momma and my brothers and sisters. I have to take your class.”

“I don’t want you.” I said again.

“But, Miss, if don’t take your class I will have to go to summer school and I need to work.”

By this time I was at my classroom door and had the key in the lock.

“Come in.” I said.

I pulled two student desks together facing each other and asked him to sit on one and I sat on the other one facing him. There he was face to face with me less than three feet between us.

“Do you know how to play chess?”

“Yes,” he said.

“Then you know that the Pawn, after the first move, can only move one space straight ahead.”

“Yes,”

“And you know that the Knight can only move up one over two, or up two over one.”

“Yes.”

“The Bishop can only move one space but at an angle.”

“Yes.”

“The Rook can move one space forward, backward, right or left.”

“Yes,”

“Then you know that the King can move any direction but only one space.”

“Yes”

“And the queen can move any direction, any number of spaces she chooses.”

“Yes”

“You see chess is like life. The smart man figures out which part he is playing and he plays to win. If the pawn starts acting like the King or the bishop, he is out of the game. In this class I am the Queen!” I said.

“*I gotcha, Miss.*” He said.

I said, “*You’re in.*” And he left.

From that moment on, the rest of the class could not figure out what happened to him. They did everything I asked them to do. They were perfectly behaved and he made sure of it. I don’t know which part he thought he was playing but he did win.

He seemed happy where before he was angry: he was now peaceful. He enjoyed his part; the part that he played.

I have said many times that I fully expect him to be President some day: and that is of the United States of America. He had learned a life lesson that day which set him on a path to greatness I felt.

We had an understanding; we understood each other’s souls; and we gained respect for each other during those few minutes discussing chess.

He found out what I expected from him:

1. Be self-disciplined: self-conducted
2. Have self-respect: respect for others
3. Have self-confidence
4. Know yourself: self-knowledge
5. Compare yourself to no one but yourself; know your part and play it
6. Have self-direction
7. Do self-examination
8. Do self-raising
9. Be self-determined
10. Be self-taught

I was raised to know that I would receive the blame or the accolades: It was my choice. More often than not I chose well. Self-discipline was a part of my childhood. From self-discipline grows all the other self-....taught, knowledge, direction, raising, determination, respect, confidence.

Speaking to the soul gives the soul an opportunity to make the decision. I spoke to this student’s soul. His soul was then given the choice to chose to achieve his goal: graduate High School or be kicked out of class.

People think that confidence is the ego; confidence is the soul. Talking to the soul awakens the soul; the soul can then make decisions and take charge over the life. That is what happened to this student.

My father said of me one time, "*She raised herself.*" And yes, I did but I had good examples to follow: my father and mother, aunties and my dear grandmother. I knew what they expected of me. That is what the soul needs.

My father said to me one time:

"Remember who you are."

I say the same thing to you my dear reader.

"Remember who you are."

Reference #75 in the comparison table: *A New Earth*, chapter: Finding Who You Truly Are, p. 186 First ask the most fundamental question of your life: Who am I?Others may appear to be more evolved because they think of themselves as an immortal soul or divine spirit. But do they really know themselves, or have they just added some spiritual-sounding concepts to the content of their mind?

Reference #75 in your comparison table: *Unraveling Your Past to Get Into the Present*, chapter: The Soul/Sole Personality versus the Ego-Personalities p. 24 "If I am not me then who am I?" The real you is your soul/sole personality who has been hidden away, staying quiet for fear of reprisal.

Reference #98 in the comparison table: *A New Earth*, chapter: The Three Modalities of Awakened Doing, p. 295 What you do will be dysfunctional and of the ego unless it arises out of one of these three modalities...The modalities of awakened doing are acceptance, enjoyment, and enthusiasm. P. 296 *Acceptance* ...means that you are at *peace*... p. 299 *Enjoyment*...you are really experiencing the *joy* of being...

Reference #98 in your comparison table: *Unraveling Your Past to Get Into the Present*, chapter: Creating Your Soul's Future p. 164 Make your own soul decisions...How will you know if you have made the correct decision...you feel *peace*, an inner comfort, an inner *happiness*. If you feel *comfortable with your decision it is the correct one*.

Thank you for taking my class sessions. Paulette Renee Broqueville

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