

# What's Asked..

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*Faith is what's asked  
as we set forth through the waves of Providence  
met with trials, signs and clarity  
where at last we find God*

So often we find ourselves contemplating what is meant for us; asking what we are supposed to gain from this life. Yet prescience eludes.

What is meant for us shall be ours, should we be the people we are meant to be. For each of us this person appears different, acts different, speaks different, thinks different. This is how it is supposed to be, for each and every one of us plays a specific role of exact function in the infinitely abundant realm of possibilities that is this universe. Without each of us the story is incomplete. Without any of us the picture lacks color.

A vivid reality is the one we are after, where creation is mimicked by our creative selves. Each one of us specific beings has our own intuitions and destiny. It is up to us to find the courage to walk our own paths of becoming. It is up to us to take every step.

As we wander through a world different than that of the day before, we search for deliverance from our woes, for the thrill of the next engaging moment we'll be swept away by.

But every moment is ours, and you don't get much without giving.

So while we ask what we may get from life, what does life ask of us?

### Faith

Not blind devotion to another's power or submission to external will, rather the faith that you are where you are supposed to be, that you are who you are meant to be.

The forces and sequence that led to your awareness in this form, at this time have produced you. This is the you that was meant to be. This you deserves this world, just as this world deserves you.

This faith does far from remove the reins from your hands, it reinforces your grip. Accepting fate removes the weight of expectation. It roots you in the moment, the only situation within your control. It brings your mind back to where it must be to sustain your own will power, and allow it to flourish.

How could it be any other way? If you endorse the notion of ‘supposedness’ then it must stand valid that things are the way they are meant to be, for this is the only way it is.

Faith in life’s provision thus far is the root of accepting responsibility. If you envision a different set of ‘base conditions’ required for you to become the person you dream of, to live the life you desire, you will never be able to honestly commit to taking control. This is the moment you have been granted. This is your life to lead.

Where you are, what you have, who you are with, where you have come from is how it is meant to be at this moment, for it is how it is.

I acknowledge the weight of this sentiment, for life is full of trespasses, frustrations, ‘evils’. Yet we are who we are because of what we’ve experienced and our ability to sift through the rubble and build ourselves anew, reinforced by our progress.

Every passing moment offers a choice: to take control or to continue to let the waves of sensation, emotion and distraction lead us astray.

Life resembles a river; full of spinning eddies, breaking waves, shallow ripples and deep pockets, yet always flowing. These defining features are the product of the current, and that same current, through time, will redefine the landscape and with it the features we previously knew.

We are the steersmen of the boats along the river. Providence is the guiding hand of progress, the current through which we drift. At any point we may turn our boat upstream, such that we attempt to remain still or even return. Yet this action takes formidable effort, and the stream will always tempt us along.

Or we can choose to go with the current, accepting the situation and putting our energy into exploring the path of progress. We can choose to navigate the medium of our journey, just as a captain may steer their boat from bank to bank, feature to feature, avoiding hazards and nearing marvels all while continuing to venture further and further downstream.

Progress is the key feature of physicality. Everything changes, and we are no different.

We may revel in a moment, or admire our collection of memories. We can spend our energy fighting against the current if we so choose to, for all is worthy experience, as the action appears in form through each and every one of us time and time again. Yet progress is the will of the universe.

Our progress requires willful agency. Our current situation is filled with distractions and false casts of idolatry which test our ability to persevere.

Perseverance is the shared virtue of all.

*Man's enjoyment of all great things is in direct  
proportion to the pains underwent to gain them.*  
Cyrus

The human experience is inconsistent, just as rivers vary in condition. Yet what we feel as highs and lows is but one way forward. This dynamic gives depth to our days, gracing us with chances to understand.

To stay the course takes lowering the walls we've built up, removing our responses from the filter of hubris and harnessing the power of patience.

We are resilient beings, capable of holding ourselves accountable.

Responsibility is a choice, just as motivation is a decision, not a feeling.

Only you are in charge of yourself.

Faith is what retains the willful actor's ability to be present in the moment, free of anxiety of what's around the bend. Faith bolsters the confidence that no matter what might await, we will handle it to the best of our ability. Faith is trust that all will be as it should.

Confidence is our oar. Honesty is our compass.



# Trust

Everything happens for a reason. You, me, we are that reason. The world around us is that reason.

Life asks us to trust in the process; to recognize that which is within our control and to alleviate ourselves from concern over that which is not.

Everything that is, is because of what has been. All moments before have brought us here. When we begin to develop trust in the world around us, the flowers of faith begin to blossom, for this is the first half of the great ask.

Trusting that things will be alright, that the world is operating in the way it should keeps us from filling our minds with unwarranted drudge. For while we may disagree on the ideal qualities of the moment, the past as it happened is what led us here.

Loosening ourselves from dissatisfied expectation of the present relieves us of wasted attention; the great distraction.

When we operate in a place of such frustration, we limit our ability to generate new, fruitful ideas, for our headspace is caught up in complaint.

*Weak minds discuss people. Great minds discuss ideas.*

Frustration over the presence of something beyond our control is like a boulder keeping our raft stuck in the river. Once past the initial moment of concern, the captain's focus must be set on getting around the rock, not just continuing to be dissatisfied by the presence of the obstacle.

Most obstacles are unforeseeable. The waters we embark through are vast and uncharted, with structures and dynamics influenced by infinite variability, and we are all first-time sailors.

Dwelling on the moment brings us into victimhood, though we are not always such victims of situation. It falls upon us to register our minds, take initiative, spin the wheel another direction, and move on towards the next stage of experience.

We become who we are capable of from how we navigate the obstacles that await. They test us and make us the agents of will we should be. Overcoming is the human experience. Progress of character is our natural affinity.

So let us not be complainers, frustrated by what is not. Let us recognize that which we believe should be and use those feelings to set sail towards the future we desire. We should trust that our impact in creating the world we want is most impressionable when we commit to handling ourselves the best we can, not spending our days complaining and wishing things were different.

We find ourselves in the realm of possibility.



# Belief

The second aspect of this great faith is self-belief. We empower ourselves through understanding the weight of our actions while removing the shackles of resentment and anxiety.

You did enough. At every chance, the actions you chose, however painful, humiliating or likewise fulfilling and wonderful they may have been were the exact decisions necessary to deliver us all to this moment.

Finding the honesty to inquire into who we are is the foundation we stand upon to gain perspective of our place in the greater whole. We are all specific expressions of the universe, holding space for an exact composition of virtue and experience to fulfill itself and render the picture more complete.

As we harness the power of self-belief, we gain the confidence to act as ourselves. We begin to see ourselves for who we are as individuals, valuing the aspects that make us different and appreciating those that we all have in common.

The captain of a ship can only navigate his vessel with overwhelming success should he have fair understanding of all aspects of that ship. If the captain were to disregard learning of some feature, say a protruding piece of the bow or the ship's rate of acceleration in still water while under load, the captain would find himself severely limited in his ability to navigate the ship. The same is true of us.

All of our contributions to the world are meaningful, but to offer our best, we must understand ourselves. We must be willing to work through the pieces of our minds that keep us from assessing who we are. Everything we've done has made us into these people. There are no mistakes.



Regrets and resentment are rooted in unfair misunderstandings of Provision.

The vessel we guide has been fabricated by our past. We, like the captain inspecting his ship, will only gain full sovereignty should we be willing to face it all.

Acknowledgment reveals the sails.

Acceptance unties the ropes holding us at the dock.

Appreciation catches the winds waiting for us all along.

Every moment going forward is yours to steer the ship.

Being charged with self-belief offers the ultimate paradigm; where you offer yourself to the world; acting as the truest version of yourself, without fear of judgement for those who don't understand who you truly are.

Judgement as is so often expressed is a response of fear and narcissism. A world full of people scared to be themselves, for they know not who they are, nor believe in who they could be.

Faith in yourself is trusting that you have the ability to make the best decision at each moment. Faith is committing to your choice and seeing it through in the way the person you feel drawn to be would, not how someone else might.

Imagine how great this world will be as more of us embrace the courage to be ourselves and become the beacons of virtue we are capable of.

Responsibility is something we bear, whose weight is lessened when we expand our understanding of our purpose, our function. We are in the driver's seat, born to engage with the world beyond to the best of our ability.

Being our best is a practice. We do not instantly become people of divine virtue. We do not experience one-time revelation that delivers us into permanently heightened states.

Rather, we begin making the decisions that reflect our intuitions. We begin acting like we are capable of, eventually recognizing our heightened function.

Those of trusting hearts and attentive faculty are given clues and affirmations hinting that they walk the righteous path.

Nobody is going to tell you what to do, you must fill your role through your own ambition. Finding your niche requires the courage to try, for you will never know what you are capable of if you refuse to give it a shot. Action is required, for life offers opportunities not prizes.

We are here to be who we are. The world is better with you in it, with the expression of experience and virtue you have been graced to become.

Self-belief is faith that you matter, that what you have to offer is of eternal value.

We all, sub specie aeternitatis, love the you that you are.



# What's Given

What's given is the chance to become, to realize yourself.

*Understanding is the best part.*

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Charged with faith, we can focus on what matters, and convince ourselves that such focus is worthy.

As humans we will vary, drifting on and off of the path as we continue to wander. Yet the more we engage with faith, the more we will gravitate towards the opportunities we deserve.

Never in this life will we arrive at a destination of ultimate satisfaction, for each moment offers new. Each experience gives us a chance to develop.

Faith offers vision clear of distraction, the courage to speak with our hearts' warmest intent. Faith compels us to honest introspection and offers the thrill of bliss when things go well.

Life is best when we see it in a brighter light, one only we can cast.

Endearing times are forever for those guided by the hand of Providence.

